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*The New Guste III Apartment Homes*

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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear readers:

Thank you for picking up the summer 2018 edition of the HANO News.

In this issue, we are excited to announce the completion of additional construction projects which will provide more affordable housing opportunities for the citizens of New Orleans, demolitions to kick-off the start of new projects, and public-private partnerships generated to offer sustainability resources for program participants.

We are excited to mark the completion of phase III redevelopment of Guste Homes and its multi-family building through public and private partnerships, adding 155 housing units into the affordable housing stock. Redevelopment projects like this are only accomplished by utilizing federal, state, and local dollars from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Louisiana Office of Community Development to solidify its successful completion for the residents of this community.

HANO was also instrumental in providing sustainable homes for artists through its public-private partnership with the New Orleans Public School Board and Artspace Projects in the Tremé neighborhood. This project will house 79 apartments; 19 of which will be homes for HANO program participants. The Agency also demolished and began the redevelopment of what had become an eyesore located in the heart of downtown New Orleans; the former Winn-Dixie building located on Basin Street. This site will become the Eastern Adjacent location of the Bienville Basin community and will host approximately 76 housing units as part of Phase I for low-to-moderate income citizens.

While the primary focus of the Agency is to provide housing for low income residents, HANO continues to launch programs encouraging sustainability through its community supportive services. This year alone, the agency has hosted a College Tour for high school students, participated in a Health and Safety Fair, and launched its inaugural Resident Entrepreneur Training Program for new and aspiring business owners. We will also prioritize the use of more effective communication strategies to keep our residents updated on all new federal policies, such as the HUD Smoke-Free Policy, through the use of advanced marketing and communications tools. The agency will soon honor scholarship recipients awarded through HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Scholarship Program. Finally, we are excited to announce the \$2.3 million Jobs Plus grant award from HUD, which we will leverage additional funding of about \$2.7 million for a total investment of \$5 million, to support up to 264 residents in increasing their job readiness and career growth.

Although we've experienced a successful 2018 thus far, there is more work to be done across HANO communities. We will continue our forward movement in creating better housing opportunities and economic sustainability for the City's most vulnerable residents.

*-Gregg Fortner*



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# HANO CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF THE GUSTE III APARTMENT HOMES



*Guste III Multi-Family Building*

**H**ANO continues to reach milestones in creating more affordable housing opportunities for low income residents in New Orleans. In April, the agency commemorated the completion of the third phase of redevelopment in the Guste Homes Community with a grand opening ceremony for the multi-family building and single family homes.

Visitors ranging from elected officials, community leaders, housing advocates and current and former Guste residents enjoyed the sounds of the James Andrews band while touring eight available apartments, the multi-family community room and highly technical security room, and two of the single family homes.

Construction of phase III began in 2013 at a cost of \$61 million, through the use of \$26 million from HANO, \$21.9 million from FEMA, and \$13.1 million in Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Gibbs Construction and Colmex Construction completed the development of 155 new one, two, three and four bedroom units, which

include Energy Star appliances, and are also pre-wired for cable and internet services. Community supportive services provided by the Guste Resident Management Corporation are available for residents living in the community.

The William J. Guste Homes community was originally built in 1964 with 993 public housing units. The initial site consisted of one 12-story high-rise, elderly-only building and six low-rise buildings. In 2004, HANO began its full redevelopment following approval of a conversion plan by HUD and the subsequent demolition of the low-rise buildings through the use of a HOPE VI Grant.

Currently, there are 638 homes located on the entire Guste site; 577 of which are public housing units.

## THE GUSTE III APARTMENT HOMES GRAND OPENING



**LOCAL RESIDENTS ENJOYED THE JAMES ANDREWS BAND WHILE VISITING THE GUSTE III MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING**



**FORMER MAYOR MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU JOINED GUSTE RMC STAFF TO GET A FIRST LOOK AT THE GUSTE III HOMES**



**COUNCILMEMBER JAY BANKS ALSO TOURED A UNIT IN GUSTE'S MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING**





Rapper Master P discusses violence prevention during the first session of the Boys Summit at the Guste High Rise Community



Former Councilmember Oliver Thomas pictured with Rapper Master P during the 2018 Essence Day of Service



Rapper Master P pictured with Cynthia Wiggins and youth after the Boys Summit



Local youth will have the opportunity to attend the second session of Master P's Boys Summit at the Rosenwald Rec Center next month



Master P joins Guste residents to plant seeds in the community's new vegetable garden



Rapper Lil Romeo waters the new vegetable garden in the Guste community



Senior residents enjoy the new landscaping and lounge chairs at Guste High Rise



Councilmember Jay Banks pictured with Guste RMC President Cynthia Wiggins & HUD's New Orleans Field Office Director Earl Randall

## PICTORIAL:

# RAPPER MASTER P GIVES BACK TO THE GUSTE HOMES COMMUNITY





*The New Bell Artspace Campus*

# NEW ARTIST HOUSING IN THE TREMÉ

The transformation of the former Bell School adds 79 units to the city's affordable housing stock in the Tremé neighborhood

In the midst of an affordable housing crisis in the city of New Orleans, local artists and their families have a new affordable live/work building in the center of the Tremé neighborhood. Most recently, Artspace Projects, Inc., a non-profit developer that creates affordable spaces for artists and small businesses, partnered with Providence Community Housing to rehabilitate three abandoned buildings on the former Andrew J. Bell School campus. The transformation of the former Bell School has added 79 units to the city's affordable housing stock.

In April, over 100 community members and partners gathered for the grand opening of the revamped Bell Artspace Campus, located at 2100 Ursulines Avenue. The celebration included a brief program highlighting Artspace's development team, financing, philanthropic, and community partners,

followed by a second line band that kicked off live music performances and art exhibitions on the campus lawn.

Guests explored the Ford Foundation Lofts at St. Joseph's, and noticed a number of original features from the former school. The hallways are lined with a diverse collection of paintings created by Bell residents, and features the restored original wood floors, large windows, and high ceilings. Residents will also enjoy some new amenities, including an on-site washer and dryer facility, community room, on-site parking, and more. The project also restored some of Bell School's creative and community spaces, including the band room, gym, and chapel building, for residents and commercial tenants.

Construction on the complex began in April 2016, and was completed two years later at the cost of \$37.4 million. The

new Bell Artspace facility consists of 60 affordable units for artists, 19 units for HANO residents, and 2,000 square feet of commercial/community space. Cost of rent ranges from \$260 to \$727 a month.

Funding and community partners for this project include The City of New Orleans; HANO; Louisiana Housing Corporation; Louisiana Office of Community Development; Gibbs Construction; J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation; The Kresge Foundation; The Ford Foundation; The Greater New Orleans Foundation; and many more.

For more information on Artspace, visit [www.Artspace.org](http://www.Artspace.org).





Attendees celebrated the grand opening with the Free Agents Brass Band  
(Photo Credit: Michael Palumbo)



The Ford Foundation Lofts at St. Joseph's  
(Photo Credit: Michael Palumbo)



Bell residents' artwork is showcased throughout the hallways of the new facility



The Ford Foundation Lofts at St. Joseph's  
(Photo Credit: Michael Palumbo)



The Great Hall at St. Joseph's Chapel



Guests tour the Ford Foundation Lofts at St. Joseph's during the grand opening



Roots of Music parades on the campus lawn  
(Photo Credit: Michael Palumbo)



A live mural painting featuring resident artist  
Kentrice Schexnayder  
(Photo Credit: Michael Palumbo)

## PICTORIAL:

## THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE BELL ARTSPACE CAMPUS



# PROVIDENCE AWARDED \$3.25M FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS

By Kimberly Hollard, Director of Resource Development & External Affairs at Providence Community Housing

Last spring, Providence Community Housing (PCH) received two awards that will provide capital funds to develop and/or preserve additional affordable housing units throughout the city of New Orleans. The \$3.25 million funding was awarded to Providence through Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) and the U.S. Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund.

In partnership with Enterprise Community Partners, Providence was awarded \$2 million in Community Development Block Grant funds by the LHC that will be combined with tax credits and \$4.5 million in Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to develop the Lafitte 2017 project.



Faubourg Lafitte Community

"THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS GROWING IN OUR CITY AND STATE."

**Terri North**  
CEO of Providence

This project will fund 25 one, two, three and four bedroom affordable scattered site rental units in addition to the historic rehabilitation of the final on-site structure at Faubourg Lafitte, which will include apartment homes and property management offices. Twenty of the 25 units will be supported by project-based vouchers from HANO. All units will be Enterprise Green Communities certified, and will be complete in spring 2020.

Providence's \$1.25 million Capital Magnet Fund Award from the U.S. Department of Treasury's CDFI Fund is part of the \$120 million awarded to 40 community development financial institutions and housing non-profits. Providence plans to use the award to address affordable housing challenges by providing capital to housing projects serving high-need communities and relieving housing cost burdens for low-income families. The Capital Magnet Fund Award will also allow Providence to invest in new ways of addressing affordable housing challenges in the city of New Orleans.

"In a time when the need for affordable housing is growing in our city and state, we are thrilled to have succeeded in securing much needed resources to continue our mission to serve low-to-moderate income families," said President and CEO of Providence Community Housing Terri North.

Providence Community Housing is a 501(c)3 non-profit real estate development organization. Since 2006, Providence has developed more than 1,300 units of housing and helped over 600 individuals and families become homeowners throughout the Greater New Orleans Area. Providence is committed to supporting strong communities through the production and preservation of affordable housing and supportive services case management.

For more information on Providence Community Housing, visit [www.providencecommunityhousing.org](http://www.providencecommunityhousing.org).





Construction workers prepare to demolish the former Winn-Dixie site



Fortner pictured with the City of New Orleans' Ellen Lee & McCormack Baron Salazar's Vincent Bennett

# DEMOLITION KICK STARTS CONSTRUCTION OF 76 UNITS IN THE BIENVILLE BASIN COMMUNITY

**H**ANO Executive Director Gregg Fortner recently joined developer McCormack Baron Salazar to demolish a former Winn-Dixie store in the Tremé neighborhood as part of HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI). This \$19.7 million construction project will consist of 76 affordable one and two bedroom housing units as part of phase I, and will be located at 1501 St. Louis Street.

Demolition of the building, concrete slab, and a small portion of the parking lot began in February 2018, and was completed a month later with \$254,000 in funding from HUD's Capital Fund Program. McCormack Baron Salazar will begin phase I of redevelopment at the former Winn-Dixie site in fall 2018. Thirty (30)

units will be designated for public housing residents from the former Iberville Housing Development, and 46 units will also be available for market rate leasing.

The 76-unit construction project will be the newest addition to a number of off-site developments in partnership with CNI.

CNI also includes seven phases of on-site mixed-income housing developed on the former Iberville Public Housing Development site by HRI Properties, LLC. To date, 626 units have been completed at the newly developed Bienville Basin community, with the final phases of construction currently underway.

Visit [www.HANO.org](http://www.HANO.org) for more information on HANO communities.



Demolition begins on the former Winn-Dixie site to make way for more affordable housing

## HUD'S SMOKE-FREE POLICY: AN OVERVIEW

**600**

PHAs implemented  
HUD's Smoke-Free  
Policy

### Q. Where does the Smoke-Free Policy prohibit smoking?

All HANO-owned public housing units, indoor common areas, and rental and PHAs office buildings



### Q. What types of tobacco products does the rule include?

Including, but not limited to, Hookahs, Cigarettes, Cigars, & Pipes



### Q. Does the Smoke-Free Policy cover outdoor areas?

The rule prohibits smoking in all outdoor areas within 25 feet of housing units and administrative office buildings



## HUD IMPLEMENTS SMOKE-FREE POLICY

*HUD's newly-implemented policy requires a smoke-free environment for residents, visitors, and staff at public housing authorities across the country this summer.*

Change is in the air across public housing communities throughout the country. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) now requires all public housing agencies (PHAs) to adopt a smoke-free policy.

Secondhand smoke poses serious health risks to residents, staff, and visitors. The movement of secondhand smoke across housing units can not be controlled, and any exposure to tobacco smoke is unsafe.

Beginning in 2009, HUD extended its formal encouragement of adopting smoke-free policies in public housing, multi-family buildings, and mixed-

income housing. To date, over 600 PHAs across the country have implemented smoke-free policies within their housing communities.

In an effort to provide tenants and staff with healthy and safe housing, HUD's smoke-free policy will prohibit the use of tobacco products, specifically hookahs, cigarettes, cigars, and pipes, in interior units, indoor community spaces, and PHA office buildings. Smoking in any outdoor areas within 25 feet of housing and administrative buildings is prohibited as well. The 25-foot buffer zone includes balconies, porches, decks, and any other outdoor spaces.





HUD's Smoke Free Policy effective immediately across public housing authorities

## THERE IS NO SAFE LEVEL OF SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE

# 20%

of adults in multi-unit housing use tobacco products, which are a source of secondhand smoke exposure



Secondhand smoke can travel within multi-unit housing and common areas, such as doorways, cracks in the walls, electrical lines, ventilation systems, and plumbing.

Opening windows and using fans does not completely remove secondhand smoke from your home.



Source: Center for Disease Control

HUD's smoke-free policy will also reduce repair costs associated with public housing units. Smoking in units can result in substantial property damage and increase the amount of time it takes to turn over a unit between residents. According to the *American Journal of Preventative Medicine*, the turnover of a smoking unit can cost two to seven times more than a smoke-free unit, resulting in a longer vacancy status and further increasing the wait list for prospective housing. The implementation

of smoke-free policies in subsidized housing will result in an estimated annual savings of \$154 million nationwide.

Smoke-free policies are legal, and do not obstruct the privacy rights of public housing residents. HUD's policy specifically enforces designated smoking areas for residents, staff, and visitors rather than focusing on an individual's current smoking status. Additionally, the smoke-free policy does not affect the eligibility of a prospective or current resident

to rent a public housing unit.

### HANO Adopts HUD's Smoke Free Policy

The HANO Board of Commissioners formally adopted HUD's Smoke-Free Policy during the April 2018 Board Meeting. Effective July 31st, the agency entered into a smoke-free lease addendum with all public housing tenants. The policy applies to all HANO-owned public housing units, indoor common areas, and rental



and administrative office buildings, and extends to all outdoor areas up to 25 feet from housing units or administrative office buildings.

Visit [www.hano.org](http://www.hano.org) for more information on the full implementation and enforcement.

# CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW K-8 SCHOOL IN COLUMBIA PARC

Residents of Columbia Parc at the Bayou District will have a new on-site charter school early next year. Located adjacent to the Educare New Orleans facility, the new KIPP Believe Primary and KIPP Believe College Prep will open its doors to over 920 kindergarten through eighth grade students.

F. H. Myers Construction, in conjunction with Columbia Residential and Bayou District Foundation, began construction on the \$23 million facility in November 2017. The new K-8 facility will include a three-story, 85,000 square foot school, a new 7,500 square foot gymnasium, and a cafeteria. Each grade will have four classrooms, and additional spaces for blended learning, intervention, enrichment, media center, arts/culture, special education, and office/administrative.



Construction begins on K-8 School in Columbia Parc

Since 2008, KIPP Believe is one of the highest performing K-8 schools in the New Orleans Recovery School District based on the average School Performance Score. For more information on KIPP Believe schools, visit [www.KIPPNewOrleans.org](http://www.KIPPNewOrleans.org).

## HANO AWARDED \$2.3 MILLION JOBS PLUS GRANT TO ASSIST LOW INCOME FAMILIES

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently awarded \$2.3 million to HANO to build upon existing partnerships that will assist families living in public housing in achieving employment opportunities and other self-sufficiency goals.

The Jobs Plus Initiative Program will be focused within the Bienville Basin and Faubourg Lafitte communities. Program participants will receive assistance in securing employment, increasing their

income, and moving toward self-sufficiency. Each participant will be offered case management as a part of the program strategy, and will be connected to services designed to support work, such as adult education, digital literacy, job readiness, employment placement, credit counseling, and bank management.

To learn more about HUD's Jobs Plus Program, visit [www.HUD.gov](http://www.HUD.gov).



7th Annual Housing Fair at Dillard University

## DILLARD UNIVERSITY TO HOST 12TH ANNUAL HOUSING FAIR

*The 12th Annual Housing, Health, and Community Resources Fair will be held Saturday, October 20th at 10am*

On October 20th, Dillard University's Office of Community Development and the Finance Authority of New Orleans will partner with more than 70 vendors from the housing, insurance, banking, and health care industries for the 12th Annual Housing, Health, and Community Resources Fair. The event is free and open to the public, and will be held on Dillard's campus in the Atrium Exhibit Hall from 10am to 3pm.

Featured exhibitors include LSU Health New Orleans, Whitney Bank, Capital One Bank, AARP, Regions Bank, Enterprise Community Housing, Sodexo, Iberia Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare, and many more.

Workshops will also be offered during the fair, specifically focused on using your Housing Choice Voucher for homeownership, low interest financing for first-time homebuyers and investment properties, and completing your IRS 501(c)(3) and LLC application.

For more information on Dillard University's Housing, Health, and Community Resources Fair, visit [www.Dillard.edu](http://www.Dillard.edu).





Volunteers from Hammond's Transportation distributed backpacks filled with school supplies in preparation for the 2018-19 school year



Three participating students were awarded laptops for the upcoming school year



Hammond's Transportation Back to School Giveaway & Health Fair



Participating youth enjoyed taking pictures at the Metro PCS photo booth



Students received backpacks filled with school supplies during the event



HANO's Eddie Scott pictured with the agency's Summer Employment Program participants



Youth enjoyed playing video games during the Back to School event



HANO families visited a number of community supportive service providers during the Back to School event

## PICTORIAL:

# HAMMOND'S TRANSPORTATION BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY & HEALTH FAIR



# COLUMBIA PARC INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS UNDERWAY

Columbia Parc residents and St. Bernard area neighbours may have recently noticed the addition of more construction equipment within their community. In addition to the Health Clinic and K-8 Charter school currently under construction, the community will soon host a grocery store, something that the residents have advocated for since its full redevelopment began in 2008. Phase IV of the construction project includes \$3.2 million in infrastructure enhancements divided into three separate phases.

Phase I includes the construction of new sidewalks and utilities, and the installation of street lights, street signage and trees on Foy Street. This phase was completed earlier this year.

Phase II includes the installation of utilities along with the construction of a new parking lot with handicap accessible spaces and city required bioswales, which



*Infrastructure enhancements are underway in Columbia Parc*

are landscape elements designed to remove silt and pollution from the surface runoff water. This phase also includes the installation of a new irrigation system, and additional landscaping and signage. The parking lot will be accessible to visitors to the Health Clinic.

Phase III includes the placement of utilities, the construction of a parking area with handicap accessible spaces,

and additional landscaping and signage for the area that will soon include the development of a grocery store for the community.

All phases of the infrastructure enhancements for this commercial and community portion of the site that fronts St. Bernard Avenue will be completed by February 2019.

## MAYOR CANTRELL APPOINTS NEW HANO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

In July, Mayor LaToya Cantrell announced the appointment of four new members to the HANO Board of Commissioners. This is the first HANO Board appointment under Mayor Cantrell's administration.

Casius Pealer, Director of Sustainable Real Estate Development at Tulane University's School of Architecture; Lisha A. Wheeler, founder of Wheeler Coaching and Consulting; and HANO residents Kim Piper and Sharon Jasper presided over their first full Board of Commissioners meeting on July 31st in the Helen W. Lang Memorial Board Room. Their first order of business included the acquisition of Armstrong Elementary from the Orleans Parish School Board, the approval to negotiate an agreement with MACO Development Company to redevelop a set of agency-owned vacant parcels, the ratification of a landscape contract for the Fischer Community, and the extension of the Executive Director's contract. Two of the newly appointed

members, Piper and Jasper, were added to the board to represent over 20,000 HANO residents who currently reside in public housing, and

participate in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. The returning members are Alice Riener, Andreanecia M. Morris, Toni Hackett Antrum, and Debra Joseph who was re-appointed to represent over 10,000 landlords on the HCV program.

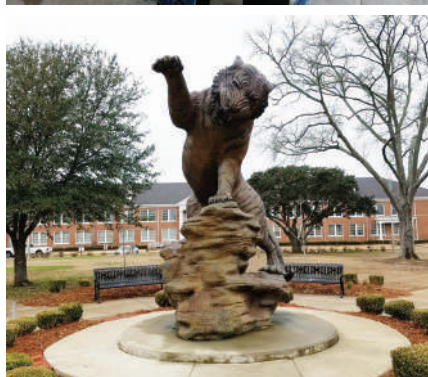
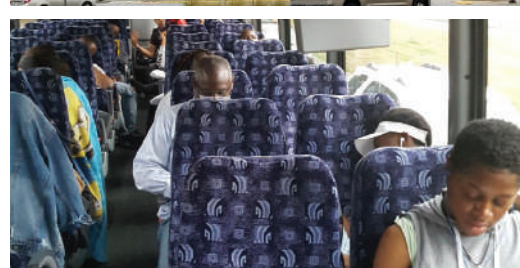
For more information on the HANO Board of Commissioners, visit [www.HANO.org](http://www.HANO.org).



*HANO Board of Commissioners Meeting on July 31st*



# COLLEGE EXPLORATION: HANO'S 2018 COLLEGE TOUR



**I**n February, HANO kicked off its annual enrichment activities to engage youth and young adults in educational opportunities. The agency hosted a three-day college tour for 40 high school juniors and seniors currently residing in HANO communities and participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP). Youth visited Alcorn State University, Louisiana Tech University, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Louisiana State University, Southern University in Baton Rouge, Grambling State University, and Jackson State University campuses.

Some of the participants were excited to explore the campuses while working toward selecting the ideal higher educational facility for their continuing education experience.

“Before attending the tour, I was unsure of where I would attend college in the fall. However, after visiting Jackson State University, I knew it was the place for me,” said Paris Johnson, a senior at George Washington Carver High School. “The teachers and

students at Jackson State were very friendly and helpful during the campus tour and also in the discussion of the application process, which can be super stressful.”

This fall, HANO will host its second tour of 2018 for high school students who are interested in visiting colleges and universities in Alabama and Georgia. Participants must be HANO residents who are currently enrolled in 10th to 12th grade, and are interested in exploring educational opportunities after completing their high school curriculum.

To date, the Agency has hosted more than 10 college tours for youth and young adults living in HANO communities since 2002. For more information on the upcoming College Tour, please contact HANO’s Client Services Department at (504) 670-3300.



# HANO & START SMART GRADUATES INAUGURAL RETI CLASS

The provision of community supportive services through HANO's programs continues to increase the economic sustainability and self-sufficiency necessary to thrive in today's society. Over the years, HANO has launched programs that include training and educational services, which are provided to its clientele. Recently, the Agency partnered with Start Smart LLC. to launch a Resident Entrepreneur Training Initiative (RETI) for public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program participants striving to grow successful businesses.

"As HANO continues to provide affordable housing opportunities for low-to-moderate income citizens of New Orleans, it is also our mission to lay the foundation for economic sustainability through public-private partnerships, which in this case will provide the necessary training and educational support for resident-owned, start-up



businesses to succeed," said HANO Executive Director Gregg Fortner.

The inaugural session began in April and included a free, 10-week intensive entrepreneur training curriculum offering guidance on how to enhance individual strategies for the innovative, new business owner. The first four graduates - a current business owner and three others interested

in starting businesses - gained the *Small and Emerging Business Development and Hudson Initiative* certifications that will assist them in acquiring federal, state and local contracts. The program participants attended interactive sessions and weekly workshops on how to start, plan, and grow a business, and also learned how to build credit to increase the possibility of securing business loans.

## HANO'S 2018 RETI GRADUATES



### C.J. Marshall Designs

Founded by Cody Marshall, his design company is dedicated to providing creative, unique and memorable graphic designs and visual communications.



### Push Transportation, LLC.

Launched by Glenda Graves, Push Transportation is a full-service non-emergency medical transportation company.



### KJohn's Dip, Dab, & Drink

Founded by Calvin Washington, Sr., KJohn's Dip, Dab, & Drink is a unique approach to entertainment & team building through art.



## INTERESTED IN STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS?



Join HANO's Free 10-Week  
Resident Entrepreneur  
Training Initiative (RETI) Program!

**APPLY TODAY!**

Visit [www.RETIPROGRAM.org](http://www.RETIPROGRAM.org) to  
download an application!



A team of Start Smart consultants served as mentors to the students providing personal and business credit counseling, and help in preparing business plans. This team of consultants will continue to mentor the entrepreneurs following their program completion.

Headquartered in New Orleans,

Louisiana, Start Smart is a national provider of mission-critical consulting and training solutions for government, corporate and non-profit clients. Start Smart is dedicated to helping clients build more competitive and higher-performing organizations.



## GIVE NOLA DAY 2018: PROVIDENCE RECEIVES \$2K IN DONATIONS

In May, Providence Community Housing was awarded over \$2,000 in donations as part of the Greater New Orleans Foundation's (GNO) Give NOLA Day 2018. Every year, GNO hosts a 24-hour event to inspire citizens across the country to support the work of non-profit organizations.

This year, Providence Community Housing received donations from 28 supporters, which will benefit the community supportive services offered at the Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center.

"We are excited to be a part of Give NOLA Day. We see this as an important way to raise awareness for the work we do in our community," said President and CEO of Providence Community Housing Terri North. "Donations on Give NOLA Day will go a long way in helping us continue our work to create vibrant communities by developing, operating, and advocating for affordable housing opportunities for individuals, families, seniors, and people with special needs."

Give NOLA Day 2018 generated \$5.5 million in donations for 766 participating non-profits, surpassing its 2017 total donations of \$4.9 million. Donations came from all 50 states and the District of Columbia in addition to 22 countries.

For more information on Give NOLA Day, visit [www.GiveNola.org](http://www.GiveNola.org).



## MonCena Property Preservation

Launched by Monica Cenane, MonCena Property Preservation is a diversified real estate company with expertise in property preservation and property management.



## HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1ST TO NOVEMBER 30TH.

Early preparation is essential for surviving a potential storm threat this hurricane season. Here is a hurricane preparedness checklist to ensure you have the necessary food and supplies on hand prior to a storm threat:

### KEY SUPPLIES



#### ☐ **Water**

One (1) gallon per one (1) person per day. For a family of four (4) for five (5) days, you will need 20 gallons of water. Save water in the bathtub for sanitary and dishwashing purposes, but be sure not to drink this water.

#### ☐ **First Aid Kit**

Band-Aids, bandages, antibiotic ointment, hand sanitizer, any necessary medications, hygiene products, and baby products.

#### ☐ **Flashlight**

One (1) flashlight per family member and the correct size of extra batteries.

#### ☐ **Tool Kit**

A basic set of tools: hammer, nails, screws, screwdrivers, pliers, and a knife.

#### ☐ **Sanitation Products**

Toilet paper, moist towelettes, and plastic garbage bags in different sizes. You need to keep waste away from your family and other supplies until local services like water and trash have been restored.

### FOOD ITEMS



Your family needs a five-day supply of non-perishable food that requires no refrigeration and little preparation. This includes:

- ☐ **Dry Cereal**
- ☐ **Canned Fruits**
- ☐ **Canned Vegetables**
- ☐ **Canned Juice**
- ☐ **Canned Nuts**
- ☐ **Ready to Eat Canned Soups and Meats**
- ☐ **Peanut Butter**
- ☐ **Bread**
- ☐ **Crackers**
- ☐ **Quick Energy Snacks, Granola Bars, etc.**
- ☐ **Pet Food**
- ☐ **Baby Formula**

In the event you lose power, follow the steps below in the following order:

1. Eat perishable food items in your pantry, refrigerator, etc.
2. Eat perishable items in your freezer. As long as food contains ice crystals in the center, it's still safe to eat.
3. Eat your stock of non-perishable items

### OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS:

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income individuals and their families.

Attendees also learned about a variety of workout options to stay fit and healthy with fitness demonstrations from the New Orleans Boxing Club and Magnolia Yoga. Bienville Basin residents had the opportunity to sign up for the City's Blue Bikes NOLA program that promotes a healthy and affordable way to travel to and from work. Participating vendors also sponsored a raffle giveaway which consisted of a three year pass for Blue Bikes NOLA, and gift certificates to Magnolia Yoga and Backatown Coffee Parlour.

Other participating organizations and vendors for the fair included Cox Communications, New Orleans Public Library, NOLA Pest Control, LA Landscape, Tulane School of Social Work, and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.

To report any crimes, destruction of property, quality of life issues, fraud, waste, or abuse, contact the HANOPD Hotline at (504) 670-3372. Any tips can also be reported via the HANO website at [http://www.hano.org/incident\\_report.aspx](http://www.hano.org/incident_report.aspx). All complaints are investigated by the HANOPD.



*Bienville Basin residents speak with an AETNA representative*

Recently, the Housing Authority of New Orleans' Police Department (HANOPD), along with Urban Strategies Inc., hosted a Health & Safety Fair at the Bienville Basin community. In an effort to promote HANOPD's community policing initiative, the fair provided a unique opportunity for HANOPD officers to meet one-on-one with residents and to offer a number of health and wellness resources in the Bienville Basin community.

The fair kicked off with Daughters of Charity offering free health screenings, including blood pressure, glucose, and dental counseling, to participating residents in their mobile medical van. Representatives from Aetna spoke with residents about their health, dental, and medical insurance plans that are cost-effective for low

## HANOPD NEWS

The Housing Authority of New Orleans Police Department (HANOPD) was granted peace officer status on June 16, 2011 via Act 117 (Senate Bill 78 of the State of Louisiana Legislature). The passage of the bill expanded the officers' efficiency and authority by allowing us to make arrests, collect and process evidence, draft police reports, and transport suspects. All police officers are trained in accordance with the requirements of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

HANOPD entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) on April 3, 2012. HANOPD augments the NOPD by enforcing state, traffic, and municipal laws, issuance of municipal summons and citations with respect to criminal and other offenses affecting the protection of persons, properties or interests relating to HANO. Specifically, HANOPD currently provides police services for The Estates, Fischer, Faubourg Lafitte, Marrero Commons, Bienville Basin, Florida, and 85 scattered sites.





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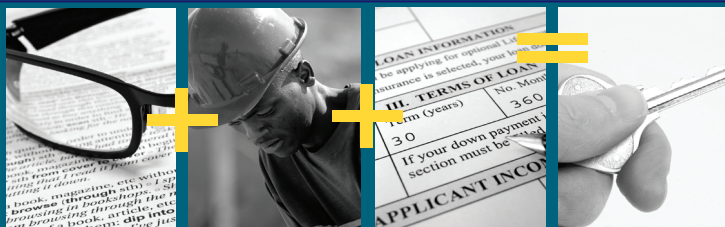
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Marrero Commons	(504) 524-9011
Fischer Homes	(504) 266-2507
River Garden	(504) 412-8216
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