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HAYA YOUTH CENTER

By Alvina Castro, Planner II, RPE Division

The Design-Build Contract was issued to P&E Construction in April 13, 2007 for a contract totaling \$440,000. The project was funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Haya Youth Resource Center is a facility to service troubled and at-risk youth in the village of Agat, Santa Rita, Talofofo, Inarajan, Malessa and Umatac. The facility will serve as a Learning Resource Center with the additional services of a Community Habilitation and Respite Care Center for the area youth and families.

Programs and services will include after school and weekend activities, mentoring activities, computer labs, job training, case management services, crisis intervention, individual and family counseling, support groups, educational awareness presentations, sports and recreational activities. The new structure includes:

- * Computer room
- * Paved parking with lighting
- * Kitchen with pantry
- * Administrative supply storage
- * Acoustical panel ceilings
- * Latest ADA requirements
- * Fire alarm system and smoke detectors
- * Conduits and provision for the addition of a generator and water holding tank
- * Public restroom for men and women
- * Control activity room
- * Three offices
- * Fencing around property line
- * Typhoon shutters on all window
- * Central air
- * Emergency lightings in all rooms
- * Conference room



CIVILIAN/MILITARY TASK FORCE (C/MTF)

By Nora Camacho, Planner I, RPE Division

Preparing for the Guam Build-up

Have you heard? The military is coming! Unless you have been living under a rock this past year, you must know by now that the Marines will be relocating to Guam from Okinawa, Japan by the year 2014. We call this "boots on the ground". At the same time, other armed forces are expected to increase in presence as part of the military buildup on Guam. We also expect to see an increase in overall population, as people migrate for better economic opportunities.

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EVENTS

**RIBBON-CUTTING/
COMMISSIONING
BARRIGADA
FIRE STATION
JAN. 28, 2008**

**RIBBON-CUTTING
HAYA COMMUNITY
CENTER
AGAT
FEB. 20, 2008**

**BOARD MEETINGS
JAN. 10, 24
FEB. 14, 28
MAR. 13, 27**

**HOLIDAYS
JAN — NONE
FEB — NONE
MAR — NONE**



BARRIGADA FIRE STATION COMMISSIONING

By Gina Cura, Planner I, RPE Division



BEFORE



AFTER

On March 5, 2007, The Guam Fire Department decommissioned its Barrigada Fire Station as demolition, new construction, and design-build of a New Barrigada Fire Station were in the making.

After completion of the demolition, conducted by Big Ben and Company, New Construction and Design-Build was awarded to Orion Construction. The long awaited New Barrigada Fire Station conducted a Re-commissioning Ceremony on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. on site. Equipped with modern and state of the art amenities, the facility is the new home for the Firefighters assigned to the station, located along Route 8 in Barrigada. At approximately 4,220 square feet, the New Barrigada Fire Station includes the following:

- * Fire engine entrance from side street and existing into Route 8
- * An Apparatus Room
- * Staff Restrooms/showers
- * Offices/Training Room
- * Day Room/Dining Room
- * Public Restroom
- * Laundry Room
- * Male/Female Dormitory
- * Kitchen
- * Typhoon Shutters/Central Air

Functionality was key in the planning of this project, as the Research, Planning and Evaluation Division and Architect and Engineering Division of GHURA worked diligently in planning with members of the central community, the GHURA Board of Commissioners, government officials, the Barrigada Mayor and Municipal Council, the Guam Fire Department, and other government agencies, in making this facility a reality. Funding for this construction project was made available by The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

C/MTF In order to prepare Guam for this event, Governor Felix G. Camacho established the Civilian/Military Task Force (C/MTF) which is tasked to maximize the opportunities from the increased presence and also to address the negative impacts. To accomplish this task, eleven subcommittees were developed, including the Housing Subcommittee, which is led by Ronald De Guzman and Benny Pinaula as Chairman and Co-Chairman respectively.

So what are the plans of the Housing Subcommittee? The subcommittee is looking at all aspects of housing that will be affected by the increase population, due to the build-up. From increased homelessness to the lack of affordable housing, the members of the subcommittee are seeking ways to address the issues.

At this time, a Request for Proposal has been announced to conduct the Guam Comprehensive Housing Study 2008, which will provide the much needed baseline information about the housing on Guam, and enable the subcommittee and others to plan effectively for the housing needs of Guam.

Working together, we hope to create a community with Adequate and Affordable Housing Available for EVERYONE. Stay tuned for more to come!



GHURA EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (GEA)



OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!

FAREWELL to our 2007 officers: Teresa Blas, President; Florence Francisco, Secretary; Leann Castro, Treasurer; and Joycelyn Aguon, Vice-President.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2008 officers: Pearlyjean Mendiola, Secretary; Rosa Santos, Treasurer; Angie Aflague, Vice President; Joycelyn Aguon, President. New officers were sworn in on Friday, February 8, 2008.

VALENTINE'S DAY MERIENDA by Joycelyn Aguon, President

We are proud to announce that we raised \$573 in ticket sells, which accounted for two cash drawings. All other raffle prizes were donated by your GEA Officers.

We would also like to thank everyone who made it to the Valentine Merienda at GCIC and helped make it a success!



Congratulations to the following winners....

- 1st Prize: cash (\$143.00) - Lou (DOA-Treasurer of Guam)
- 2nd Prize: cash (\$143.00) - Ike Perez (COCC)
- 3rd Prize: Heart-shaped baking dish—Joe San Nicolas (AMPI)
- 4th Prize: Bakeware-cupcake—Joann Flores (DOA-Accounting)
- 5th Prize: Cookie tree—Danny Blas (AMP4)
- 6th Prize: Valentine Basket—Bill Manley (AMP4)

For those who did not win at this time, don't worry ... we have many more to come!

Thanks again for supporting your GEA!!!!!!!



Valentine Basket + Cookie Tree





2007 GHURA CHRISTMAS PARTY
SHERATON LAGUNA HOTEL, DECEMBER 6, 2007





GHURA EMPLOYEES — YEARS IN SERVICE

A stable and productive workforce is crucial to any organization, public or private.

The GHURA Board of Commissioners and Executive Management are extremely proud of the dedication shown by its employees and the number of employees who have dedicated many years of service.

GHURA honored its staff members who celebrated over 10, 15, 20, and 30 years of service during GHURA's Christmas Part in which GHURA also celebrated its 45th anniversary.

There were a total of 42 employees who received certificates recognizing their years of service, totaling 651 years of experience with GHURA alone.



30 YEARS OF SERVICE: (l-r) Annabelle Dancel, Lolita Meno, Ron De Guzman, Benny Pinaula, **Joann Camacho**, Rick Calvo, Annie Paulino, Alfredo Carmona

Take **PRIDE** in how far you have come.
Have **FAITH** in how far you can go.



OVER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE: (l-r) Ron De Guzman, Rick Calvo, **Ron Lujan**, **Angie Aflague**, **Peter Aguon**, **John Aguigui**, **Henry Cruz**
Not pictured: Peter Quintanilla



OVER 15 YEARS OF SERVICE: (l-r) **Patricia Mesa**, **Philly San Nicolas**, Ron De Guzman, Rick Calvo, **Joanne Balajadia** (over 20 years), **Robert Paulino**, **Betty Bamba**, **Beatrice Nededog**, **Joe San Nicolas**, Benny Pinaula, **Rosinna Lastimoza**

Not pictured: Alvina Castro, Elizabeth Quenga, Henry Knaeble, Jesus Naputi, Frank Limtiaco

"If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worrying about one year ago today."

- E. Joseph Cossman



OVER 10 YEARS OF SERVICE: (l-r) Benny Pinaula, Ron De Guzman, Rick Calvo, **Michael Duenas**, **Albert Santos**, **Teresa Blas**, **Bernard Lastimoza**, **Jesse Gofigan**, **Bobby Quinata**, **Lisa Sablan**, **John David Ishmael**, **Ben Duenas**, **Frank Bamba**

Not pictured: Melba Cruz, Julie Lujan, Vangie Cepeda, Norma San Nicolas, Jesse Anderson, John Cruz, Jr., Joyce Aguon, Roland Gutierrez, Danny Blas, Jildo DeNorcey, Marilyn Deplata



EMPLOYEES CORNER



FOODS THAT HEAL

BANANAS — Protects your heart, Quiets a cough, Strengthens bones, Controls blood pressure,

Blocks diarrhea

BEANS—Prevents constipation; Helps hemorrhoids, Lowers cholesterol; Combats cancer, Stabilizes blood sugar

BEETS—Controls blood pressure, Combats cancer, Strengthens bones, Protects your heart, Aids weight loss

BLUEBERRIES—Combats cancer, Protects your heart, Stabilizes blood sugar, Boosts memory, Prevents constipation

BROCCOLI—Strengthens bones, Saves eyesight, Combats cancer, Protects your heart, Controls blood pressure

CABBAGE—Combats cancer, Prevents constipation, Promotes weight loss, Protects your heart, Helps hemorrhoids

CANTALOUPE—Saves eyesight, Controls blood pressure, Lowers cholesterol, Combats cancer, Supports immune system

CARROTS—Saves eyesight, Protects your heart, Prevents constipation, Combats cancer, Promotes weight loss

CAULIFLOWER—Protects against prostate cancer, Combats against breast cancer, Strengthens bones, Banishes bruises, Guards against heart disease

CHERRIES—Protects your heart, Combats cancer, Ends insomnia, Slows aging process, Shields against Alzheimer's

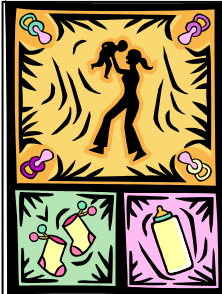
NEW HIRES

Nora Camacho, Planner I (RPE); **Mark Quitugua**, Personnel Assistant I (HR); **Erol Marciano**, Customer Service Representative (Admin); **Marie Rivera**, Interviewer Clerk (PH-AMP 1); **Jessica Pocaigue**, Data Control Clerk II (PH-AMP 1)

FAREWELLS

Raul Hortillosa, Accountant II; **Robert Hess**, Construction Inspector II; **Artemio Aguero, Jr.**, Personnel Specialist III; **Ann Rivas**, Personnel Assistant II; **Jesse Rosario**, Maintenance Laborer

2007 GHURANIANS



January 2007

Benjamin Jr. (Grandparents: Marilyn/Tom Deplata)

Rebecca (Grandparents: Danny/Frances Blas)

March 2007

Mika Panas (Grandparent: Jesse Rosario)

April 2007

Daniel Elizabeth Mendiola (Grandparent: Elizabeth Perez)

Haiden-Rian San Nicolas (Grandparent: Evelyn Taimanglo)

20 - Logan Chase Eliason (Grandparents: Bernard & Rosinna Lastimoza)

May 2007

Avahlee Francisco (Grandparents: Rosie & Michael Francisco)

Ava Taitano (Grandparent: Betty Bamba)

July 2007

Christian Jermaine (Parent: Marie Olivares)

Nora Jean (Parent: Frank Guzman)

August 2007

19-Alexa Marie Blas (Grandparent: Teresa Blas)

30-Dathan Michael Castro (Grandparents: Leann & Dewey Castro)



September 2007

Ha'ane Marie San Nicolas (Grandparent: Evelyn Taimanglo)

October 2007

18 - Ryelee Caelee San Nicolas (Grandparents: Philly San Nicolas & Frank Bamba)

November 2007

Noel Jesus Cruz (Grandparents: Henry & Mary Cruz)

December 2007

15 - Victoria Brie De Guzman Paulino (Grandparents: Ronald/Tina De Guzman)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY

NEW YEAR'S DAY—HOLIDAY

(Tuesday) Jan 1

Jesus Naputi

Jan 1



Evangeline Ojeda	Jan 2
Daniel Blas	Jan 3
Benny Pinaula	Jan 6
Robert Paulino	Jan 8
Felix Pangelinan	Jan 16
Jildo DeNorcey	Jan 18
Amor Say	Jan 20

FEBRUARY

VALENTINE'S DAY Feb 14



A. Tom Guerrero	Feb 1
Millie Taitano	Feb 7
Joseph Castro	Feb 11
Alvina Castro	Feb 25

MARCH ST. PATRICK'S DAY Mar 17



Marie Rivera	Mar 7
Elizabeth Perez	Mar 8
Katherine Taitano	Mar 10
Teresa Blas	Mar 12
Rosie Francisco	Mar 12
Joann Camacho	Mar 18
Pearly Jean Mendiola	Mar 20
Agnes Flisco	Mar 25
Frank Limtiaco	Mar 26



Robert + Lenora Hess

Dec. 1, 2007

CONGRATULATIONS to our NEWLYWEDS!