

## PEOPLE FIRST

### WELCOME HOME TO REUNION AT KINDRED



It was a joyous occasion as Ms. Miller signed her lease, received her keys, and became the very first former Tidewater Gardens resident to move into Reunion at Kindred!

The look on Ms. Miller's face was priceless as she took in her new home. She also received a huge basket of essentials from People First, and a large bouquet of flowers courtesy of Norfolk Wholesale Floral.

Her unbridled joy brought the team to tears. Ms. Miller said, "This is what happens when you trust the process. I did everything you asked me to do. Now look. God is good". We hope that all our former Tidewater Gardens residents will experience this same joy and love in the Kindred community.

For further details, please check out the video [here](#). Former Tidewater Gardens residents interested in returning should call People First at (757) 390-4625.

### PEOPLE FIRST BY THE NUMBERS - HEALTH AND WELLNESS

People First continues to assist residents in obtaining health insurance. We provide information and document completion assistance, as well as connect adults and minors to appropriate care to manage chronic health conditions. For our assessed population, 578 (98.3%) adults and 749 children (100%) had health insurance as of November 2023.

Kaleidoscope Counseling continues to provide in-home support services, counseling, and skill-building to former Tidewater Gardens youth and adults. Hampton Roads Community Dental Clinic continues to provide dental services for our families. We thank our partners for their significant work in our community.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!



As we welcome 2024, I wish you a joyful and prosperous New Year. We start this year with the joyous return of former Tidewater Gardens families to the redeveloped community now named Kindred! The redevelopment of Kindred stands as a statement of our continued commitment to building a resilient Norfolk.

As we embark on this exciting new chapter, we remain dedicated to fostering supportive environments where every family feels connected, valued, and empowered. Here's to a year of growth, happiness, and unity!

Warm wishes,

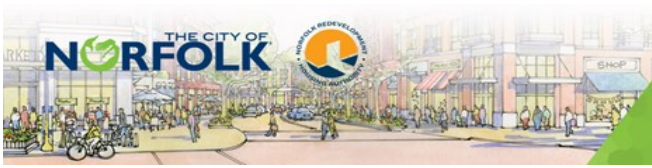
Susan Perry, Ph.D., Director  
Norfolk Department of Housing and  
Community Development

### ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2024 from 6-7:30pm at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, 800 Tidewater Drive in Norfolk. You can find the meeting minutes of previous meetings at <https://stpaulsdistrict.org/home/about/advisory-committee/>.

**Questions?** Please email us at [stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov](mailto:stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov)





# THIS MONTH IN ST. PAUL'S

JANUARY  
2024

## DEVELOPMENT



### THE TRANSFORMATION CONTINUES

There are many moving parts in transforming the St. Paul's area of Norfolk. Reunion, a 72-unit senior housing building is now complete; the building is fully leased, and residents are currently moving in. Origin Circle, 120-unit mixed income apartment homes, is almost complete, and residents will move in the first quarter of 2024. Unity Place, 140-unit mixed income apartment homes, is currently under construction and will open in the summer of 2025. Three new buildings will be breaking ground in 2024, along with the start of Phase 2 Infrastructure.

### THE BLUE/GREENWAY PARK IS COMING!

The Blue/Greenway park is moving closer to reality. The park will connect the Kindred community to new green spaces and park amenities. Newton Creek will once again flow freely, creating a Blue/Greenway park that will include recreational facilities, bike paths and trails connections, and the Elizabeth River waterfront. Former Tidewater Gardens residents were surveyed last year and helped determine the amenities that will be found in the park. The Blue/Greenway park is slated to complete design work this spring, go out for public bid in the summer, with construction scheduled to begin in the fall of 2024. Moreover, the city has achieved significant financial milestones. The team secured a \$4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, enhancing tree planting, maintenance, restoration and community engagement. Additionally, the city received a \$10 million award from the National Coastal Resilience Fund by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, aiding the park's operation and management plan. Further bolstering this initiative, a \$10 million grant from the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership by the U.S. National Park Service has been allocated for park amenities. These funds collectively ensure the comprehensive development and sustainability of the Blue/Greenway park.



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