

# President/CEO's Report

*Housing Authority Of The City Of Orlando, Florida*  
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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DESK

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

- NAHRO Legislative Conference  
Washington, DC  
March 29-31, 2010
- FAHRO Executive Director's Retreat  
T.B.D.  
May 18-20, 2010
- PHADA Annual Convention  
Las Vegas, NV  
June 6-9, 2010



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**PRESIDENT/CEO**

We were just celebrating the start of 2010, with all the hope and joy the holidays can bring. Yet, so quickly, we are hit with the devastating news that Haiti has suffered yet another unimaginable tragedy. This is not a time to question the

“why” of such a fragile country being torn apart in such a horrible way. This must be a time for action, for each of us to seek a way to share our own blessings with those so severely in need.

It will be many weeks before the totality of the devastation is known. We do know that Haiti has few resources and must rely heavily on its neighbors. Fortunately, promises from countries around the globe are pouring in. Keep in mind that many of the humanitarian organizations have been hard hit as well. Most of these organizations have facilities in Haiti, from children's clinics to hospitals to embassies. All have been, literally, overwhelmed by the earthquake. The Archbishop of Port-au-Prince was killed as were leaders in the United Nations efforts. Many organizations provide year-round services to the people of Haiti. Their staff and volunteers were killed alongside the citizens of Haiti, compounding and already tragic

event.

When John Lennon wrote the song “Imagine,” he said, “Imagine no possessions. I wonder if you can.” I cannot imagine what the devastation must be like. As Americans, except for Hurricane Katrina, most of us have never been exposed to such loss of life and human suffering of this magnitude.

For the Orlando Housing Authority, the loss in Haiti takes on an even more personal tone. We currently have employees originally from Haiti. They still have friends and relatives with whom they cannot contact because of the loss of telephone and internet services. Our prayers and thoughts are with them in this tragic time.

Each day, I thank God for my blessings. After such devastation, this takes on a new meaning for me. Please help where and however you can. The churches, newspapers and radio are full of listings for organizations helping out. The caretaker of the Salvation Army's Children Home in Port-au-Prince is the brother-in-law of the Operations Manager at the Orlando's Salvation Army. For those of us who cannot help in any other way, we can pray. We can give thanks for our own blessings and ask that those blessings be spread to the people of Haiti.

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### Board of Commissioners' Meeting

The Orlando Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold its regular Board Meeting Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the OHA's Administration Building, Board Room, 390 N. Bumby Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803.

Orlando Housing Authority residents interested in attending the meeting who need transportation, please call the Community Affairs Department at (407) 895-3300, extension 6001.

## Planning and Development Activities

### The Villas at Carver Park

The Villas at Carver Park's occupancy for December 2009 was 100%.

### The Landings at Carver Park, Neighborhood Network Center and Central Maintenance Facility Rehabilitation

The Landings at Carver Park (56 units) occupancy for December 2009 was 96.43%. The City of Orlando issued the Certificate of Occupancy August 27, 2009. The façade upgrades to the OHA central maintenance facility are complete.

### Grant Writing

The Orlando Housing Authority submitted applications for the following programs:

1. Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) II grant to purchase a foreclosed property in east Orlando. Funding announcements are pending.
2. HOPE VI Revitalization Grant to redevelop Lake Mann Homes. The application was submitted November 17, 2009. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is expected to announce HOPE VI awards by February 28, 2010.
3. 2009 Resident Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) application to hire (2) Service Coordinators to assess the needs of public housing residents and to coordinate supportive services to meet their needs.
4. The Moving to Work Demonstration Program application was submitted to HUD December 15, 2009. HUD is expected to announce MTW awards by February 28, 2010.

### Agency Plan

The new "Five-Year Plan"

### Jackson Court/Division Oaks

The Orlando Housing Authority (OHA) staff continues to meet with residents of Jackson Court/Division Oaks to provide information regarding the proposed relocation/demolition.

## UNITED STATES CENSUS 2010

### *What is the Census?*

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years.

### **When we answer the Census, our needs are heard.**

*"The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States and within every subsequent term of 10 years, in such manner as they shall by Law direct."*

- Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States

### **The 2010 Census aims to count all U.S. residents—citizens and non-citizens alike.**

### **The Census Bureau:**

Delivers a short 10 question form to every household in America. The form requires you to account for everyone living at your address as of April 1, 2010. A prepaid envelope is enclosed so that you can mail it back as soon as possible.

### **The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:**

Hospitals, Job Training Centers, Schools, Senior Centers, Bridges, Tunnels and other Public Works Projects and Emergency Services. The data collected by the census also helps determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

### **The Census can't move forward until you mail it back.**

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.

*Source: Niagara Carrier*

## The Season of Giving



**Orlando City Commissioner Patty Sheehan and Partners** gave new bicycles to children of the Reeves Terrace public housing community. The bicycles were given to each child on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at Howard Middle School. The children and the parents of Reeves Terrace Apartments appreciate Commissioner Sheehan, the Orlando Fire Department and the Orlando Police Department for their generosity.



**Resound Ministries** held a holiday celebration for children in Ivey Lane Homes December 16, 2009. They provided a bounce house, music, face painting, food, etc. for the children.



**Church in the Son** provided refreshments and gifts to children whose families were pre-registered. The Griffin Park Resident Association supported this event by helping Church in the Son. Nearly 100 gifts were distributed. The event was held Saturday, December 19, 2009. Great job Griffin Park Resident Association!

**Murchison Terrace Resident Association** hosted a holiday dinner for everyone in the Murchison community Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Dinner was served, door prizes were given and gifts were provided for all households.





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**Orlando Housing Authority Mission Statement:** To offer a choice of safe and affordable housing options and opportunities for economic independence for residents of Orlando and Orange County.



## Capital Improvements Report



### Complex 4-6 Murchison Terrace Apartments

- ◆ **Supply and Install Aluminum Gutters:** Five (5) bids were received May 14, 2009; a contract award notification was issued to the low bidder, KP Construction Services. A pre-construction conference was held October 5, 2009. The work is 80% complete.

### Complex 4-9 Ivey Lane Homes

- ◆ **Install Sewer Lines:** Three (3) bids were received August 5, 2009. A Contract notification has been issued to the low bidder, Camelot Development, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued September 9, 2009. The work is 100% complete.

### Complex 4-10 Lorna Doone Apartments

- ◆ **Individual Electric Metering:** Two (2) bids were received May 4, 2009 and a contract Notification of Award was issued to the low bidder, Air Ideal, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued July 31, 2009. The construction commenced August 3, 2009 and work is 76% complete. Modifications to the contract have been prepared and approved. The contract completion date is March 31, 2010.

### Complex 4-12 Johnson Manor Apartments

- ◆ **Supply and Install PEX Re-pipe and Water Heaters:** Four (4) bids were received August 3, 2009; a contract Notification of Award was issued to the low bidder, Bryan Plumbing, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued August 6, 2009. The work is 100% complete. The contract completion date was December 4, 2009.

### Complex 4-13 Omega Apartments

- ◆ **Supply and Install PEX Re-pipe:** Four (4) bids were received August 3, 2009. A contract Notification of Award was issued to the low bidder, Bryan Plumbing, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued August 6, 2009. The work is 100% complete.

## Farewell Tommy Maxwell "T Max"



***You Will Always Be Remembered!***  
*You will be remembered for the laughter you brought,*  
*You will be remembered for the lessons you taught.*  
*Although we worked together for a short period of time*  
*And even though you're gone away, you will always be on our minds.*  
*Murchison Terrace and all the staff will always remember how you made us laugh.*  
*"Boss Lady, boss lady no work orders today",*  
*These were the words that Tommy would say.*  
*Missing you from day to day, wondering if you're 'okay'*  
*We know you're in a better place, enjoying the holy embrace.*

OHA Staff