



SHA Office of Resident Services

March Newsletter

Don't let relocation catch you by surprise! The clock is ticking!

The New & Improved Resident Services Office!

The Resident Services Department has changed locations!!

1731 W. Gore Court

(941)316-1194.

Services at this site include:

The Family Self Sufficiency Program • Case Manager Services
 Referrals for Assistance with Utilities • Referrals to Assistance in Eviction Cases
 Homeownership Program • Assistance with Security Deposits
 Referrals to Substance Abuse Programs, Counseling, and other Behavioral Health Issues
 Youth and Children Services



This location also houses administrative offices for ROSS Staff including Case Managers Todd Bellamy and Ken Waters and Resident Services Director, Karen Curry

NEW ROSS SCHEDULE

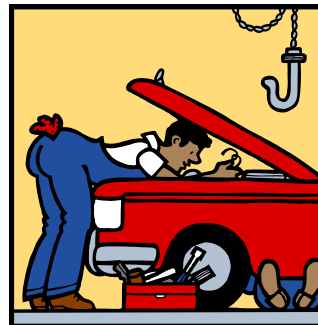


In 2010 the ROSS Schedule will consist of three Class Tracks including:

Life & Relationships Series • Career Success Series • Wealth Building Series

Life & Relationships Series will be offered on Mondays, Career Success will be on Tuesdays and Wealth Building will be offered on Thursdays. Residents will receive a certificate of completion for successfully completing 10 hours of any series.

Opportunities for training will also be offered. Limited training classes will be offered on site. Most training opportunities will be offered through our partner Jobs, Etc. and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program. Orientations for WIA will be held monthly on site.



FREE SCTI Technical Education

Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI) is looking for youth between the ages of 18-21 to take advantage of a limited time special grant program which will allow youth who fit their requirements to receive a free technical education. Please call the office and let us know that you are interested by March 10th to be accepted. Some areas are:

Accounting Operations • Administrative Assistant
 • Business Computer Programming Auto Repair •
 Digital Design • EMT • Fire Fighter • Law
 Enforcement • Legal Admin Assist
 PC Support • Paramedic

Must register 1 week in advance for drop in childcare.
 For more information contact Booker at 316-8311.





Spring Forward!

Ladies Brunch • Thursday, April 8th • 10-noon • Janie's Garden
Featuring Ms. Carolyn Mason, Sarasota's First Black County Commissioner
& Flori Roberts, Creator of America's first Black Skincare Line
Stay tuned for more information!



Janie's Garden Phase II Update



Phase two of the redevelopment project at Janie's Garden includes the sixteen apartments that sit on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The sixteen apartments will be demolished and replaced by 68 apartments along with 10,500 square feet of retail space along MLK Way.

Another exciting feature of Phase II will be a SCAT Bus Rapid Transit stop right on the corner of Lemon and MLK.

Michael's Development Company is finishing up the financial closing and Tandem Construction is busy finding, qualifying and interviewing sub-contractors. Demolition and construction is expected to begin no later than May 1st.

Phase II Employment Update

If you are interested in employment with the project, please go to Jobs, Etc on Washington Boulevard and complete their registration process. You must be registered with Jobs, Etc. in order to be hired by Tandem or one of their sub-contractors. Please be sure to let them know that you are interested in the Janie's Garden project and that you are a SHA public housing resident or Section 8 participant. Registering with Jobs, Etc. does not guarantee you a job with the project however as a resident of public housing or Section 8 participant you do have priority in the hiring process.

If you have construction experience, please make sure to highlight it on your application. If you don't have construction experience, a training program is available. You can inquire about the training program once you have registered with Jobs, Etc. The program is only available to those registered.



RESIDENT SHOUT-OUTS!!!



Congratulations to Rhonda Graham and Cornelia Thomas!!!

Cornelia Thomas—after serving as a ROSS Temp for Section 8, Cornelia landed a full time job as Section 8 Receptionist!

Rhonda Graham—after working as a team leader on the Courts roadway striping project, Rhonda landed another position as a painter at McCown Towers and is now working installing windows in Bertha Mitchell! *Rhonda was also named SHA's January Employee of the Month!!*



JOB SEEKERS!!

The Jobs Etc. Mobile Career Opportunity Unit visits the Orange Avenue Property office on Monday, March 1st from 3-5. This is an excellent addition to our Job Skills classes and a great place to begin your job search!

How are you Feeling???

The Sarasota County Health Department's Health in Motion unit will be on site at the McCown Towers site on the first Monday (3/1) from 9:30am – noon and Orange Avenue Property office on the third Monday (3/15) from 9:30am – noon. The nurse on board is able to check blood pressure and other vital signs and make referrals.

