



PEOPLE FIRST CHAT AND CHEW!

People First, USI hosted 55 former Tidewater Gardens families at its Chat and Chew Family Night event on September 26.



There was something for everyone – adults received information on moving back to the Kindred neighborhood; teens got help with pathways to college and careers; and our youngest residents had fun with arts and crafts.

Representatives from the City of Norfolk, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA), the Franklin Johnston Group and People First, USI shared information and answered questions. And there were some pretty cool raffle gifts too!



SPAC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The St. Paul's area Advisory Committee (SPAC) welcomed four new members during its October, 2023 meeting.



Dr. Rhonda Alexander, Norfolk State University; Christopher Bryant, Tidewater Community College; Iris Lundy, Sentara Healthcare; and Brian Owens, Black Brand, now join other committee members as advisors as the transformation of the St. Paul's area continues.

Other committee members whose terms started during the Covid pandemic also formally took the oath to serve.

Welcome to the newest members and thank you for serving the citizens of Norfolk.



PEOPLE FIRST BY THE NUMBERS

- There are currently 580 (95%) households and 1,546 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.
- Families are continually assessed and linked to community partners that strengthen the families and continue to move them forward in reaching their goals.



THIS MONTH IN ST. PAUL'S

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LITERACY MATTERS

It is a well-documented fact that literacy is key to success in education, the workforce and life. People First, USI, will provide two literacy events that target children from kindergarten to middle school.

On October 30 they will host a "Trunk or Treat" event at the People First office on Tabb Street. In addition to traditional candy, each child 13 and younger will receive a book!



Parents and caregivers will have the chance to meet with education service providers and register for programs to enrich their child's reading experience.

In November, the focus will be on children 5-11 during the Little Literacy Lights event. Along with small games, beverages and snacks, youth will visit various stations, greeted by staff and hear story snippets. At the end, the young people will put together the story! Each child will receive a book light and books from the stations to take home as their own.

If you'd like to donate age appropriate books for this event, please contact the People First office at 757-390-4625.

ST. PAUL'S TRANSFORMATION

DEVELOPMENT

DHCD HOSTS VML TOUR !

The Department of Housing and Community Development for the City of Norfolk hosted a tour as part of the Virginia Municipal League's Mayor's Institute and Annual Conference.



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The tour started with a bus ride through the St. Paul's area, where DCHD staff shared the area's history, strengths and opportunities. Participants then took a walking tour through the new Kindred neighborhood where VML leaders learned of new housing, best practices in community engagement and supportive services to families, and innovative flood mitigation efforts.

City leaders from across the Commonwealth said they were impressed with Norfolk's innovative and progressive ideas in transforming neighborhoods and look forward to another tour once the revitalization is complete!

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