

# ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FALL 2022

PEOPLE FIRST: BUILDING A COMMUNITY, TOGETHER.

## GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK

*On new St. Paul's Area  
housing designs*



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## WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A BETTER NORFOLK

An important goal of the St. Paul's area transformation is a strong commitment to economic inclusion in the building process. In other words, if you are a minority, woman-owned or veteran owned business, we need you to make this transformation successful! We know that it is hard for small businesses to get an economic "piece of the pie" with projects like the redevelopment of Tidewater Gardens. We want everyone to be included.

That's why on August 9th, Brinshore Development hosted a Vendor fair for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) at the Kroc Community Center of Hampton Roads. More than 100 small businesses came together to find out first-hand what is necessary to bid for construction and supportive opportunities, including essential information on the bidding process, contractor certifications, and available resources for subcontractors.

Do you have your own business in landscaping, electrical work, plumbing, masonry, security or other services? Interested in learning more? Go to [www.norfolktidewater.com](http://www.norfolktidewater.com). And stay tuned – workshops to help you navigate the process are coming soon!

## SUPERMARKET & FAMILY DOLLAR TRANSPORTATION



The Garden of Hope in partnership with Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church is NOW providing transportation to Berkley Supermarket and the Family Dollar EVERY TUESDAY and THURSDAY. Transportation will leave the Family Dollar parking lot at 720 Church Street at 9:45am, 10:30am, and 11am. Reserve Your Seat Today! Call Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church at 757.622.0760. Tuesdays will be reserved for our senior community.



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## TWO WAYS TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

### 1 – IN PERSON

**DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER**  
434 St. Pauls Boulevard  
Monday thru Friday 7am to 2:30pm

**PEOPLE FIRST OFFICE**  
447 Walke Street  
Monday thru Friday 10am to 4pm

### 2 – ONLINE

<https://www.opentownhall.com/12219>



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## MORE NEW HOUSING ON THE WAY

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# PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

## YEAR 3 ANNUAL REPORT NOW IN!

**297**

**INDIVIDUALS  
PLACED IN JOBS**

**42%**

**CHILDREN ENROLLED  
IN EARLY EDUCATION  
AND CHILDHOOD  
PROGRAMS**

**91%**

**OBTAINED HEALTH  
INSURANCE**

**18/18**

**TWG SENIORS  
GRADUATED**

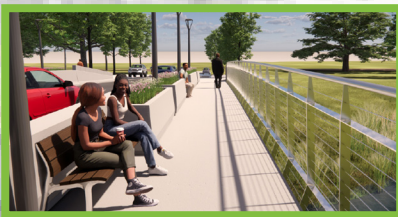
People First is helping residents reach their goals - and these numbers from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, show it!

If you haven't already, get connected with a People First specialist today! The full year 3 impact report can be found on our website at [www.stpaulsdistrict.org](http://www.stpaulsdistrict.org).



## NEW BRIDGE PROVIDES EASY ACCESS TO NEIGHBORHOOD

The design of the vehicular and pedestrian bridge that connects the redeveloped Tidewater Gardens and the new Blue/Greenway resilient park is complete. The bridge will serve as a safe passage for kids walking to Ruffner Middle School, residents navigating to their new homes, 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, and ample lighting to view the new neighborhood and greenspace. This special design feature also establishes a beautiful gateway into the community from Tidewater Drive and creates sense of place when entering the neighborhood.



## TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

People First's Workforce Development team has partnered with the Mid-Atlantic Maritime Academy (MAMA) to provide Tidewater Gardens residents the training and employment opportunities. The MAMA Boot Camp program is "designed to produce fully credentialed and professionally trained mariners that are qualified to join any US Merchant Vessel at the entry level". Participants will receive credentials, basic skills training, career skills training, etc. during the five-week program.

The month of training takes place in the classroom and at MAMA approved facilities. Classroom hours are typically 7:30am- 4pm from Monday to Friday.

For more details, please check out [marinerbootcamp.com](http://marinerbootcamp.com).



# RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



## MINDING HER BUSINESS

Her name is Shantae Brown, but she also answers to “Boss Lady.” Ms. Brown, 35, is a living example of what People FirstUSI had in mind when it formed partnerships with the Norfolk community to help Tidewater Gardens residents grow from surviving to thriving with economic stability.

Determined to become an entrepreneur so she could be her own boss, Ms. Brown opened a business, Aqua Green Cleaning Company & Lawn Care LLC, which specializes in residential, commercial, and post-construction clean-up, and landscaping. Her goal is to have a long roster of clients in the naval shipyard industry. Her road to success began in 2017, the year she started Aqua Green while juggling a full-time job in the naval shipyard. It was more hobby than business because she never made any money back then.

The pandemic forced Ms. Brown, a Tidewater Gardens mother of five, to put her company on the back burner. That is, until People FirstUSI told her about the DreamBuilder program at Old Dominion University (ODU). Designed to help women fulfill their dreams of being successful entrepreneurs, the 12-week program offered at ODU’s Women’s Business Center at the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship offers guidance, business connections, mentors, and childcare assistance free to women enrolled. Childcare assistance was huge for Ms. Brown, saving her \$300 every two weeks.

Ms. Brown graduated from DreamBuilder in April 2021 and relocated her family to a rental home. She credits the program with helping her to finally start making money at Aqua Green, which has five employees, and with providing the support she needed to earn several key certificates that will position her company to compete for large projects.

Ms. Brown holds a Virginia Value Veterans (V3) certification that qualifies her to hire veterans or their spouses, and the Small, Women and Minority-owned (SWaM) certification from Virginia’s Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity. Her company is listed in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Section 3 program that pairs certified contractors with business opportunities. And she is working to be certified as a woman-owned small business by the Small Business Administration.

“I’ve always wanted to be my own boss. Being able to take advantage of that program opened a whole lot of doors,” says Ms. Brown, who works closely with mentors to help her get to the next level. “After being in the class, I was able to build a much stronger foundation than what I had before. With DreamBuilder, the resources and help are beyond unbelievable. Everything is at your fingertips, but you have to want it and work for it.” Ms. Brown’s mentors have no doubt she will accomplish her goals. She is called the poster child for what ODU envisioned when DreamBuilder was created.



If you are interested in starting or growing your business, connect with People First today! 757-390-4365. Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 447 Walke Street, Norfolk VA 23504.



## FOOD RESOURCES

With the closure of the Save-A-Lot store and now the fire at Family Dollar, below are food and supplies resources to assist St. Paul's communities:

### Partners Within 2.5 Miles of the



**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church • Food Pantry:** 1502 Link St., Norfolk, VA 23504 • 0.12 mi from Foodbank  
Open the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 12pm-1pm.

**The Community Feed at Jordan-Newby • Food Hub:** 961 Park Ave., Norfolk, VA 23504 • 0.15 mi from Foodbank  
Open Tuesdays from 12:30pm-3:30pm, Thursdays 6pm-8pm, and Saturdays 8:30am-1:30pm.

**First Church of Christ Holiness • Food Pantry:** 862 E Princess Ann Rd., Norfolk, VA 23504 • 0.61 mi from Foodbank. Open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 1pm-4pm.

**Village Family Food Pantry @ First Calvary • Food Pantry:** 813 Henry St., Norfolk, VA 23504 • 0.71 mi from Foodbank. Open 4th Sunday of each month from 3pm-5pm.

**Basilica of Saint Mary's Pantry • Food Pantry:** 1000 Holt St., Norfolk, VA 23504 • 0.98 mi from Foodbank. Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:30am-11:30am and Saturday 12:15pm-1:30pm.

**Basilica of St. Mary's Soup Kitchen • Soup Kitchen:** 1000 Holt St., Norfolk, VA 23504 • 0.98 mi from Foodbank. Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:15pm-1:30pm

**Mount Olive Baptist Church • Food Pantry:** 2401 Ludlow St., Norfolk, VA 23504 • 0.98 mi from Foodbank. Grab and go food distribution on Mondays from 8am-11am.

**Young Terrace Community Center • Food Hub:** 804 Whitaker Ln., Norfolk, VA 23510 • 1.01 mi from Foodbank. Open Thursdays from 9:30am-12pm.

**Queen Street Baptist Church • Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry:** 413 E Brambleton Ave., Norfolk, VA 23510 • 1.03 mi from Foodbank. Open Tuesdays from 11am-1pm.

**Metropolitan AME Zion Church • Food Pantry:** 1710 Springfield Ave., Norfolk, VA 23523 • 1.35 mi from Foodbank. Open the 1st Saturday of each month from 9am-12pm.

**Herald of His Coming COGIC • Food Pantry:** 727 E 27th St., Norfolk, VA 23504 • 1.4 mi from Foodbank. Open the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 6pm-7:30pm.

**Burning Bush Worship Center • Food Pantry:** 405 Pendleton St., Norfolk, VA 23523 • 1.59 mi from Foodbank. Open on Sundays from 11:30am-1pm.





## FOOD RESOURCES CONTINUED

**Grace and Hope Mission Inc. • Food Pantry:** 2800 Lafayette Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23509 • 1.61 mi from Foodbank. Open Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-4pm \*by appointment only 757-855-7175\*.

**St. Columba • Food Pantry:** 2114 Lafayette Blvd., Norfolk, VA • 1.64 mi from Foodbank. Open Monday through Thursday 9am-2pm.

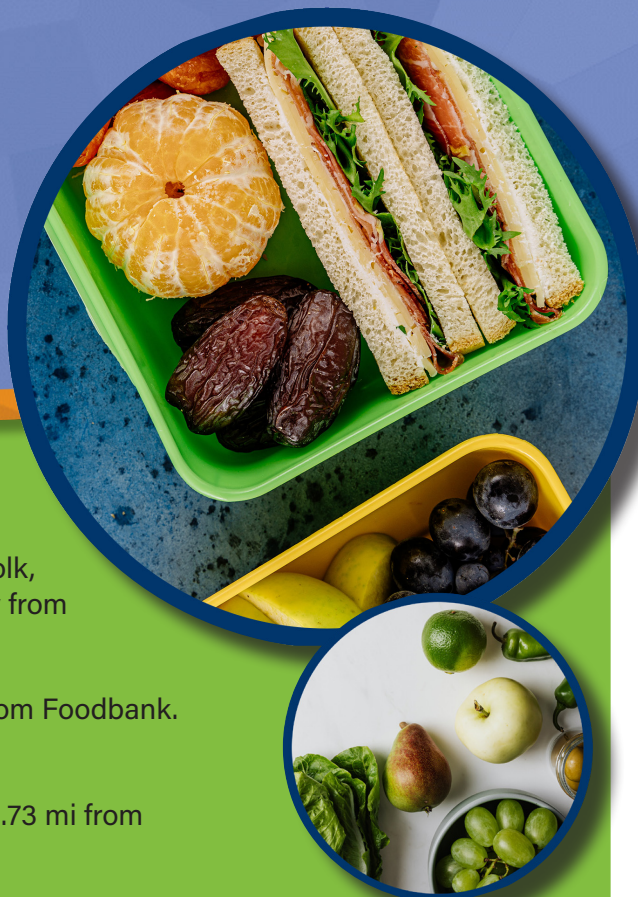
**New Hope COGIC • Food Pantry:** 3241 Brest Ave., Norfolk, VA 23509 • 1.73 mi from Foodbank. Open Monday through Saturday from 9:30am-11am.

**Holy Trinity Baptist Outreach Mission • Food Pantry:** 2505 Llewellyn Ave., Norfolk, VA 23517 • 1.73 mi from Foodbank. Open the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm.

**Temple of Prayer:** 3256 Tidewater Dr., Norfolk, VA 23509 • 1.78 mi from Foodbank. Open Saturdays from 12pm-2pm.

**Impact Southside • Mobile Pantry:** 701 S Main St., Norfolk, VA 23523 • 1.81 mi from Foodbank. Open the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm.

**New Central Baptist Church • Food Pantry:** 700 Walker Ave., Norfolk, VA 23523 • 1.81 mi from Foodbank. Open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 11am-1pm.



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