



PEOPLE FIRST

A New Name for a Transformed Community:

The Housing Developer - Brinshore Development – wants your opinion on the branding theme for our transformed community. With the use of a brief survey, the goal will be to discover a new name that honors the resiliency, families, friendships, and faith that formed this historic community, while also celebrating all that it will have to offer. Take this brief survey by visiting www.stpauldistrict.org, or complete a hardcopy survey at City Hall, NRHA Administrative Office, USI offices on Ruffner Street, and St. Mary’s Basilica. Survey closes on August 7th!



Norfolk Nighthawks - Volunteers Needed!



The **Norfolk Nighthawks basketball** program has returned after being shut down for two years due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Designed to reduce crime in the local community and enhance quality of life, the Nighthawks provide a fun and safe alternative for Norfolk residents, 18 and older. The 16-week program is on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. until midnight in three locations: Huntersville Community Center, Young Terrace Community Center, and Southside Boys & Girls Club. In addition to basketball, there will be employment opportunities, professional developments, G.E.D. program enrollment, healthcare services and more. To volunteer, please contact C.R.O.W.N Project, a Nighthawks partner via crownproject2021@gmail.com.

Economic Mobility Success Story:

WHO

The Hampton Roads Workforce Council and Tidewater Community College partnered with People First to implement Dignity of Work: a training program to help Tidewater Gardens residents prepare for positions in the construction sector.

WHAT

The five-week training offers education and safety awareness in construction fundamentals, OSHA requirements, forklifting, and flagger certifications. The program is totally free to participants and helps them become more marketable with formal training in construction-related jobs.

THE WIN

To date, 12 people have received construction certificates after completing the training.

Resident Services and Engagement Snapshot (as of 06/30/2022)

- 596 Households signed up for People First services
- 571 Households (unduplicated) completed household assessments
- 99 Service Linkages¹ in June and 62 Housing Stability Interventions²

Relocation Updates (as of 06/30/2022)

- 540 Households or 87% have transitioned out of Tidewater Gardens (281 utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers)
- 54.03% expressed a desire to return to the new community
- 82% selected housing options in Norfolk
- 85% moved to neighborhoods with a poverty rate of less than 40%

¹ Intentional connection to a supportive service resource for which a family has demonstrated need in housing stability, economic mobility, health and wellness, or education. People First tracks referral, waitlisting, enrolled, connected, and completed.

² Rent and utility relief, mobility and landlord-tenant counseling, barrier removal support to ensure families remain stably housed.



THIS MONTH IN ST. PAUL'S

REDEVELOPMENT

Great news! – Brinshore Development has been awarded Low Income Housing Tax Credits by Virginia Housing for the next phase of onsite housing - Block 9 located at the corner of the extended Freemason St. and realigned Church St.

This is a mixed-income, 80-unit housing phase comprised of a 4-story apartment building and carriage style housing types that offer five-bedroom homes for larger families. The project will be Enterprise Green Communities certified, with Energy Star-rated appliances and water conserving fixtures. This award helps advance the project to the next phase of development to deliver the relocated units for the returning residents of Tidewater Gardens.



Check out the new bridge for Freemason St.!

The St. Paul's Transformation team has completed the design of the vehicular and pedestrian bridge that connects the redeveloped Tidewater Gardens and the new Blue/Greenway resilient park. The bridge will serve as a safe passage for kids walking to Ruffner Middle School, residents navigating to their new home, and visitors looking to enjoy the new park. With the addition of the new traffic light on Tidewater Drive, the bridge will also provide safe seating, ample lighting to view the new neighborhood and greenspace, and establish a sense of place when entering the neighborhood.



View of benches and planters on the South Side of Bridge, Mid-Span



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Image provided by Moffet and Nichols

ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE The Advisory Committee will take a brief summer recess and reconvene on September 20, 2022, at 6 pm at St. Mary's Basilica. Electronic updates will be posted on our website during the recess. Missed the last meeting? You can find the meeting minutes [here](#).

Questions? Please email us at stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov for more information.

ST. PAUL'S TRANSFORMATION
Monthly Update