



**MAY
2023**

PEOPLE FIRST

HAPPINESS STARTS AT HOME



Join us for one of these dates:

Let's discuss right to return, lease compliancy, replacement units and hear updates about the new community.

05.17.2023

5 - 6:45 pm
Jordan Newby Library

If transportation is needed, please call People First at (757) 390-4625

05.24.2023

5:30 - 7 pm
Norview Recreation Center

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05.31.2023

6:30 - 7:30 pm
Zoom

Excitement is in the air as new buildings go up in the Kindred neighborhood of St. Paul's and former Tidewater Gardens residents prepare to return. People First-USI is the "one-stop-shop" to help residents transition smoothly.

This month, People First-USI will host a series of workshops called "Happiness Starts At Home", focusing on the right to return, lease compliancy, replacement units, and updates on the new Kindred community! Families are invited to join the People First team in-person, May 17th at 5:00pm at the Jordan Newby Library, in-person, May 24th at 5:30pm at the Norview Recreation Center, and/or virtually on May 31st at 6:30pm via Zoom. If transportation is needed, residents are encouraged to call People First at (757) 390-4625.

ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

This month's meeting was on May 16th, 2023 from 6-7:30pm at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, 800 Tidewater Drive in Norfolk. Missed the last meetings? You can find the meeting minutes at <https://stpaulsdistrict.org/home/about/advisory-committee/>.

Questions?

Please email us at stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov

PEOPLE FIRST IN THE COMMUNITY

Food insecurity can be a major life stressor, so holding a community gathering to talk about mental health at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore was a win-win – residents were reminded of a major community resource available to them, and they had fun learning about ways to minimize stress!



More than two dozen senior residents attended the Stress Awareness event in April, which offered stress management techniques and community resources to help with mental health issues. Families came together both in person and virtually for music, education, laughter and support. Special thanks to the Foodbank for hosting this event!





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REDEVELOPMENT

PRESERVING THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF KINDRED!

The magnificent, mature and stately trees in St. Paul's are a sight to behold and worthy of preservation for all to enjoy for generations to come. These trees provide shade, urban heat island reduction, a habitat for birds and other animals, and are a critical component of storm water management. Recognizing the important role of trees in the community's redevelopment, the St. Paul's Transformation design team, along with a group of volunteers, carefully geolocated, measured and cataloged existing trees, and established a preliminary assessment of tree health, ecological value, and replacement equivalents. A tree inventory document was developed to provide a catalog of the existing tree species at the former Tidewater Gardens site.



Specifically on Mariner Street, the large, beautiful trees are being preserved and the buildings and streets have been designed around them. The scale of the buildings on this street is less dense with a diversity of housing types to include manor homes, townhouses, and carriage houses that provide options to suit everyone's needs. Large front porches and balconies are designed to give families and friends a place to live outdoors and enjoy the shade from the mature tree canopy that this preservation provides.

The new Kindred housing and street block layout are also designed to preserve other mature trees on site. Great care and instructions were provided to the contractors working both in demolition and rebuilding to preserve marked trees, using techniques such as sculpting the existing grade so that any excavations stay outside of the drip lines of the tree canopies to help ensure the preserved trees are able to survive, providing shade and beauty to the neighborhood for generations to come.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES



Brinshore and its partners Banc of America Community Development Corporation (BACDC), BBRM Norfolk Partners, LLC and other future development partners comprise the joint venture that is the Housing Implementation Entity of the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) redevelopment of Tidewater Gardens public housing. The Brinshore-led Development Team ("Developer") recognizes, and believes in, the importance of economic inclusion in the redevelopment of the Tidewater Gardens community. The Developer's intention is to leverage the capacity building opportunities of the development projects to create pathways of advancement for individuals, families and businesses across a spectrum of current starting points.



Register Here for Event

The Breeden Company, the general contractor, will bring a Norfolk First commitment to hiring, contracting, and a continued tradition of diversity and inclusion in all phases of the project.

- Discover new business opportunities
- Establish new business relationships
- Meet the project developer and general contractor teams
- Network with other MBE/WBE firms
- Meet our prime construction contractors
- Learn about SWaM, Section 3, and their benefits
- Hear from a successful MBE/WBE

If you have not already done so, please go to the website to complete the prequalification form in order to be included in our vendor database:
go to norfolktidewater.com



The next phase of the redevelopment of the new Kindred neighborhood is soon to be underway, and that means more opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses to participate! There are many opportunities for MWBE businesses to participate in the construction and related services of multi-family buildings on Blocks 17 and 18.

The City of Norfolk, Brinshore, Banc of America Community Development Corporation, and BBRM Norfolk Partners LLC are proud to host the next Vendor Fair to support MWBE businesses, Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 4-6 p.m. at the Attucks Theatre, 1010 Church Street, Norfolk. Workshops and informational sessions will cover new business opportunities, and offer the chance to network with representatives from SWaM, Section 3, project developers and more. Interested? Please register here: <http://norfolktidewater.com/event/vendor-fair-may-25-4-6-p-m/>