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**Oaks at Riverview Grand Opening**

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**Thursday, August 6, 11 a.m.**

**101 E. Kirby St. in Tampa**

Hillsborough County and the Tampa Housing Authority will host a Grand Opening for its two new facilities, Oaks at Riverview Senior Center and Oaks at Riverview Community Center located at 101 E. Kirby St. in Tampa starting at 11 a.m.

The Oaks at Riverview Senior Center is the result of a partnership between Hillsborough County Department of Aging Services and the Tampa Housing Authority that will replace the leased Riverside Senior Center at 829 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

In 2001, the County entered into an agreement with the Tampa Housing Authority to construct a senior center on the site of its \$19.9 million HOPE VI project. The site currently has 250 low-income rental units, including a 76 unit senior housing facility and 90 single-family homes and townhomes.

The Oaks at Riverview Senior Center will provide an array of services that include adult day care, care management, congregate dining, computer training, educational and wellness classes, fitness programs, health assessments, information and referral, support groups, transportation, and other senior related activities and supportive services.

The Tampa Housing Authority's Oaks at Riverview Community Center is a one story 10,000 square feet youth/community center that is located on an existing City of Tampa park site with playgrounds, basketball courts and roller hockey rink.

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The community center includes artistic expression room, gallery, game room, computer room, cultural arts room, media room, meeting room, multi-purpose/presentation room, serving area, and support spaces. Natural lighting and an open lobby area and covered outdoor area will encourage community outdoor use of the park.

The Seminole Heights area is home to nearly 26,000 elderly residents, age 60 and over, that would benefit from the services of the Senior Center.

**For more information, call Hillsborough County Department Aging Services at 813-272-6630.**

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