



THIS MONTH
IN ST. PAUL'S

AUGUST
2024

PEOPLE FIRST COMMUNITY PARTNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Forging positive connections with community partners who offer supportive services for former Tidewater Gardens residents is a top priority for People First, empowered by USI. In July, People First held its quarterly partner meeting at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Fourteen community partners, including Weiss Financial Consulting, LLC. and Hampton Roads Community Health Center,



came together for an update briefing on the Tidewater Gardens/Kindred transformation, followed by breakout sessions on the ways partners can contribute to the well being of residents in the areas of housing stability, economic stability, education and health and wellness. Thank you, partners, for your continued support!



KEEPING IN TOUCH. STAYING ENGAGED.

Having fun while creating a sense of place and community is paramount for former Tidewater Gardens residents, and People First makes sure everyone stays connected and engaged. From the distribution of school uniforms for students, to mobility counseling for those moving back to Kindred, to participating in National Night Out events hosted by the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority – August was a busy month for our residents! Enjoy some of the photos from various events.



YOUR OPINION MATTERS!



There is still time to help Norfolk city leadership set the vision and policies to guide development and determine how and where we should grow. Please click [here](#) to complete the NFK 2050 Survey, the citywide Comprehensive Plan update for the future of Norfolk. Your opinion matters and we need to hear from you!





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DEVELOPMENT

ASPIRE AT CHURCH STREET



The newest apartment home community in the St. Paul's area of Norfolk is called Aspire at Church Street - 85 affordable apartments now available for leasing. There are 21 apartment homes reserved for former Tidewater Gardens residents interested in living in this new development.

Located at the intersection of Church Street and Brambleton Avenue, Aspire offers affordable one to three-bedroom apartments with both indoor and outdoor amenities designed to elevate daily living. Outdoor amenities include a spacious club house with a demonstration kitchen, along with an on-site laundry facility and business center; inside each apartment home is a modern kitchen with LED lighting, vinyl plank flooring, elegant bathrooms and more. This apartment community is located near public transportation, schools, event venues and public art spaces. Enjoy a virtual tour of Aspire [here](#).

People First housing specialists are assisting former Tidewater Gardens residents interested in Aspire as their choice for housing as they return to the St. Paul's community.

ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Next month's meeting will be held in person on September 17th, 2024 from 6-7:30pm at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, 800 Tidewater Drive in Norfolk. You can find the presentations and meeting minutes of previous meetings [here](#).

Questions?

Please email us at stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov.

INCLUSIONARY OUTREACH

The City of Norfolk continues its commitment to economic inclusion of minority and women-owned businesses in the transformation of St. Paul's. In the months of July and August, contracting opportunities within the former Tidewater Gardens neighborhood were presented to 158 contractors as part of two MWBE Vendor Fairs, held in July at The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, and at the Murray Center in August.



These vendor fairs are a unique opportunity for minority, women-owned, and small businesses to connect with the Tidewater Gardens Redevelopment project and explore potential subcontracting and partnership opportunities.

Developers from Brinshore Development, Breedon, Harkens and the Oughtness Group did a deep dive into the various



contracts available and took questions from participants. Those in attendance were also able to have some one-on-one time with vendors including the Virginia Dept.

of Small Businesses and Supplier Diversity (SBSD); Norfolk Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); City of Norfolk Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA), Carolinas-Virginia Minority Supplier Development Council, and Associated Builders & Contractors VA. while noshing on refreshments provided by [Options Eatery](#), a local SWaM-certified business.

Future vendor fairs will be scheduled as new contracting opportunities become available. To stay abreast of bid proposals, please visit www.norfolktidewater.com.