

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DESK

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- HDLI 2010 Spring Legal Conference
Washington, D.C.
May 17–18, 2010
- M.T.W. Conference
Washington, D.C.
June 2–4, 2010
- PHADA Annual Convention
Las Vegas, NV
June 6-9, 2010
- NAHRO Summer Conference
Louisville, KY
July 28-31, 2010



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With all the high school and college graduations in the next few weeks, many of us know someone who will be “taking the walk” across a stage to the music of Pomp and Circumstance. Proud

parents will have their cameras focused on their children as everyone celebrates a milestone of achievement. Congratulations to all the families who are celebrating these happy occasions.

Another graduation ceremony was held a week ago, and it is very special to OHA. It was not a high school or college event, but it was just as spectacular and noteworthy. For eleven residents of Orlando Housing Authority communities, this graduation celebration may have been an even bigger milestone. We tend to better appreciate that which has been difficult to achieve. OHA sponsored a group of residents in the Jobs Partnership of Central Florida employment program. Through a partnership funded, in part, with Resident Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) funds, OHA was able to support and encourage the participants to complete an intensive 12-week employment readiness program. Some of the students had to ride multiple busses to get to class, and child care was a challenge as well.

The graduation ceremony, held at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Orlando, was as formal as any high school or college graduation. Ninety-five (95)

graduates walked across the stage in their “Dress for Success” finery. The gentlemen wore suits and the ladies were dressed in business attire representing the finest of what the program offers.

The OHA staff who attended told me they were struck by one thing. For many of these graduates, the recognition of their achievement may have been the only time in their lives that they were recognized publicly for their success. For some graduates, high school may have been a difficult and frustrating experience, one which some did not complete. The recognition provided by the Jobs Partnership of Central Florida ceremony showed them that they are important, that their skills can be developed and that they can be successful!

Congratulations again to these graduates. As they continue to seek employment or further their education, each will be guided by the self-exploration and skills-building techniques they learned in the program. The Orlando Housing Authority recognizes their commitment and determination. I know that each and every one will carry that determination forward, sharing it with their neighbors and friends. Oprah Winfrey once said, “Where there is no struggle, there is no strength.” These eleven graduates have shown all of us that success is achievable through hard work and sacrifice.



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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

GRANT WRITING/AGENCY PLAN/OTHER

- ◆ **MOVING TO WORK (MTW):** OHA has been awarded the prestigious MTW designation! Staff is reviewing the MTW Agreement and preparing the final plan for submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval. HUD visited the OHA April 29, 2010 to provide technical assistance.
- ◆ **ANNUAL PLAN:** The new “Five Year Plan” was due to HUD January 16, 2010. HUD approve the plan May 5, 2010.
- ◆ **LAKE MANN HOPE VI:** OHA submitted an application to HUD for a HOPE VI Revitalization Grant to redevelop Lake Mann Homes. The application was submitted November 17, 2009. HUD’s announcement of HOPE VI awards is pending.

THE VILLAS AT CARVER PARK

- ◆ The Villas at Carver Park (64 units) occupancy for March 2010 was 100%.
- ◆ The City of Orlando’s Mayor’s City Academy met at the Neighborhood Network Center (NNC) and toured the property April 22, 2010.

THE LANDINGS AT CARVER PARK

The Landings at Carver Park (56 units) occupancy for March 2010 was 100%.

GRANTWIDE—ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

HUD has awarded OHA a 2009 Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grant to find two (2) Service Coordinators for three years!

“While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about”

HEALTH AWARENESS

Medication Poisoning

Did You Know , , , the leading cause of injury deaths in Florida is poisoning? These deaths often result from the misuse and abuse of medications.

The Orange County Health Department’s Office of Community Health-Injury Prevention Program has launched the **“Because I Care”** campaign to raise awareness about this issue and to provide information on how to prevent medication poisonings and the steps that you can take to dispose of medications properly.

You can do your part to prevent poisoning by:



Putting medications in a place inaccessible to children and the visitors in your home



Properly and quickly disposing of unneeded or expired medications



Not sharing prescription drugs

Step 1) Do NOT flush the medication. Leave it in its original container and remove personal information from bottle. Mix with undesirable substance such as brewed coffee with coffee grounds (make sure pills dissolve) or kitty litter (liquid medications only).

Step 2) Seal the container with tape, place in a bag, and seal that bag.

Step 3) Place the container in the trash. Make sure that it is not easily accessible or visible to others.

For more information on medication poisoning prevention and the **Because I Care** campaign, call 407-858-1462.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE VILLAS AT CARVER PARK

On May 6, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Carver Park residents held a Mother's Day Celebration for residents in their community. Residents socialized, enjoyed refreshments and lively music. Carver Park has a newly established Resident Association and will host more events for their community.



MEADOW LAKE

On May 7, 2010, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Meadow Lake Resident Association held its first May Fest. This event celebrated the unique aspects of the community and gave residents an opportunity to meet each other. Residents were able to enjoy food, dance and games.

MURCHISON

On May 1, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m., Murchison Terrace Resident Association in conjunction with Mt. Olive AME Church hosted a Mother's Day Celebration. The afternoon was filled with food, arts and crafts, games for everyone. Residents were given a keepsake for attending the event.

CONGRATULATIONS!

JOBS PARTNERSHIP

On May 6, 2010, eleven residents from Lake Mann Homes, Murchison Terrace, Citrus Square, Griffin Park, and Reeves Terrace were recognized for graduating from the Jobs Partnership Life & Work Program. The employment readiness program ran from February 2, 2010 through April 29, 2010. For 12 weeks students were required to attend class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. We congratulate these residents who dedicated their time and energy to complete this program. Job Well Done!

Pat Rice, Latissa Griffin and Roneisha Britten



Gloria Mora, Citrus Square Resident





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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 4-1 Griffin Park Apartments – Supply and Install Exterior Doors (178 Units)

- ◆ Invitation for Bids (IFB) published October 19, 2009. A pre-bid meeting was held October 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Bids were due November 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Twenty-two (22) bids were received. The apparent low bidder was R.H. Paradise Construction and they withdrew their bid. The contract was awarded to the next low bidder, Ovation Construction. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued February 24, 2010. The scheduled completion date is July 1, 2010.

Complex 4-2/5 Reeves Terrace Apartments – Bathroom Renovations (176 Units)

- ◆ Twenty-one (21) bids were received December 8, 2009. The low responsive bidder was LC Construction Group. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued February 5, 2010. The work is 80% complete. The scheduled completion date is July 23, 2010.

Complex 4-2/5 Reeves Terrace Apartments – Rehab Maintenance Storage Facility

- ◆ Three (3) quotes were received. The low responsive bidder was Spire Construction, Inc. A purchase order was issued. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued February 8, 2010. The work is 100% complete.

Complex 4-2/5 Reeves Terrace Apartments – Roofs for Administration Building

- ◆ Three (3) quotes were received. The low responsive bidder was MVB & Associates, Inc. A purchase order was issued February 19, 2010. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued March 3, 2010. The work is 100% complete.

Complex 4-6 Murchison Terrace Apartments – Supply and Install Aluminum Gutters (20 Buildings)

- ◆ Invitation for Bids (IFB) published February 3, 2010. A pre-bid meeting was held February 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Bids were due February 26, 2010. Two (2) bids were received February 26, 2010 and the low responsive bidder was M.E.C. Contracting Services, LLC. The purchase order has been executed and a pre-construction conference was held April 20, 2010. The scheduled completion date is June 3, 2010.

Complex 4-9 Ivey Lane Homes - Re-Roofs (184 Units)

- ◆ Invitation for Bids (IFB) published January 24, 2010. A pre-bid meeting was held February 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Bids were due February 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Britt Construction was the low responsive bidder and the contract was awarded February 18, 2010. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued February 18, 2010. The work is 100% complete.

Complex 4-9 Ivey Lane Homes - Supply and Install Water Heaters (210 Units)

- ◆ Invitation for Bids (IFB) published February 3, 2010. A pre-bid meeting was held February 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Bids were due February 26, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Four (4) bids were received and the low responsive bidder was Stones Unlimited Builder, Inc. The purchase order was executed and the pre-construction conference was held April 7, 2010. The scheduled completion date is July 15, 2010.

Complex 4-10 Lorna Doone Apartments – Individual Electric Metering (104 Units)

- ◆ Two (2) bids were received May 4, 2009. A contract notification has been 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 work is 90% complete. Modifications to the contract have been prepared and approved. The contract completion date has been extended to May 31, 2010.

Complex 4-10 Lorna Doone Apartments – Seal and Stripe Parking Lots

- ◆ Three (3) quotes were received. The low responsive bidder is Arrow Pavement Service, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued February 19, 2010. The scheduled completion date is April 25, 2010.

Complex 4-12 Citrus Square Apartments – Seal and Stripe Parking Lots

- ◆ Three (3) quotes were received. The low responsive bidder was Arrow Pavement Service, Inc. A purchase order was issued February 19, 2010. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued February 19, 2010. The work is 100% complete.

Complex 4-13 Omega Apartments – Exterior Painting and Pressure Wash

- ◆ Eleven (11) bids were received November 20, 2009. The low responsive bidder was Paintsmart USA, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued January 14, 2010. The work is 100% complete.

Complex 4-13 Omega Apartments – 220 Volt Electrical Circuits and Dryer Vents (74 Units)

- ◆ Invitation for Bids (IFB) published February 3, 2010. A pre-bid meeting was held February 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Bids were due March 1, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Six (6) bids were received and the low responsive bidder was Southeast Electric of Florida, Inc. The purchase order was executed and the pre-construction conference was held April 27, 2010. The scheduled completion date is June 29, 2010.

Complex 4-14 Marden Meadows Apartments – Seal and Stripe Parking Lot

- ◆ Three (3) quotes were received. A purchase order was issued to the low responsive bidder, Arrow Pavement Services, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued January 29, 2010. The work is 100% complete.