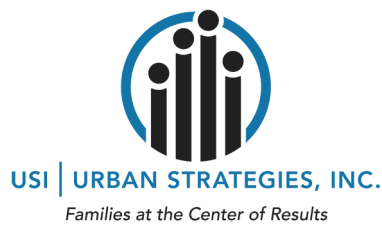


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The project to transform the River West community in the Eugene Field neighborhood is exciting, and we are glad you are a part of it. We want to keep you up-to-date on what's happening in the community, supportive services provided through case management with Urban Strategies, and other updates to help you and your family.

Included in this newsletter:

Construction Update ~ JobsFirst Program ~ Family Support from Urban Strategies ~ Education Update from Mr. Mykey ~ Health Update on COVID ~ Get Out the Vote on Nov.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE & RETURN TO RIVER WEST

The construction of the new River West property is moving fast! The first phase units are scheduled to be complete and ready for leasing out to residents in late January/early February 2021. *Progress photos are to the right.*

Demolition for phase one began in December 2019 and the construction for phase one encompasses 74 housing units, including 37 replacement units, 16 tax credit units and 21 market rate units. All units will come with washer and dryers in units, are pre-wired for internet access and include a security system and access to a tornado shelter.

Interested in a construction job? You can work on the Choice project as a Section 3 employee. Reach out to Roschell with JobsFirst to fill out an application with Standby Personnel to work with Key Construction and start helping to build this housing now! 918-442-2918

Residents from Riverview Parks that moved out as part of phase one (move out date prior to August 2019) will have an opportunity to move into the new units first.

If you are interested in returning to the new River West property, please make sure to reach out to your case manager and stay in contact with them throughout the Choice Tulsa project (contact info inside the newsletter). You also need to continue to stay in good standing - so stay up-to-date on paying rent and utilities.

***Renderings of the phase one units (townhomes and apartments) are to the right and below*



URBAN STRATEGIES - FAMILY SUPPORT

Urban Strategies provides guidance and resources for you and your family to help reach your goals - services related to education and career, health & wellness and other social services. **We are here to help you.** Please work closely with your case manager from Urban Strategies so they can help with any needs you have and help your household be prepared for changes.

If you are having trouble paying rent or utilities, let your case manager know so we can help get your balances paid off. Your case manager can also help connect you with other basic needs such as food, cleaning supplies, household items and educational resources. You must remain in good standing now and in the future to keep your assistance and to return to the new River West community. If you do not remain in good standing, you will no longer be eligible for services provided by the relocation coordinators and Urban Strategies' team. Staying in good standing means paying your rent and utilities on time, not getting evicted, and reporting income/household changes.

If you change your number or have a new phone number, please reach out to your case manager ASAP. Contact info for case managers is below. Not sure who your case manager is? Contact Angie Fent at 918-712-0840 and she can help connect you.

Our offices moved! Our new offices are still located in the community at the previous Westside Harvest Church space, in the same building as JobsFirst (2232 S Nogales Ave, Tulsa, OK 74107). Come see us!

Angie Fent: 918-712-0840

Ty Mason: 918-497-7090

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Sam Lian: 918-671-0716

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JOBSFIRST - FREE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO GET YOU JOB READY

The JobsFirst program provides **free job readiness and life skills, employment assistance, and vocational training** to residents that lived at Riverview Park Apartments and Brightwaters apartments as part of the Choice Neighborhood project. We're committed to helping all job seekers find meaningful employment.

If you're looking for career training to help you secure a better paying job in an in-demand field, Tulsa Community WorkAdvance's JobsFirst program can help! The JobsFirst program includes:

- Job search help and training (resume building, interview skills and dress, etc.)
- Job retention services
- Basic education support or help getting your GED
- Vocational training
- Goal setting

We always have new opportunities available. Contact us today if you are looking for help! **Free services available by contacting our career navigator, Roschell, at 918-442-2918**, or visiting her office at Westside Harvest Market (2232 S Nogales Ave, Tulsa, OK 74107)



JOBSFIRST SCHEDULE

Sept. 28 - Oct. 1

9:30-12:30: JobSkill Ready Workshop
1:30-4:30: Career Coaching, GED, etc.

October 5 - 8

Intake/Orientation, Goal Setting

October 12 - 15

9:30-12:30: JobSkill Ready Workshop
1:30-4:30: Resumes, GED, etc.

October 19 - 22

Intake/Orientation, Goal Setting

October 26 - 29

9:30-12:30: JobSkill Ready Workshop
1:30-4:30: Resumes, Interviews, etc.



MR. MYKEY'S CORNER: EDUCATION UPDATE FROM YOUR EDUCATION SPECIALIST

School looks different this year, and we are here to help you navigate it! You can visit www.tulsaschools.org/parents to find resources including a video library with virtual platform tutorials, parent guide, and other parent resources to support distance learning. If you have questions about your child's daily schedule please contact your child's teacher, school-site front office team, or parent facilitator. For high school students, you can reach out to their counselor or me at 918 508-3816.



While Tulsa Public Schools is in distance learning, **attendance will be based on students logging into Canvas and doing their assignments.** Elementary students will need to complete a minimum of 10 assignments per week in a week with no holidays and secondary students will need to complete a minimum of 5 assignments per week per course in a week with no holidays.



All Tulsa children under 18 years old can get breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals free of charge. Meal service is provided daily from Monday through Friday. Families can pick up meals from 60 sites from 7 to 9 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekdays and from Mobile Meals bus stops between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Parents who bring their children to meal sites do not need to provide ID. Find ID requirements and meal sites at www.tulsaschools.org/mealsites.



- **Student Technology Support:** If you are in need of assistance with your child's technology, you can call 918-833-TECH or email studentVL@tulsaschools.org
- **Wellness Care Line:** Call 918-746-6130 for support with referrals for mental health services, community resources for basic needs and social services (food, shelter, and clothing).
- If there's any other support you need to help with your child's learning, including homework assistance, please reach out to me any time! 918-508-3816

HEALTH & WELLNESS: COVID UPDATE

COVID numbers continue to increase in Tulsa and there is still no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus - **wash your hands, wear your mask, social distance.** There is still a mask mandate in Tulsa through the end of November. Questions about COVID exposure or testing centers? Call Tulsa Health Department at 918-582-9355.



GET OUT THE VOTE - VOTE ON NOV.3

We have an upcoming election on Nov. 3. Elections have consequences. Our elected officials decide who pays how much in taxes, what our taxes pay for, what kind of education our children get, what counts as a crime, the minimum wage, who is eligible for Medicaid, SNAP, and WIC benefits, and so much more. **Your vote matters** in helping to decide the election and who makes these important decisions.

Things to Do Prior to Voting - all available at <https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/>

- Register to vote in Tulsa by October 9, 2020 for this election
- Update your residence address
- Request an absentee ballot by October 25, 2020 for this election
- View your polling place
- View your upcoming Nov. 3 ballot to know what you'll be voting on
- Research and decide who you want to vote for



If you do not have the transportation to get to your polling place to vote on November 3, you can call or text the Tulsa Voter Van for a free ride to the poll. Contact them at 918-200-9153