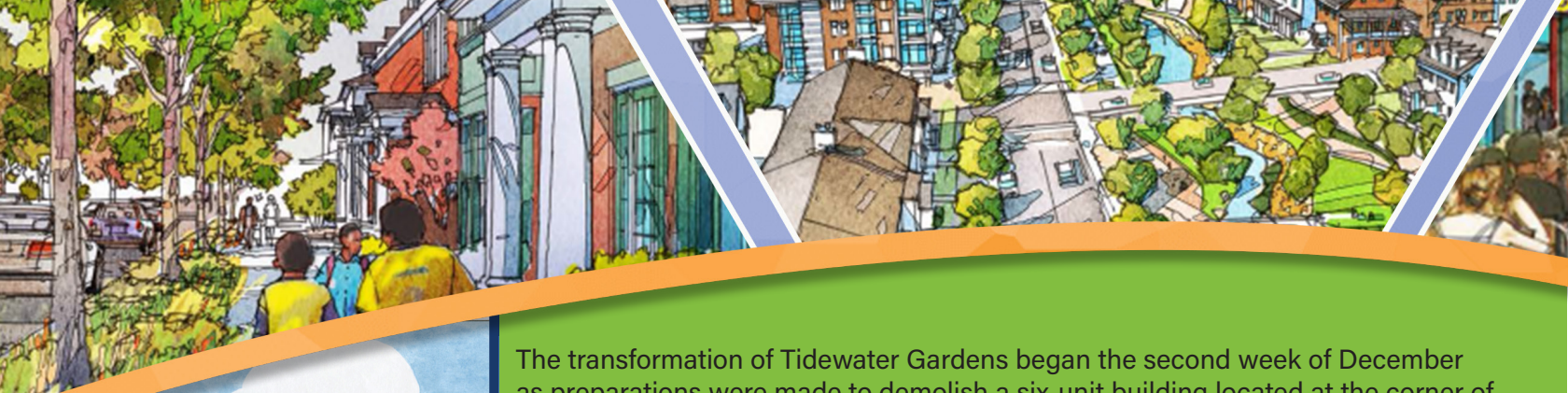


ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2020

PEOPLE FIRST: BUILDING A COMMUNITY, TOGETHER.





The transformation of Tidewater Gardens began the second week of December as preparations were made to demolish a six-unit building located at the corner of Fenchurch and Wood streets. Residents who lived in the building have been relocated to new housing of their choice with the help of People First.

The building demolition makes way for a new pump station that will support new homes in the St. Paul's Area. Construction on the new pump station will start at the beginning of the year. The pump station is necessary before construction can begin on the new multi-family and senior homes across the street. For more information on the pump station, see below.



A TINY NEW BUILDING WILL HELP KEEP THINGS FLOWING IN ST. PAUL'S

You have heard of the new homes planned near the Downtown Transit Center as part of the St. Paul's Area Transformation. To keep things moving from the homes and businesses through the sanitary sewer system, a new pump station must be constructed across the street from the development.

In 2021, the City of Norfolk's Department of Utilities will construct a new sanitary sewer pump station located at 526 Fenchurch Street. The new pump station will move nearly 800,000 gallons a day of domestic and business wastewater to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) facilities for appropriate treatment.

"The collection and treatment of wastewater is vital to public health and clean waterways," said Gabriel Phelps, P.E., Utilities' Project Manager for the new pump station.

Phelps says the Department of Utilities looks forward to completing this project which will enhance wastewater service for years to come. To learn more about Pump Station #156 scan the QR code.



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PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

People First is helping residents reach their goals – and these numbers, from July 2019 to June 2020, show it!



Individuals placed in jobs



Individuals started a business or micro-enterprise



Children enrolled in early education and childhood programs



Caregivers and parents engaged in early childhood development and parenting education

In addition to these awesome accomplishments:

- 68% of residents with kids age 0 to 3 years old have been connected to early childhood education programs
- The percentage of residents with health insurance has gone up from 22% to 89% AND
- The average resident's annual income has gone up from \$11,900 to \$18,005!

If you haven't already, get connected with a People First specialist today!



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

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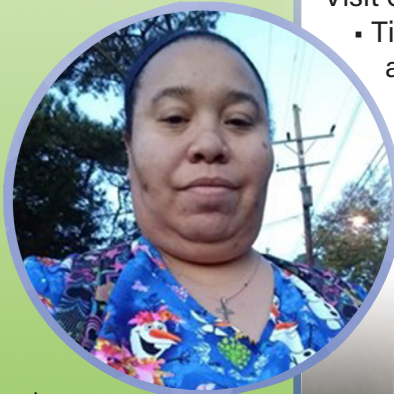
My name is Michelle Melendez and I am a single mother of four children. As a single mother, I tried to show and prove to my children that you have to work hard for what you want because things in life are not given "freely." Before I got my job as a Personal Care Assistant, I used to work in fast food. At my last job, I was a team member at Burger King inside MacArthur Mall. But in June, after COVID-19 hit, I lost my job. I started looking for employment a week later. Because of COVID-19, jobs were hard to get.

In October, I reached out to Ms. Alison Flowers, a People First representative, and she informed me about a company that was hiring for PCA positions. I informed Ms. Flowers that I have never been a PCA professionally, but I have taken care of family members.

Hope, Care and Love Healthcare has given me the opportunity to become a PCA and allowed me to work with their company while I earn my PCA certificate. I really like working with my client and I just want to say thank you.

Thank you People First and Hope, Care & Love Healthcare for the opportunity to be in the healthcare field, where I always wanted to be.

Michelle Melendez



FREE LITTLE LIBRARIES

Did you know that every St. Paul's neighborhood has a Little Library? These libraries, made out of newspaper bins and painted by local artists, provide a convenient resource for reading and borrowing books directly in your neighborhood. The book inventories offer something for everyone and range from early reader to older adults. All of the Libraries have been placed on the national registry and were established through a partnership with Friends of Norfolk Public Libraries, the City, and NRHA. NRHA and People First-USI collaborated with local non-profits to ensure that reading materials are replenished regularly. Looking for a book to read or have a book you would like to share with your neighbors?

Visit one of the libraries below:

- Tidewater Gardens: People First office located at 461 Walke Street
- Young Terrace: Tenant Management Council (TMC) office, 823 Smith Street
- Calvert Square: EnVision Center located at 975 Bagnall Road



Connect with People First!

447 Walke Street

757-390-4365

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekdays



ST. PAUL'S FOOD HUB COMING SOON

NRHA is currently working with the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia to open a Food Hub in the Young Terrace Community Center located at 804 Whitaker Lane. The Food Hub will provide weekly food distributions by appointment to ensure social distancing measures can be maintained and to avoid long lines. Residents will have the opportunity to order the dry products they would like ahead of time, schedule a time to pick them up and also have the ability to shop for produce, protein and additional items on site at that time. After a soft launch in December, the Foodbank plans to increase days of operation/hours based on the demand and expressed needs of the community. The Foodbank will also partner with providers to bring services that address the root causes of food insecurity on site at the Food Hub at the same time as food distribution. Please be on the lookout for more details to come!



Foodbank
of Southeastern Virginia
and the Eastern Shore

NRHA CLIENT SERVICES PROGRAMS:

NRHA FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is a program that promotes independence, self-sufficiency and goal setting among residents.

The mission of the FSS program is to help NRHA residents set and achieve short- and long-term goals, one family at a time. Some of the goals set by residents

include obtaining stable employment, budgeting and saving, achieving homeownership, purchase of transportation, pursuing vocational training or higher education and much more. The FSS program includes a monetary incentive that provides a wonderful opportunity to assist program participant in reaching their personal goals.

For more information contact Gwen Williams at 757-314-1486 or gwilliams@nrha.us.



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**Are you a
small business owner
or entrepreneur?**

**Would you like to put your
skills to work redeveloping
Tidewater Gardens?**

**Contact:
Carmen McKinnon at
(757) 390-4625
carmen.mckinnon@norfolk.gov.**



NRHA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

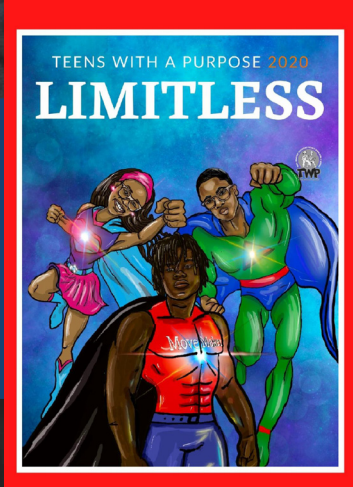
NRHA's Workforce Development Program is designed to assist each resident with reaching their highest potential and increase earned income through employment, training and support services. Services provided by the WFD team are currently available virtually, by phone, text and /or email and include:

- Resume Development
- Assistance with job leads and applications
- Employment Readiness and sustainability training
- Assistance with some work supplies (i.e. uniforms, work boots, etc.)
- Childcare assistance
- Case management services

For more information, contact Lucy Major at (757) 314-1623 or lmajor@nrha.us.

Teens With A Purpose is a community partner of the St. Paul's Transformation that works to empower youth and cultivate the next generation of leaders.

To find out more about them, visit www.twpthemovement.org.





YOUTH PROGRAMS

NRHA Youth Programs offer an array of services for youth 8- 24 years old. Programs include:

YOUTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SCHOLARSHIPS

COLLEGE HERE WE COME

YOUTH RECREATION CONNECT

GED AND ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

OUT OF SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM (OSY)

EVMS YOUTH AMBASSADORS

CONNECT HOME

COMMUNITY SERVICE & WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

YOUTH FEEDING PROGRAM

If you have youth between the ages of 8-24 years old, contact Tashonna Hallums at (757) 314-1695 to discuss ways that your children can engage in the many programs and services offered by Youth Programs.



GET INVOLVED!

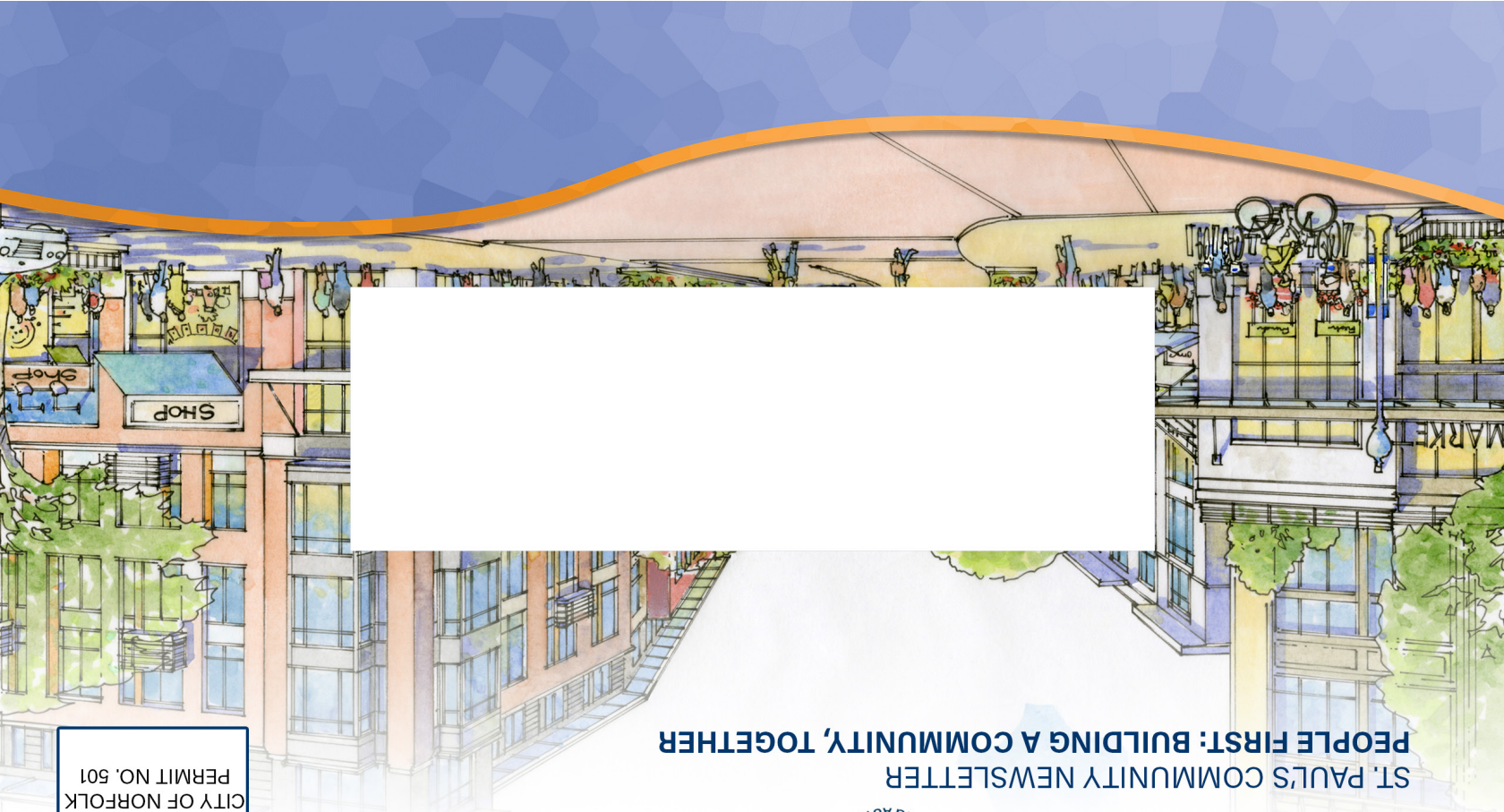
Want a say in what is goes on in your community?

Join one of the project's various resident engagement groups and help give feedback on project plans and activities, public art, new development and more. Check out the list below and reach out if you find one that interests you!

Tidewater Gardens Resident Advisory Committee - This group will provide direct feedback about project plans and activities, insight on the community and work to share correct project information with neighbors. The virtual meetings are hosted by the People First team on the second Monday of each month at 6 PM. Contact Danisha Williams, 757-618-4903 or danisha.williams@urbanstrategiesinc.org.

St. Paul's Public Art/ Cultural Master Planning Committee - We are looking for residents to help guide the development of projects that will preserve the heritage of the community. This includes art, a cultural trail and other place-making features. Committee members will be expected to attend (virtually) 6-8 meetings and community engagement sessions over the course of the next six months. Meetings will start early 2021. Contact Marcia McGill at 757-636-9581 or marcia.mcgill@norfolk.gov.

Community Development Advisory Committee - This group will provide feedback on items like amenities for the housing designs, resilience park, recreational/parks and play areas and more. Contact Marcia McGill 757-636-9581 or marcia.mcgill@norfolk.gov.



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