

# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

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## NEWS OF NOTE

### A WORLD OF THANKS A MESSAGE FROM TIM BARRY LMHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

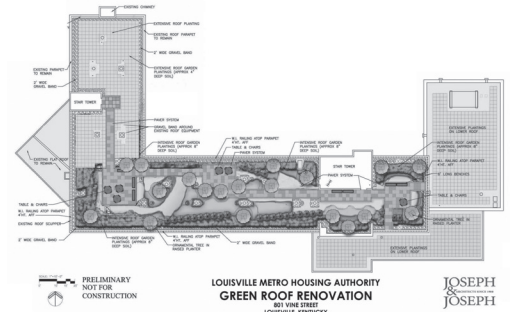
As we conclude our 2010 Metro United Way employee campaign, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing to support Metro United Way! Each year, we are asked to take part in the fund-raising effort, and each year you give generously.

I'm encouraged to see your support of our community, and applaud your willingness to join in our commitment to this most worthwhile organization. Now more than ever, the need is great in our community. The funds we raised will help support a variety of organizations that help children succeed, build strong families, promote health and independence, and strengthen neighborhoods. Your investment also ensures a safety net of services supporting optimal health and independence.

Thank you for your participation in this year's Metro United Way campaign. Your gift will help to make "a world of difference" for someone in need.

### GREEN ROOF AT VINE STREET

LMHA is installing its first Green Roof at the Vine Street office. The roof will feature a variety of low-maintenance and drought-resistant native plants such as sedums, a cold-hard succulent with water storing leaves. Green roofs help reduce storm water run-off while mitigating urban heat island effects and improving air quality. The project completion date is Spring 2011.



### "HEALTHY IN A HURRY" CORNER STORE

A "Healthy in a Hurry" Corner Store opened in November at the Parkway Food Mart (1201 W. Hill Street). The store, which will feature fresh produce, will serve Parkway Place residents as well as the neighboring community. This is the third corner store to open as part of a YMCA of Greater Louisville and Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness department "Louisville Putting Prevention to Work" initiative.

### LMHA DONATES 500 PAIRS OF NEW AND USED SHOES

LMHA employees put their best foot (and shoes) forward - thanks to the overwhelming response to the SHOE Drive, LMHA donated 500 pairs of new and used shoes to the EDGE Shoeman Water Project to support their efforts to provide clean, fresh drinking water to those in need. Way to go LMHA!!!

### RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HELD FOR HOME RENOVATED BY YOUTHBUILD STUDENTS

YouthBuild, in collaboration with LMHA, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a LMHA-owned property located at 537 East Breckinridge. YouthBuild students converted the property from a duplex in to a single family home that will be occupied by a public housing resident. This historical property is one of a cluster of homes built in the 1800's by the Freedman's Bureau.



### SALUTE TO SERVICE (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)

#### 20 Years

(10/2010) Mike Barnett, Dosker Manor  
(11/2010) Lee Harper, Construction Admin.  
(12/2010) Jo Ann Smith, Vine Street

#### 10 Years

(10/2010) Gina McClasky, Iroquois Homes  
(10/2010) Lana Zusstone, Special Programs  
(10/2010) Teri Carr, Vine Street  
(11/2010) William Smith, Vine Street

#### 5 Years

(10/2010) Stephanie Payne, Vine Street



Bill Weyland describes "The Edge" during the ground breaking ceremony.

Mayor Jerry Abramson, Congressman John Yarmuth (KY-3), Councilman David Tandy, Tim Barry, LMHA Executive Director, Manfred Reid, LMHA Board Chairman and Bill Weyland, CITY Properties Group, recently broke ground on "The Edge" at Liberty Green, the latest phase of the Liberty Green HOPE VI initiative. The master developers are Bill Weyland (CITY Properties Group) and Holly Weideman (AU Associates). The first phase will include three to four story "City Home" row houses with flexible floor plans. The homes will range from 600 sq. feet studios to 2,400 sq. feet three story units. Prices start at \$99,500 with the largest units selling for \$428,900.



YouthBuild Executive Director Lynn Rippy presents a ceremonial key to the house to Manfred Reid, LMHA Board Chairman.

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BEECHER TERRACE ENRICHMENT CENTER CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



LMHA Board Member Rose Livingston presents Tim Barry with a gift at the anniversary celebration held in September.

Congressman John Yarmuth (KY-3), Mayor Jerry Abramson, LMHA Board Chairman Manfred Reid, LMHA Executive Director Tim Barry and other local officials helped celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Beecher Terrace Enrichment Center. The center, nicknamed “The Beech”, helps at-risk students acquire the necessary credits to graduate from Ballard High School and also exposes them to life skills and sustainability experiences. The brainchild of Ballard High School Assistant Principal and LMHA board member Rose Livingston, LMHA teamed up with Jefferson County Public Schools to create the learning center in the heart of Beecher Terrace. “Rose is to be commended for her efforts and on-going commitment to positively impacting the lives of young people,” said Tim Barry. The Center helps students recover credits, provides practical living and character education, as well as connects parents and establishes a presence that instills hope, courage and confidence in the community. The Beecher Terrace Enrichment Center evolved through its collaboration with LMHA, JCPS, KY Dept. of Education, Spalding University, Brightside and other individuals in the community.



Congressman John Yarmuth takes time out for a photo with students following the event.

ARE YOU PUZZLED?

The winner of the July- September 2010 “Puzzler” is Chyna Eda, Occupancy. Congrats Chyna, please stop by Executive at your convenience to pick up your prize.

The answers to the puzzler are: 1) High School Musical; 2) School of Rock; 3) To Sir with Love; 4) FAME; 5) Carrie; 6) HOOP Dreams; 7) The Breakfast Club; 8) Ferris Bueller’s Day Off; 9) Remember the Titans; 10) Dead Poet’s Society; 11) Higher Learning; 12) Sixteen Candles; 13) Superstar; 14) Boys in the Hood; 15) American Pie or Graffiti



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

October (belated)

- Rochelle Burton, Dosker Manor
- Bobby Campbell, HVAC
- Eric Davis, Dosker Manor
- Michael Ferriell, Vacancy Prep.
- Curtis Foley, Bishop Lane Plaza
- Lawrence Garnett, Parkway Plaza
- Amber Goddard, Vine Street
- Jonathan Guest, Extermination
- Anthony Harvell Jr., Auto/Grounds
- Dawn Haynes, Information Tech.
- Tracy Holmes-Bell, Vine Street
- Dale Hunter, LHS
- Juan Hunter, Operations
- Theiron Jackson, Beecher Terrace
- Marquis Johnson, Auto/Grounds
- Samuel Karnwie, Auto/Grounds
- Judith King, Iroquois Homes
- Delbert Lappin, Auto/Grounds
- Robert Lee, Sheppard Square
- Nicole Lyons, Special Programs
- John McKissick, Parkway Place
- Charles Mitchell, Parkway Place
- Chester Murphy, Iroquois Homes
- William Norris, Regional Maint.
- Nate Northington, Operations
- Ronald O’Bannon, Dosker Manor
- Sharon Perkins, Bishop Lane Plaza
- Jamesetta Phelps, Operations
- Dana Porter, Vine Street
- Marla Powell, Construction Admin.
- Everett Stephenson, Lourdes Hall
- Cal Swain, Construction Admin.
- Bill Topping, Avenue Plaza
- Denise Washington, Sheppard Square
- George Wetherby, HVAC
- Charlene Williams, Dosker Manor
- Hollie Willingham, Liberty Green
- Anna Zambrzycki, Occupancy

November (belated)

- Teri Carr, Vine Street
- Robert Barbour, Beecher Terrace
- Dennis Basham, Finance
- Rosemary Bissinger, Vine Street
- Stephen Bland, Parkway Place
- Chris Brown, Beecher Terrace
- Mark Calloway, Iroquois Homes
- Deborah Caston, Beecher Terrace
- Sharon Coleman, Sheppard Square
- Linda Dorsey, Operations
- Sue Ann Drane, Vine Street
- Vickie Fields, Operations
- Carla Hardaway, Vine Street
- JeRoy Hayden, Beecher Terrace

STAFF UPDATE

New Hires

Full-Time

- Evelyn Coutee  
Housing Clerk Typist - Vine Street
- Kelly Davidson  
Housing Clerk Typist - Vine Street
- Oscar Scull-Martinez  
Maintenance Worker II - Beecher Terrace
- Andrea Stateman-Odom  
Senior Social Worker - Special Programs
- Natalie Thorpe  
Senior Social Worker - Special Programs
- John Victor  
Senior Social Worker - Special Programs
- Michele Yates  
Housing Clerk Typist - Vine Street

Temporary to Full-Time

- Walter Cosby  
Maintenance Worker I - Sheppard Square
- Eric Davis  
Maintenance Worker I - Dosker Manor
- Patrick Deadwyler  
Maintenance Worker I - Dosker Manor
- Darrence Hampton  
Maintenance Worker I - Sheppard Square
- Emmanuel Korgar  
Maintenance Worker I - Avenue Plaza
- Larry Rudolph  
Maintenance Worker I - Lourdes Hall
- Devin Thornton  
Maintenance Worker I - Parkway Place

- Mary Hundley, Vine Street
- John Keen Jr., Parkway Place
- Wayne Leeseberg, Bishop Lane
- Diane Lindsey, Operations
- Bridget Long, IPL
- Carol Malone, Beecher Terrace
- Victor Malone, Sheppard Square
- Mika McClain, Parkway Place
- Gina McClasky, Iroquois Homes
- Juanita Mitchell, Avenue Plaza
- Shantel Ndiaye, Liberty Green
- Linda Nuss, Finance
- Carl Paris, Beecher Terrace
- Aldean Pleasant, Vine Street
- Darlene Seabrooks Parkway Place
- Deshawn Simpson, Liberty Green
- Charles Smithson, Sheppard Square
- Joseph Spencer, Auto/Grounds
- Harold Swoope, Vacancy Prep.
- Yasmin Thompson, Dosker Manor
- John Victor, Family Investment Center
- Michelle Yates, Vine Street

December

- Valerie Al-Ethawi, Operations
- Gary Bradley, Regional Maint.
- Barry Bradshaw, Avenue Plaza
- Debra Chittenden, Finance
- Sharon Cofield, Dosker Manor
- Gregory Crum, HVAC
- Patrick Deadwyler, Dosker Manor
- Willie Drain, Finance
- Jernarick Ellington, Lourdes Hall
- Michael Flora, Lourdes Hall
- Norma Giles, Vine Street
- Kimberly Goodin, Finance
- James Grant, PG&E
- Carlos Grigsby, Dosker Manor
- Kevin Hughes, Bishop Lane Plaza
- Mark Kirby, Beecher Terrace
- Linda Little, Avenue Plaza
- Robert Marshall, Regional Maint.
- Cietay Mayfield, Beecher Terrace
- Keith McCarthy, Iroquois Homes
- Rodriquez Montgomery, Beecher Terrace
- LaToya Morrison, Vine Street
- Janie Orr, Sheppard Square
- Gloria Phillips, Construction Admin.
- Phil Reidinger, HVAC
- Larry Rudolph, Lourdes Hall
- Vanessa Ryland, Vine Street
- Kathy Scott, Purchasing
- Alyss Simpson, Vine Street
- Jo Ann Smith, Vine Street
- Robert Standifer, Auto/Grounds
- Chiffon Taylor, Iroquois Homes
- Kelly Thompson, Bishop Lane Plaza
- John Vandever, IPL
- Anthony Williams, Special Programs
- Lana Zusstone, Liberty Green

Temporary

- Samuel Karnwie  
Maintenance Worker I - Auto/Grounds
- Robert Taylor  
Maintenance Worker I - Auto/Grounds

Promotions

- Rodriquez Montgomery  
Maintenance Worker III - Beecher Terrace
- Steven Webb  
Purchasing Agent - Purchasing
- Thomas White  
Inventory Coordinator - Purchasing

Resignations

- Anita Burrus  
Key Control Monitor - Construction Admin.
- Melvin Boyd  
Temp. Maintenance Worker I - Auto/Grounds
- Dynell Bush  
Maintenance Worker III - Bishop Lane Plaza
- Kimberlee Givens-Masters  
Housing Specialist - Vine Street
- Theresa Horsley  
Hospitality Coordinator - Operations
- Mary McDonald  
Tutor - Special Programs
- Carolyn Nichols  
Administrative Aide - Parkway Place
- Sheri Tyus  
Housing Clerk Typist - Vine Street