

PEOPLE FIRST

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER

Memorial Day may be the unofficial start to summer, but for former Tidewater Gardens residents, the true summer kick off was the 2nd Annual People First End of School Year Bash! Seventy-five residents of all ages came together for food,



music, prizes and fellowship as they celebrated a successful school year for students and recognized graduating seniors.

Face-painting and a balloon animal station were highlights of the event.

For one 2024 Booker T. Washington High School graduate, the event was especially poignant. She received a People First gift basket that included a laptop; now she has the technology she needs to be successful in pursuing her career goals.

People First partners were on hand to greet residents and provide information.

A special thank you to the Children's Health Investment Program (CHIP), Kaleidoscope Counseling, Teens with a Purpose, Savvy Seniors, and the Norfolk Police Department for your participation.



THANK YOU LANDLORDS!

The relocation of former Tidewater Gardens families would not have been possible without the active involvement of property managers, landlords and private owners of affordable housing. People First, USI showed its appreciation recently by hosting a Landlord Appreciation Brunch. Almost two dozen people attended the June event, where staff said "thank you" for the valuable contributions made by these individuals to the community.



Patrice Collins was honored as Landlord of the Year for her outstanding dedication and exceptional service in supporting former Tidewater Gardens residents with affordable housing. By participating in the housing choice voucher program, she helped ensure that families remain stable and are thriving.



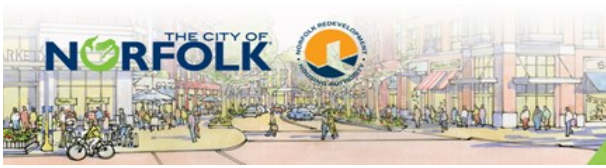

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

back2School CELEBRATION

Saturday, August 10  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Norfolk Scope







**THIS MONTH  
IN ST. PAUL'S**

**JULY  
2024**

## DEVELOPMENT

### HELP NORFOLK PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

# What is NFK2050?

NFK2050 is Norfolk's citywide Comprehensive Plan update for the future of our City. This plan sets the vision and policies to help guide development in the city and determine how and where we should grow. We're building on our previous plan, plaNorfolk2030, and we want your input on how to make Norfolk equitable and resilient for all.

# SPEAK UP!

We need to hear from you! Please participate in the survey [here](#).

### ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Advisory Committee will take a brief summer recess and reconvene on September 17, 2024, at 6 pm at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Electronic updates will be posted on our website during the recess. Missed the last meeting? You can find the meeting minutes [here](#).

### Questions?

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

### SHELTERED BID OPPORTUNITY IN ST. PAUL'S

The City of Norfolk is intentional in its efforts to engage minority contractors in the transformation of the St. Paul's area of the city. One of the tools in the "economic inclusion toolbox" is the sheltered request for proposal. The City recently issued a sheltered RFP for the demolition of the Hunton YMCA building on East Charlotte Street, and 18 minority contractors attended the in-person bid walk.



Sheltered proposals limit 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. 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.

