

# THIS MONTH IN ST. PAUL'S

JUNE  
2024

## PEOPLE FIRST

### CLASS OF 2024!

Trips to local universities to experience college life in real time was just the ticket to convince some former Tidewater Gardens students to finalize their plans for higher education. We are proud of those who participated in the People First program, Chat and Chew College Tour series!

Four seniors who participated in the program have been accepted to college, including Glenville State University in West Virginia, Virginia Wesleyan University, Christopher Newport University, and Tidewater Community College.



This year's tour series featured visits to Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University and Hampton University. Participants interacted with current students, asked questions about college life, toured the campus and had lunch on campus. For many, it was the first time visiting the campuses and they were quite impressed.

Seniors who participated in at least four of the six

sessions were gifted with their graduation cap and gown, courtesy of the People First program.

Congratulations to the class of 2024!

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

School's out for the summer, but we're gearing up for the 2024-25 school year – and we need your help!

On August 10th, the City of Norfolk & Norfolk Public Schools will host the **Unity in the Community: Back to School Celebration!** Open to elementary, middle and high schoolers in Norfolk, students will receive free school supplies and backpacks, and parents and guardians have access to resources to help kids have a great school year.

**There are two ways to help:**

- Serve as a location drop-off point for those donating supplies. (No worries – we'll drop off the collection bins, and collect them when they are full.)
- Volunteer at the event – we have all kinds of things for you to do!

Interested? Contact [stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov](mailto:stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov) or (757) 664-2463 .

## ST. PAUL'S TRANSFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

# Get Certified!

With Virginia's SWaM and DBE certification programs

More than 100 vendors have attended SWaM and DBE certification programs workshops offered at by the City's Department of Housing and Community Development and there is room for you! The morning sessions are chock full of information, and in the afternoon, you will receive hands on help. The sessions are free but you must register. And don't worry if classes are full – we're adding more classes soon!



For more information visit: <https://stpaulsdistrict.org/home/economic-inclusion/> .



### SWaM/DBE Info Session

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

[REGISTER HERE](#)

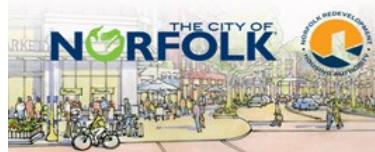


### SWaM/DBE Hands-On Session

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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## DEVELOPMENT

### HUNTON YMCA – INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Norfolk is seeking a responsible vendor to provide Demolition and Site Restoration Services at 1139 E. Charlotte Street.



All qualified bidders which are minority-owned businesses certified by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity are invited to respond to this Invitation for Bids ("IFB") by submitting a bid consistent with the terms, conditions, and specifications stated within the IFB.

The mandatory on-site pre-bid meeting was held on June 13. Proposal submissions are due on June 24, 2024 by 2PM.

For more information visit [www.procurement.opengov.com/portal/norfolk/projects/97466](http://www.procurement.opengov.com/portal/norfolk/projects/97466)

#### ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2024 from 6-7:30pm at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, 800 Tidewater Drive in Norfolk. You can find the meeting minutes of previous meetings at <https://stpaulsdistrict.org/home/about/advisory-committee/>.

#### Questions?

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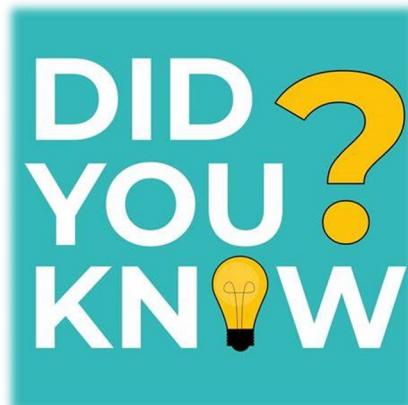
## NEW ROADS FOR A NEW COMMUNITY



Driving on St. Paul's Blvd between Scope and MacArthur Mall, you cannot help but notice all of the road construction. The Phase Two Roadway Infrastructure Project broke ground at the end of May.

This project will extend Freemason Street to Tidewater Drive and construct new local streets in the Kindred neighborhood. The project also includes a new traffic signal at Tidewater Drive and a bridge structure along Freemason Street over the planned Blue/Greenway park. Additional work will include stormwater improvements, wide sidewalks and dedicated bike facilities. This work is combined with Department of Utilities' project providing upgraded sanitary sewer and water services to the area.

Construction will take two and a half years and is expected to be completed in Winter 2026.



The City of Norfolk has a 24-hour hotline to address construction concerns at 757-664-7220.