

# EAST LAKE NEWS

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## EAST LAKE GIVES BACK: WINDY CITY TRACK & FIELD BANQUET A SUCCESS! APRIL 15TH— OLYMPIAN JOHN CARLOS RECEIVES AWARD

On Friday, April 15, 2011 the 4th Annual East Lake Windy City Track & Field Banquet was held at the historic Parkway Ballroom.

Famed Olympian Dr. John Carlos, whose raised fist Black Power salute at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City drew worldwide attention, spoke to the capacity crowd including 200 Chicago Public School teen athletes. East Lake sponsors the banquet to inspire high school athletes to excel in their academic, athletic and life goals.

White Sox General Manager Kenneth Williams introduced Dr. Carlos who is his godfather. East Lake CEO Elzie Higginbottom gave the Charge to the Athletes to the enthusiastic teens and their coaches. Mr. Higginbottom, who was ranked 7th fastest in the world when he was in college, and Dr. Conrad Worrill, Northeastern Illinois School of Inner



Dr. Conrad Worrill, Dr. John Carlos, Elzie Higginbottom, Ralph Metcalfe Jr., Kenneth Williams, 3rd Ward Alderman Pat Dowell

City Studies Director, are co-founders of The Friends of Track & Field organization. They believe strongly in the positive effect the sport can have on young athletes.

Also honored at the banquet was Morgan Park High School Girls Track Coach Derrick Calhoun (*more, see page 2*)



Student athletes greet Dr. John Carlos

## ROCKWELL GARDENS GOES GREEN WITH OPENING OF WEST END PHASE II

East Lake proves that green living can be both beautiful and comfortable with the development of the West End Phase II community on the site of the former Rockwell Gardens.

This is a mixed-income rental housing community consisting of 112 units with 65 set aside as housing for very low income families.

Environmentally sustainable features include geothermal

heating and air conditioning, solar-powered hot water systems, Energy Star appliances, permeable pavement in parking areas, surface water management, a waste management plan that diverts 25 percent of debris from landfills, (*more, see page 2*)



# EAST LAKE WINDY CITY TRACK BANQUET CONT.

and track legend Toi McCoy who competed in the 1968 Summer Olympic trials. Mr. Calhoun is an outstanding motivator and coach to his award-winning team. This summer he will also be head coach of the 2011 USA World Youth National Team in Lille, France. Ms. McCoy was recognized as a world-class athlete, was a member of Mayor Richard J. Daley's Youth Foundation Track and Field club and is a Youth Track & Field supporter.

Carlos. The courage that he displayed at the 1968 Olympics for civil rights will never be forgotten.



Toi McCoy receives award from Pat Hill, Exec. Dir. African-American Police League and Pat McCreary, Vice President Seaway Bank. The 3 ran track together in their youth.



Coach Derrick Calhoun receives award from WCIU-TV Sports Director Kenny McReynolds



East Lake's first ever Humanitarian Award presented at this event was given to Dr. John

*Did you know that East Lake Management is part of the team that keeps Soldier Field clean?*

## ROCKWELL GOES GREEN WITH WEST END PHASE II CONT.

vegetative roof covering 50 percent of the roof spaces. The units are spacious and comfortable decorated in warm and neutral tones that give them a modern appeal.

management of the community. West End II sets a new bar in green and mixed use housing. Residents began moving into West End in April 2011.



East Lake is proud to be associated with West End Phase II in both development and

## 47TH & S. MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE MARKET PLACE RE-OPENS

East Lake's building at 4655 S. King Drive has reopened helping to solidify the revitalization of Bronzeville. Businesses in the building include McCain, Webb & Alexander, P.C. law firm, the Jamaican Consulate of Chicago,



Attorney Webb

Uncle Joe's Jerk Chicken, and H-Dogs.

An eco-smart pest management company a-rid-a-pest is also housed there.

The building has bounced



Lloyd Hyde  
Consul at Chicago

back following a fire in January 2010. Business began coming back in the summer of 2010 and now things are operating in full swing. Eileen Rhodes says, "East Lake has for decades been committed to the revitalization of Bronzeville."



# SHEDD AQUARIUM FUN FOR CHILDREN OF LAWLESS & ELLIS

Spring Break was more fun than ever this year for the children and families of Lawless Gardens and Ellis Lakeview Apartments.

Thanks to Alderman-elect Will Burns and a generous donation of 80 complimentary tickets by the Shedd Aquarium, East Lake was able to send the children for a wonderful day of fun on April 19 and 20th.

The Shedd Aquarium is a magical place that uniquely combines

education with a sense of wonder.

The visit was both fun-filled and unforgettable. At East Lake we continue to stand for raising the quality of life for those we serve.



## SENIOR STAR: MRS. GENEVA CLARK



Mrs. Geneva Clark is an East Lake Senior Star residing at 6900 South Crandon.

Mrs. Clark enjoys cooking and likes preparing food for the other residents of her building. She cooks potluck dishes like chili, meatloaf and homemade chicken soup. She also prepared several items for their Thanksgiving Dinner. Mrs. Clark takes her senior farmer's market vouchers and

cooks fresh vegetables like squash for the residents to try. Ida Lambert, one of the Resident Service Coordinators says Mrs. Clark, "is very valuable to the building." We salute Mrs. Clark for the kindness she shares with the other residents at 6900 South Crandon!

*Did you know East Lake Management manages units in Decatur, IL, East St. Louis, IL, Gary, IN and St. Louis, MO ?*

## EAST LAKE HELPS: CAMP BUTTERFLY GARDEN TAKES FLIGHT

The groundbreaking for the Camp Butterfly Green Butterfly Garden Initiative at 48th & King Drive took place on Saturday, April 23rd. The Garden is across from East Lake's Luther Terrace apartments. Camp Butterfly is an organization committed to positively impacting the lives of young African-American women and girls. Camp Butterfly encourages positive self-images while teaching how to become

better stewards of themselves and the environment. The new Camp Butterfly Garden will help them connect with the earth and themselves as they cultivate ornamental plants and flowers plus a butterfly habitat. The garden will have an urban agriculture/farming component. Encouraging positive influences in young people's lives is one of the things East Lake feels strongly about and



therefore Camp Butterfly is one of the organizations we support. Learn more at [www.campbutterfly.org](http://www.campbutterfly.org).

## LETTER FROM OUR CEO: ELZIE HIGGINBOTTOM

Dear East Lake Management Family,

Springtime is here and now is the time to celebrate the season by keeping our properties looking fresh and appealing. It is time to pay particular attention to curb appeal for the enjoyment of our residents.

It is also important to have activities for the children, families and seniors both now and through the summer months.

We want all residents to feel safe and comfortable. Please be sure to attend CAPS meetings and do all you can to help make the environment where you are feel secure.

Thanks to everyone at East Lake for all that you do and let's continue to keep up our dedication to quality.

*East Lake Management & Development Corp. was founded in 1984*

### SPOTLIGHT ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SUPERVISOR CANDACE HARRELL



Candace Harrell is Residential Property Supervisor for Archer Courts Apartments, 51st and King Drive Apartments and Wabash Apartments. Candace started her career with East Lake in August 2003 as Assistant Property Manager at Lake Grove Village. She then became Assistant Property Manager at Englewood Garden Apartments. In March 2008 she became Property Manager of Archer Court Apartments. She was promoted to her current position in February 2011. A strong believer in education, she has an M.B.A., with a concentration in Human Resources, from the Robert Morris Graduate School of Management.

Throughout her career she has been dedicated to good customer service. Candace says what she likes most about property management is "the people—I'm a people person." Her tips for success are: "Always write everything down" and "Be timely, be on time for meetings, have good time management."

Thank you Candace!

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### SPOTLIGHT ON SENIOR ACCOUNTING MANAGER MOHAN RAJKUMAR

Senior Accounting Manager Mohan

Rajkumar has been at East Lake Management since December 2005. One of the things he likes most about his job is that there is something different every day. Timeliness, accuracy and reliability are important keys for Mohan

as his department prepares monthly financial reports for East Lakes' properties. It is important to "give more than 100%," notes Mohan. He also notes that he has "a very good team—it takes a good team effort to get things done." He underscores the importance of reliability and providing the company with good info. He also notes that accounting software that was instituted in 2007 helped transform and im-

prove the department.

Mohan was born in Sri Lanka and did accounting study in England before coming to DePaul University in Chicago and completing his degree. He has enjoyed accounting all his life. He enjoys encouraging and coaching others to obtain good skills.

Thank you Mohan!

### SPOTLIGHT ON MAINTENANCE ENGINEER KEVIN BRAME



Kevin Brame is the maintenance engineer at Washington Park SRO. He has been there since it opened in November 2007. He

gets glowing reviews from his co-workers and the residents of the building for going above and

beyond the call of duty. Property Manager Michelle Wood says of Kevin, "The building looks as good now as it did when it opened. I know the building is being maintained. I know when units are turned over they will look brand new. Kevin has so much pride in everything that he does and it is reflected in the care he takes in his work. Our tenants know that if they need maintenance service all jobs will be treated with the same level of importance."

The Washington Park SRO is a green building and Kevin gets high marks for keeping the geothermal system in good working order. He learns new repair methods by consulting with contractors when they come in so he can make the same repairs himself. He also goes online to research how systems work and to select the necessary parts for repairs. His attention to detail also helps save money and stay within budget.

Thank you Kevin!