

THIS MONTH IN ST. PAUL'S

MAY
2024

PEOPLE FIRST

WELCOME HOME

We're delighted to announce that the first two apartment home buildings in the Kindred neighborhood are almost fully leased! Thirteen former Tidewater Gardens families have moved into Reunion, our senior building, while 31 families have settled into the Origin Circle building.

Upon move in, families received gift bags from Norfolk's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), full of eco-friendly home essentials, cards, community resources, bamboo serving tray and eating utensils kit, and treats from local small, women, and minority (SWaM) businesses.



Work has already begun to exceed expectations at the Aspire building, which is projected to be completed this summer. Former Tidewater Gardens residents looking to return to Kindred, are encouraged to connect with a Family Support Specialist right away.

Welcome back to Kindred!

PEOPLE FIRST BY THE NUMBERS

People First empowered by Urban Strategies Inc. continues focusing on completing annual assessments for families enrolled in supportive services. The Family Support Specialists (FSS) use the assessments to help build out the household plan.

During this month, the FSS team conducted:

- Home visits – 231 (115 individuals)
- Office visits – 67 (39 individuals)
- Phone calls – 612 (245 Individuals)
- Connections via email – 44 (34 individuals)
- Connections via text – 38 (25 individuals)
- Connections at community spaces/places of employment – 75 (53 individuals)

MAKE YOUR MARK!

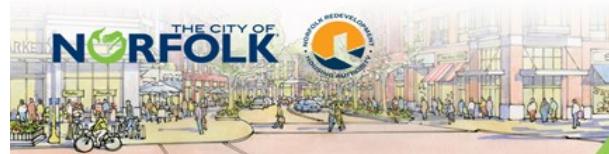
Community and beautiful art – that's what happened when more than 50 people of all ages came together recently in Kindred to participate in the Make Your Mark project.

New and returning Tidewater Gardens residents, businesses and Kindred stakeholders, along with City leaders and their families grabbed paintbrushes and vibrant colors and created a visual permanent mark of representation on a series of canvases.



The collaborative ensemble of artwork will be displayed in the building's public spaces for all to enjoy.





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DEVELOPMENT

Get Certified!

With Virginia's SWaM and DBE certification programs

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!



SWaM/DBE Info Session

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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Location of Sessions: Norfolk Department of Housing and Community Development
501-A Boush Street

Registration on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, call (757) 664-6800 or email stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov

Stay tuned for more 2024 sessions **COMING SOON!**

NEXT MEETING OF THE ST. PAUL'S AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the St. Paul's area Advisory Committee (SPAC) will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6PM-7:30PM, at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, 800 Tidewater Drive in Norfolk. **Citizens are invited to observe the meeting and interact with SPAC committee members.** 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.

CONTRACTOR ECONOMIC INCLUSION IN ST. PAUL'S

Minority contractors showed up in record numbers to learn more about the scope of work for the latest St. Paul's Transformation sheltered request for proposals. More than 20 contractors attended the in-person meeting to hear about the sheltered opportunity to perform the demolition of the former Tidewater Park Elementary School.



Sheltered proposals are a tool in the City's Economic Inclusion toolbox that limits the bidding to small, women, or minority businesses. Specific outreach efforts to this underserved community of contractors is a priority of the transformation effort, and we are thrilled at the increased number of interested participants.

Bidding closed for this proposal on May 15, 2024 and 7 bids were received. The next Sheltered Request for Proposal is projected to launch in late May 2024. Contractors are encouraged to sign up at <https://eva.virginia.gov/> and <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/norfolk/> to receive alerts on future City opportunities.

ST. PAUL'S TRANSFORMATION