

COMMUNITY RESOURCE MEETING

BCC distinguishes itself by being active in the communities where we work. On July 22nd, BCC participated in Alderman Jackson's latest 7th ward meeting and presented it's [Rent to Own program](#) to local residents. 200 local residents came by to discuss credit and home ownership issues with our staff. BCC was the only local developer represented as a community resource. BCC is also active with the 7th Ward clergy committee, established to reduce crime and poverty in the ward.

DID YOU KNOW?

BCC has been selected as one of 75 finalists for the prestigious [Chicago Innovation Award](#) for its exclusive [RTO \(Rent-to-Own\) program](#). The award program is sponsored by Kuzmarski & Associates, along with IBM, Business Week Magazine, WBBM, Microsoft, The Chicago Land Chamber of Commerce, and others. The entire staff of BCC is most excited that the [Rent-to-own program](#), with its many special features, has been recognized in this way.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

A lot of attention in the real estate market has been focused lately on the topic of 'consumer confidence'. Recently the US government announced its take over plans for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two of the nation's largest holders and guarantors of residential mortgage financing. This is one of the most recent steps taken by the government to increase consumer confidence in the US housing market.

The [BCC](#) reminds members of its community not to forget about other valuable and recent efforts made by the US Government to increase consumer confidence, specifically those efforts that mean more money in your pocket, like the recently enacted First Time Home Buyer Tax Credit. [The First Time Home Buyer Tax Credit](#) is available to anyone interested in purchasing a home who has not owned a home in the last three years. The credit will only be available until June 30, 2009 however, so consumers have just less than one year left to take advantage of the 'free money'.

There are many details to the [First Time Home Buyer Tax Credit](#); we encourage anyone interested in more information to visit us online at [www.buildersofchicago.com](#) or to contact [Lydia Lucio](#) for access to our pool of financing specialists.

BCC SPOTLIGHT: ELIZA LUCIO



The BCC is proud to present [Eliza Lucio](#) to our September newsletter audience. Eliza has been part of the Builders Center Team since September of 2007. Prior to BCC Eliza worked as office manager for a local mortgage and investment firm where she juggled many responsibilities. Eliza's previous work experience has translated well for her in her joining the BCC. She again finds herself keeping a handle on a variety of internal and external business and client needs. Eliza primarily manages Gem Realty Partners tenant and agent relations. She additionally coordinates the property management side of Gem Realty Partners. Eliza works at the BCC's north side office location. She is a resource for any questions our customers have in regards to rental payments, real estate agent listings or to assist our tenants with specific service issues.

BCC PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT



Four Luxury Townhouses :: 4065 S. Ellis

BCC is pleased to announce that it has begun construction of four luxury townhouses which are now in the first phase of construction. The townhouses are located at 4065 S. Ellis Avenue, located in Chicago's hot North Kenwood neighborhood.

Each townhouse consists of approximately 3,000 square feet of luxury living space, with 3 bedrooms and 2 ½ baths (one unit has 3 ½ baths). Buyers will have access to their attached parking garage VIA A PRIVATE DRIVE and are also able to select their custom finishes for the unit. Delivery is scheduled for January 2009.

Pricing starts at \$550,000 and pre-sales begin with release of this newsletter. Please contact [Bertina Power](#) at 773-751-5588 for more details. Our full list of properties and our current list of Gem Realty Partners Agents could be found at: [Gem Realty Partners Homepage](#)