

# 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.



### 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

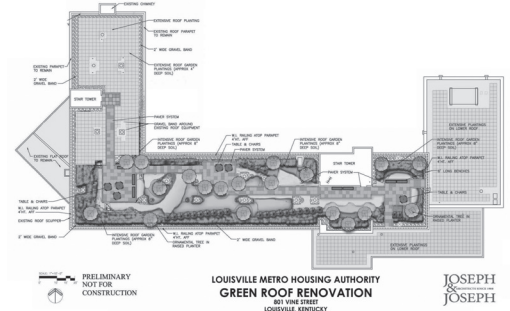
(10/2010) Stephanie Payne, Vine Street

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### 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.

### "THE EDGE" AT LIBERTY GREEN



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.

### 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.



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

# 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

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

## 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*

### 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*  
Dyrell 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*