



At Home in the Community

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First Energy Star Rated New Construction Community

The "Green" House Effect By Jeron Reid

NJCDC is thinking green. Not green backs, not lining pockets with green, not even taking time off to play around on the green of the World Golf Village.

Green is the color of a healthy environment. An economically energy efficient home in the neighborhood that was a mustard seed dream, planted in the

heart of the 29th and Chase community that has taken root, broken ground and sprouted into a tree of hope supporting life and providing security for a deserving family.

Each seed that is planted in good soil will bring forth the promise of a better tomorrow for our children's survival. What could be better than one mustard seed? Fifteen mustard seeds sown

on the good soil of Golfair Estates. Each tree that sprouts is "Energy Star Rated" which decreases energy usage, increase equipment efficiency and prevents greenhouse gases.

Energy star is a joint program of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). By meeting strict energy efficient

guidelines set by the EPA and DOE, utilizing energy efficient construction materials and building techniques, homeowners can save about one third (1/3) off of their energy bill...



JEA Energy Star Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Golfair Estates

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GOLFAIR ESTATES



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**“Making
Changes to
Fulfill Lives...**



**One Home at
a Time...**



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**To Make this
a Better
Place...**



**For Every Life
Changed”**

The “Green” House Effect By Jeron Reid continued...

while also saving on the emissions of greenhouse gases. This means lower electric bills and a clean comfortable home for the family.

In October, JEA held a ceremony on 32nd street to honor Golfair Estates as the first energy star rated subdivision in Jacksonville. Six out of fifteen homes have been built this year, and we are looking forward to breaking ground on other nine in 2007. NJCDC is working with the community to help you believe that “you can live the dream” of making this community a cleaner, safer, respectable place to live and grow.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Make it a Day “ON” Not a Day “OFF”

**Come out for the second annual 29th and Chase
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service! Support your
community and do your part to fulfill the dream!**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

Please Contact Us to Participate!

Date : January 20th, 2007

Time : From 10am—1pm

**Place : NJCDC Office
1122 Golfair Blvd.**

For More Information

Please Contact Christina Kanhai

(904) 764-1805





Paint the Town 2007 is Coming to Your Neighborhood!

What is Paint the Town?

Working with the Housing Partnership, NJCDC will be scouting for eligible residents to participate in this

prosperous event. Paint the Town is an intensive home rehabilitation program in which professional construction work is supplied by a dedicated volunteer crew. Much of the

extensive work is done months before the event. Afterwards, during rehab week, thousands of volunteers donate many hours for painting and landscaping.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible to become a recipient of Paint the Town and receive home repairs, you must do the following:

- * Be a Homeowner
- * Meet financial guidelines
- * All individuals on the deed must live in the home
- * Home must have the ability to be painted (Example—wood, block, certain aluminum siding, etc.)
- * Fill out and return application that will be provided by The Housing Partnership of Northeast Florida's staff.

*If you are interested please stop by the NJCDC office located at 1122 Golfair Blvd. to fill out an application!
Or call us at 904-764-1805*

For more information please contact Sandra Harrison at 904-398-4424

Pictures from Paint the Town
2006



**Photos by Laura Evans, Ryan Ketterman, staff and volunteers.*

Crossing Over Bridges

Written By

Paul Tutwiler

Executive Director, NJCDC



Bridging the Northside with the rest of Jacksonville is particularly difficult for a variety of reasons. Some of the issues are internal to the community. Others are external. Programs that I push are designed to rebuild lives while rebuilding the community. I was told once that “I talk too much.” Conversely, I think that some people don’t talk enough. Should we pretend that the problems that are in our mist don’t exist? Perhaps, we should will them away. I frequently challenge the status quo. I do talk a lot, but please forgive me. Why must the urban core look and act as a third world country?

As I cross the bridges over Jacksonville, I see beautiful buildings and landscapes, the new businesses and stately manors with children playing safely in community parks, modernized schools that don’t make the newspapers as “failing”, new roads being built to keep up with the hundreds of new homes and businesses that spring up.....only to return home to my stigmatized community, the Northwest Quadrant –the Urban Core. I want the same for my side of town. I want our citizens to understand the challenges out there. They must take a degree of responsibility for their future. We must compete in a modern America that helps the community not only catch up but to excel. We need (fast speed) internet services to our community homes; we need jobs and services so that many of our youth will have an alternative to inappropriate and self destructive behavior; we need to develop and train our youth through any means necessary to stop the violence; we need safe and comfortable recreation for our seniors who have quietly suffered so long. Our community should channel its energies to positive things that will make a difference and ask our government officials to assist in carrying out our vision for our own future.

So excuse me while I toot my own horn about love of community and pride in achievement for the community. I like to celebrate each new homeowner who chooses to live in my new neighborhood as “Coming Home.” I celebrate each citizen initiative like clean up days or volunteer days. Excuse me for hoping that the news each day will be about a new child born rather than one being killed. I hope that drug habits, the spread of AIDs, and many other social ills leave my world forever.

So I desperately and loudly make noise to gain support for my home, my community, and my children’s future. You see.....I love my children too!! For those who simply don’t understand, home is what you make it. Look for more noise from me while I try to link worlds.