



**THIS MONTH
IN ST. PAUL'S**

**MARCH
2024**

PEOPLE FIRST

PEOPLE FIRST PARTNERSHIPS

In March, People First family support specialists focused on economic mobility and education while working with former Tidewater Gardens families. People First began the month working with unemployed and under employed residents on interviewing skills, resume building, and the soft skills necessary for workplace teamwork.



Thanks to the support of our community partner, Norfolk Public Schools, residents participated in the NPS job fair, with on-the-spot interviews for teachers, teaching assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and custodians.



On March 23rd, People First clients will participate in Norfolk Public Schools' "Family University" at Norview High School. They will join parents and guardians from across Norfolk to register youth for pre-k education and prepare school age children for a positive educational experience, including an understanding of educational strategies that will support their child's academic success.

At the end of the month, another People First community partner, People's Pharmacy, will host a virtual event to help former Tidewater Gardens residents and the Norfolk community develop healthy heart habits. More information may be found by contacting the People First team.



If you have program or employment opportunities that could assist residents and would like to discuss them with our People First staff, visit them at their **new** location, 259 Granby Street, Suite 300, in Norfolk, or give them a call at (757) 390-4625.

ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The next meeting will be held on March 19, 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



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DEVELOPMENT

GATEWAY TO KINDRED!

Wondering what the road construction on St. Paul's Blvd is all about? It's all about connection! When it's finished, Freemason Street will expand across St. Paul's Blvd, creating a gateway into the new Kindred community and connecting the neighborhood to downtown. Take a look at this [video!](#)

KINDRED COMMUNITY UPDATE

Foundations are being poured for more apartment homes in Kindred. Called Unity Place, these buildings will provide 140 apartments for families of various income levels. Unity Place will also include a fitness center in each building, ground floor retail space, conference rooms and a landscaped plaza for residents and the community to enjoy. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2025.

Meanwhile, Aspire at Church Street, at the corner of Church and Brambleton Streets, will soon be home to those seeking affordable housing, including 21 units for returning Tidewater Gardens residents.



Leasing begins this spring, with the grand opening in July. Aspire at Church Street is an apartment building with 85 apartment homes, a business center for aspiring entrepreneurs, clubroom/lounge area, permanent fixtures of art, fitness center, a playground, outdoor grilling area, dog park, allocated space for virtual medical care, a community garden, and art programs available to both residents of the project and the broader community.

Aspire at Church Street is a part of the St. Paul's area revitalization project, and is being developed by The Richman Group and the Historic First Baptist Church Bute Street Community Development Corporation.

ST. PAUL'S TRANSFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Get Certified!

With Virginia's SWaM and DBE certification programs

Economic Inclusion is our Commitment

FREE SWaM (small, women- and minority-owned) and DBE (disadvantaged business enterprises) in-person sessions to help you **certify your business and file an application.**



JOIN the St. Paul's Transformation Initiative to compete for the next contract opportunity by getting your SWaM and DBE certifications!



1. Certification Information

The SWaM and DBE certification information sessions cover:

- Understanding the SWaM and DBE programs
- Types of certification
- Eligibility
- The online application process
- How to navigate the eVA Procurement Portal, and more



2. Application Assistance

The 2-hour SWaM and DBE Application Assistance Sessions offer hands-on help completing SWaM and DBE certification applications. No cost to file an application. See requirements when you register.

Schedule of Free SWaM and DBE Workshops



SWaM/DBE Info Session
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. [REGISTER HERE](#)



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