Redevelopment Update: Funding Decision Tops off Busy First Half of 2019

Topping off a busy six months at Friendship Court, on June 19 the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) allocated to Piedmont Housing Alliance (Piedmont Housing) and NHT Communities partners in the redevelopment approximately $15,888,440 in tax credits from the U.S. Treasury Department’s Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program. This funding will be used for construction-related costs for the housing portion of Friendship Court’s Phase 1. It will not cover the cost of the planned Community Services Center Building located between the Phase 1 buildings.

Groundbreaking is expected to begin in spring 2020.

Other changes have also taken place over the past six months. Shawna Wells joined Piedmont Housing in the new role of Economic Opportunity Coordinator (EOC) in March. The EOC role is based at Friendship Court and Wells is developing and leading our Community Wealth-Building Program. Specifically, she will provide financial and employment coaching, create the HUD FSS program at Friendship Court.

Piedmont Housing began managing the community in early June. Our property management division led by Regional Community Manager, Amanda Chandler, assumed management responsibilities from Edgewood Management. As a result, residents have seen several staffing changes. Latasha Collins, who previously managed Woods Edge Senior Living in our portfolio, was named Community Manager at Friendship Court.

Joining her are Assistant Community Manager, Marcie Horree; Maintenance Supervisor, Travis Hudson; Community Administrative Assistant, Tyericka Clark; and Maintenance Technicians Marcus Gresham and Ben Haskins.
Upcoming Friendship Court Events

Unless noted, all programs are held at the Friendship Court Community Center

Starting in July, each day at the community center will have a different theme or focus. Be on the look-out for additional details!

**Thursday, July 4 (All Day)**
Independence Day - Center Closed

**Tuesday, July 9 (noon – 1 p.m.)**
Lunch + Learn: Computers 1 on 1 with Jefferson Madison Regional Library. For more information, see Shawna Wells.

**Tuesday, July 9 (6:00 p.m. – 7 p.m.)**
Financial Coaching

**Thursday, July 11 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.)**
Job + Employment Fair

**Wednesday, July 17 (12:00 p.m.)**
PB&J Fund Classes

**Wednesday, July 24 (10 a.m.)**
Food Bank Distribution. Bring your reusable bags!

Ongoing Children’s Programs

**Thursday (5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.)**
Afro Brazilian drumming and dancing with Mr. Macaco

**Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.)**
Charlottesville Parks and Recs Enrichment Program

**Monday – Friday (2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.)**
Snacks

**Tuesdays and Thursdays (5:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.)**
Warm meals provided for families

Friendship Court Youth Design ‘The Mountains of Friendship Court’

If you walk around Friendship Court you won’t see signs of construction yet, but you will see ‘The Mountains of Friendship Court’ in one of the gathering community spaces.

The structure is a multipurpose area for and designed by Friendship Court youth, including members of the Youth Leadership Team.

While the project was a partnership of youth at Friendship Court, some great folks at Public Workshop, UVA Facilities Management and Piedmont Housing, made the vision come to life.

Save the Date

Gospel Steps with Portico Church – August! Details to come!