



THIS MONTH IN ST. PAUL'S

February
2023

PEOPLE FIRST



ASPIRE!

It was an inspiring day as The Richman Group Development Corporation, ISSA of Virginia, Mayor Kenneth Alexander, Norfolk City Council members and Virginia Housing representatives broke ground for Aspire, an 85-apartment development that will also house an arts studio. Twenty-one of the units are reserved for returning former Tidewater Gardens residents.

Aspire is being developed by The Richman Group Development Corporation, a company committed to diversity; 54% of its staff are minorities, 46% are women. The developer will use local minority partners in the building process, keeping with the City of Norfolk's commitment to economic inclusion as part of the St. Paul's area transformation project.

Working in conjunction with The Richman Group is ISSA of Virginia, Inc., a 501 (C)(3) Community Development Corporation created by the Historic First Baptist Church, Bute Street, Norfolk. ISSA is engaged in economic development, education, community organizing and real estate development for lower income residents to enhance quality of life. ISSA means "Salvation, God Saves".

Aspire represents a significant investment in St. Paul's with a total development cost of close to \$27.3 million, of which, \$18.2 million for direct construction costs, labor, and materials. The project will create three full-time permanent operations positions, and 187 construction jobs.

Aspire is scheduled to be completed in Spring, 2024.



Community Engagement

This month, USI hosts a community engagement event for High School Seniors. The Jr. and Sr. Career and College Workshop will take place at Norview Recreation Center on February 24th from 6pm-8pm. The goal of the workshop is to provide future pathways for High School Seniors and prepare High School Jr's with their decision making for their future.

Moreover, an ongoing initiative called "Coats and Cocoa" is available until March 1st for residents. During regular business hours, any resident can stop by USI office to enjoy a cup of cocoa and receive a coat. Since February 1st, a total of 52 coats have been distributed to residents.



COLLEGE & CAREER WORKSHOP 2023

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- Admission Requirements
- Courses of Study
- Volunteer Work
- Resume/Reference Building
- How does Social Media effect employment?

Location:

Norview Community Center
6380 Sewells Point Road
Norfolk, VA 23513

February 24, 2023

6 PM - 8 PM

Food, Games, Prizes & More!

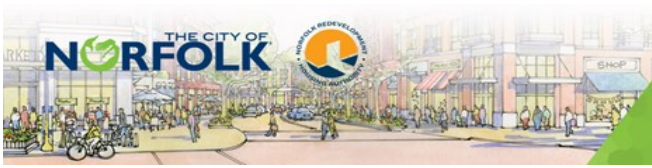
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REDEVELOPMENT



A New Name for a Transformed Community



Kindred – a new name for a community that honors the past and welcomes the future.

More than a thousand people answered our survey about a new name, with a large number of participants coming from the former Tidewater Gardens community, along with Calvert Square and Young Terrace residents. We also gathered survey data and information during community meetings, focus groups and other events; all of the information we received was used in the naming selection. Over and over, residents told us that the name should reflect togetherness, fellowship, gratitude, legacy and community, and the name Kindred rose to the top.

Two of the new buildings currently under construction now have names! "Reunion Senior Living at Kindred," formerly referred to as Block 19, will contain 72 one- and two-bedroom units. Common areas will include a fitness center, computer lab, community room, rooms for classes and service providers, a conference room for meetings, on-site management, and off-street parking. "Origin Circle at Kindred," or Block 20, will have 120 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. Common areas will feature a 3,600-square-foot multipurpose room, outdoor gathering area, playground, and off-street parking. We'll keep you posted as other projects are named.

Welcome home to Kindred, Norfolk's newest resilient, mixed-income, mixed-use neighborhood!

Development Update

Demolition of the former Tidewater Gardens public housing continues, with phase three now complete. Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority will soon release a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the demolition of the final 27 remaining buildings. Work is to begin in April, 2023 and expected to be completed by November, 2023.

All Tidewater Garden Demolition opportunities will become available for bid at NRHA's contracting opportunities portal <https://nrha.us/doing-business/procurement/contracting-opportunities/>.

Phase II of the St. Paul Roadway Infrastructure Design is 100% complete and the City's Department of Transit expects to go out to bid in the first quarter of 2023. Contractors will be able to bid on Phase II of the St. Paul Roadway Infrastructure through Procure now. The RFP will be available here - <https://www.norfolk.gov/4969/OpenGov-Procurement> - and will be posted soon.

This transformation project is expected to meet the economic inclusion goals set by the City of Norfolk by providing opportunities for women and minority owned businesses.

ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

This month's meeting was February 21st, 2023 from 6-7:30pm at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, 800 Tidewater Drive in Norfolk. Missed the last meeting? You can find the meeting minutes at <https://stpaulsdistrict.org/home/about/advisory-committee/>. The next meeting will be held on March 21st, 2023.

Questions?

Please email us at stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov.

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