



# THIS MONTH IN ST. PAUL'S

NOVEMBER  
2023

## PEOPLE FIRST

### HELP SANTA BRING JOY TO OUR TEENS

Santa has plenty of toys and other goodies for our former Tidewater Gardens children up to age 12, but not so much for our teens 13-18 years old. So to help Santa out, People

First, USI created Club Rudolph! Club Rudolph is looking for elves to help bring smiles to our teenage residents during the holidays.



All you have to do is purchase gift cards or age-appropriate items such as video games,

board games, winter coats and hats, bicycles, scooters, or electronic devices, and drop them off at the People First, USI office, 1130 Tabb Street, Unit B, Norfolk, by December 15<sup>th</sup> (no wrapping required).

Thank you for helping us provide a wonderful Christmas for our young people.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

People First, USI and partners are helping our former Tidewater Gardens residents enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner by providing food baskets to families enrolled in supportive services.

A very special thank you to our partners, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, Temple of Love Outreach Ministries and other local agencies committed to helping our families.



## PEOPLE FIRST BY THE NUMBERS

- There are currently 579 (94%) households and 1,549 individuals receiving family support services from People First, USI; we continue to support by providing family support case management services, economic mobility, education, and health and wellness.
- People First, empowered by USI, will host several Mobility Counseling sessions for the households returning to Kindred. Topics of discussion: understanding your lease, budgeting, and lease compliance, getting to know your new community, and what to do in the first thirty days of moving in; transportation will be provided.

## DEVELOPMENT

### KUDOS TO OUR SPAC MEMBERS!

Congratulations to two of the members of the St. Paul's area Advisory Committee (SPAC)!

Co-Chair, Councilwoman Danica Royster was named a "Top 40 Under 40" by Inside Business for her business acumen and community service.



SPAC member William Harrell, President and CEO of Hampton Roads Transit, was honored by the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) for advancing its mission to attract, retain, and advance women in transportation and for overall outstanding contributions to the transportation industry.

## COMING SOON - DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

The City of Norfolk continues its commitment to economic inclusion for marginalized businesses, this time in transportation contracting. A series of certification workshops for DBE businesses is coming in 2024.

In partnership with the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, these workshops will provide participants with vital information and hands-on assistance for navigating the DBE certification process. This initiative is committed to leveling the competitive field for Department of Transportation (DOT) funded contracts. Stay tuned for more details on this opportunity.



And our SWaM certification workshops continue. There are two opportunities on December 12 for hands-on help with the certification process – 10AM-Noon or 1PM-3PM. The workshops are free. Click [here](#) to register.



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## ROAD CHANGES IN THE KINDRED COMMUNITY

Development of the new Kindred community continues, including some road changes. Effective as of October 25, Posey Lane from Fenchurch/Church Street is permanently closed to traffic. Transit Center Drive is now permanently open to all vehicles.



## FIRST LOOK – REUNION AT KINDRED

The excitement was palpable when former Tidewater Gardens residents took a “hard-hat” tour of Reunion at Kindred this month.

Reunion at Kindred consists of apartment homes for seniors 55+.

Ten former residents took part in the tour, and all were delighted with the amenities, appliances and floor plans. Seven of the residents on the tour had already made the decision to move back to the



Kindred community, and after the tour, the other three decided to make this their new home also! Residents will begin to move in to Reunion on November 20th!

## TIDEWATER PARK ELEMENTARY

If you are wondering why Tidewater Park Elementary School looks vacant, it's because it is no longer being used as a school.

As result of the closing of the school, Ruffner Academy began operating this school year as a specialty program for grades 3-8. The new Compass Academy career and college pathways specialty program includes academic communities that offer rigorous instruction in engineering and sciences, fine and performing arts, technology, and service and leadership.



## CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

One of the unique features to be included in the St. Paul's transformation is the creation of an Arts trail that will capture the culture and vibrancy of the former Tidewater Gardens community. If you're an artist, we want your help!

The City of Norfolk and the St. Paul's Cultural Committee are accepting applications for the 2024-2026 Artist Roster. We seek to build a diverse range of artists and artist teams, especially artists of color, to create public art as part of the new St. Paul's redevelopment.

The Artist Roster is a list of artists who pre-qualify to work with the City of Norfolk. It allows for a simplified, inclusive, equitable and transparent selection process for selecting artists and the commissioning of new, original, and site responsive public art. The Roster will become the main tool for choosing artists for the St Paul's public art projects.

This project is open to all artists over 18 years of age. The roster is open to individual artists and artist teams or artist collectives. Local artists of color or teams including local artists of color are especially welcome to apply. **Keep watching this space for more information coming soon!**

### ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

In lieu of an in person meeting in November, an electronic update will be posted at <https://stpaulsdistrict.org/home/about/advisory-committee/>. Here you will also find the meeting minutes from October.

#### Questions?

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