

The Northside Voice

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Homes for Sale in the Northside

The Northside Development Group, in partnership with Homes of Hope, is building three new homes in the Northside. These homes are three bedrooms, 2+ bathrooms, and are for sale! The homes are scheduled to be completed in early November, with pricing of \$155,000. NDG is offering Homebuyer Education workshops, as well as a down payment assistance funds for qualifying buyers. Please call the NDG office at [864-598-0097](tel:864-598-0097) for details.



578 Brawley



752 Leonard



586 Brawley

Start:ME Northside is Recruiting for 2020 Class!

The Start:ME program, an entrepreneurship accelerator program, works to train, fund, and promote local small businesses. The program provides opportunities to learn through classes and mentorships, opportunities to create development strategies and receive feedback, and opportunities for networking and business financing. Recruitment for the 2020 class will open October 1st through November 25th. Info sessions will begin October 10th times and locations are listed below. For more information visit SpartanburgNDG.com. To apply for Start: ME 2020 call the NDG office at [864-598-0097](tel:864-598-0097).



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INFO SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS:

October 10th / 5:30pm-8pm
Start:ME General Info Session
Cleveland Academy of Leadership

October 17th / 5:30pm-8pm
Start:ME Intro to Entrepreneurship
Workshop
Cleveland Academy of Leadership

October 29th / 6pm-8:30pm
Defining Your Vision Workshop
George Dean College of Business

November 5th / 6pm-8:30pm
Developing the Character of a Visionary
Workshop
George Dean College of Business

November 12th / 6pm-8:30pm
Writing the Vision Workshop I
Cleveland Academy of Leadership

November 19th / 6pm-8:30pm
Writing the Vision Workshop II
Cleveland Academy of Leadership

Start:ME Summit in Atlanta

On August 8th and 9th, NDGs Supportive Services team joined its sister programs, Start:ME of Atlanta, Georgia, and Evanston, Ohio, for the first summit to celebrate successful programs while also learning from one another about future opportunities. Staff from the three programs shared best practices, discussed curriculum, and new ideas for growth. Participants also had the opportunity to hear from business expert and researcher Peter Roberts on microbusiness gap research. Over 200 small businesses have benefited from the Start:ME initiatives in the last 3 years.



C Community Spotlight

Yard of the Month Contest

Congratulations to Mrs. Janice Patterson who resides at 127 South Cleveland Park Dr. as the recipient of the Donald L. Wray Memorial Yard of The Month contest. Mrs. Patterson has been a resident of the Northside community for more than 15 years and is an avid homemaker who enjoys caring for the elderly. When asked her thoughts on receiving this honor, she replied "I believe in keeping whatever you have clean and well kept." Mrs. Patterson is truly an example of the community pride that we, the Voyagers, will be seeking for the next recipient of this honor.

Northside Voyager Spotlight: Hattie Shippy

Mrs. Hattie Shippy is in the Voyager Spotlight for the September 2019 newsletter. After serving as a Certified Nursing Assistant for 31 years Mrs. Hattie spent 7 years resting and realized that there was more for her to do. In 2017 she enrolled and graduated from the Culinary Training Program with the Butterfly Foundation. In May 2019, Mrs. Hattie graduated from the Voyager Training Program's third class. Currently, Mrs. Hattie is the evening shift chef at Dillon Point assisted living facility and a Voyager volunteer at the newly formed Opportunity Center at the Northwest Center on Saxon Ave. in the city of Spartanburg. She is very excited about learning more about the Northside community and when asked to comment, Mrs. Hattie stated, "The more I do, the more exciting it gets". Congratulations to Mrs. Hattie as the Voyager Spotlight for August, 2019!



Habitat for Humanity- New Northside Homes and New Critical Repair Program

Habitat for Humanity raised the walls of their newest home at 500 North Forest St. on August 5th. The new home is being sponsored by the Johnson Group and American Credit Acceptance, and will be the 16th Habitat Home in the Northside Community, 137th overall. NDG and the Northside Voyagers would like to welcome Esther Vargas and Domingo Renteria to the Northside community. The Vargas-Villegas home, along with two more homes to begin construction soon, will be a welcome addition to the Brawley Street development area. Many thanks to Habitat for Humanity for their continued partnership in improving the quality of life of the Northside community.

NDG would also like to congratulate Habitat for Humanity on the creation of their new Critical Repair program. Habitat now offers a program focusing on critically needed exterior repairs to qualifying homeowners, and will be prioritizing homes in the Northside, Highlands, Spartanburg Regional, and South Converse neighborhoods. Habitat is also partnering with Upstate Warrior Solutions to target repairs for military veterans as well. Please call Habitat for Humanity at 864-591-2221 for details on applying.

N Changes at NDG

New AmeriCorps Members, Austin Donahoo and Matthew Newton

This fall NDG will welcome two new team members! Austin Donahoo will be joining the Northside Development Group team as an AmeriCorps Vista. Prior to his choice to join our team, Austin served as a Vista with Mental Health of America (Greenville County) to build access to behavioral health services. Austin will be assisting the Northside team in continuing to build strong relationships with the Northside community through active engagement with community leaders and residents. We look forward to Austin sharing his talent and gifts to continue the journey in transforming the Northside community.



Austin Donahoo



Matthew Newton

In September, Matthew Newton will join the NDG team as a part-time AmeriCorps Volunteer. Matthew is currently a junior at Wofford College, majoring in Government and Environmental Studies. Matthew will be assisting the NDG team in some of our projects to learn more about Community Development, and hopes to go on to law school once he graduates from Wofford. Matthew says that he was "drawn to the Northside... as an opportunity to make a difference in individuals' lives while learning first-hand what communities like the Northside actually need from politicians like [his] future self."

Welcome Tony Thomas, New Community Engagement Coordinator!

As of August 1, Tony Thomas has joined the Northside Development Group team as the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Northside. Prior to this position, Tony served for a year as the AmeriCorps Vista at NDG. In his new role, Tony hopes to increase community participation in the many programs and services offered through NDG and it's supportive partners as well as increased interactions with partners and stakeholders. "I am looking forward to the possibilities that this position will afford me to continue the journey to enhance the lives of the Northside residents". NDG is excited to have Tony as a permanent member of the office team, and looks forward to the new possibilities his position will create for the community.



Tony Thomas

U Project Updates

Northside's Mixed Income Housing and Mixed-Use Commercial Development

NDG's Phase One project is beginning to take shape! Phase One will consist of two distinct developments, a total of three buildings, and will be a new gateway into the Northside. On the eastern corner of Howard and College Street, you can see the Mixed-Use Development that began construction last year. The single-story building will house the VCOM clinic, scheduled to open by the end of 2019. The larger building will house offices for Access Health, NDG, and Birth Matters on the first floor, with apartments on the second and third floors. Wofford College will have a section for housing and community engagement for their Community Sustainability Program. Construction will be complete early 2020.

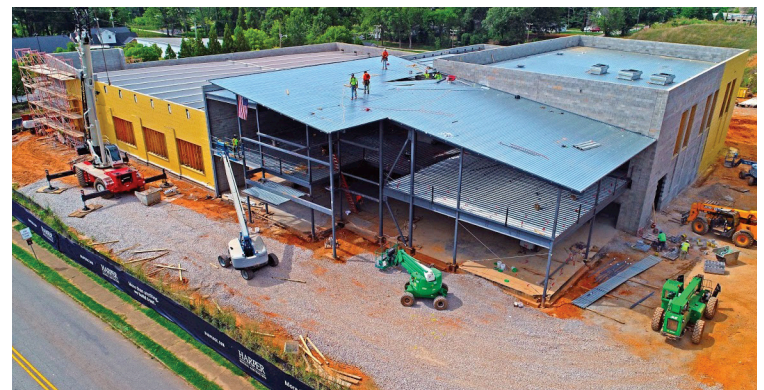


The second development, on the western corner of Howard and College Street, adjacent to the Butterfly Creek Park, will be 90 units of mixed-income housing. Apartments will be 1-3 bedrooms, and 80 of the apartments will be dedicated as affordable. In August Creative Builders began site work for the 90 units, to establish utility connections for both sides of the street. Once piping is completed, fill-in dirt will be moved across the street and allowed to settle before beginning construction of the building. Howard and College streets will be closed on and off throughout the process. Completion is expected early 2021.

Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center

The new Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center, located at the corner of Howard and Preston Streets, is well under way. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 30th, 2018, and construction has moved quickly. Construction is scheduled to be completed by May 2020, and will include a recreational pool, a lap pool, a fitness room, as well as recreation and community space.

The center is named for Dr. Theodore K. Gregg, who was an active advocate for holistic community health in the Northside Community during his career. His memory will be honored by utilizing the new center to provide services to promote the physical, mental, and financial health of the community.



P Program Updates

Employment Available through Construction Training Program

A Construction Training program has been established through a partnership between the Northside Development Group, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, Spartanburg Community College, SC Works, Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Upstate Workforce Board. This program offers scholarships for training in various areas of construction, including masonry, framing, drywall, tile work, and other specified building trades. Participants receive an NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research) certification. Graduates have the opportunity to enroll in a paid Apprenticeship program offered in partnership with SCWorks and Spartanburg Regional Hospital.

48 participants have taken classes through the program since June 2017. Employment opportunities are immediately available after graduation with the potential to earn up to \$22/hour. Plumbers are in particularly high demand.

NDG and the Chamber of Commerce are currently taking applications for future classes, which may include Construction Core classes, plumbing, electrical, and other trades. Applicants may be eligible for scholarships. If you already have experience in the construction field, NDG will be assisting Harper Corporation and Creative Builders in taking applications for projects related to the Northside.

For more information please call Terrance Hawes at the Chamber of Commerce [864-594-5040](tel:864-594-5040), or call NDG at [864-598-0097](tel:864-598-0097).

Northside Home Repair Programs

NDG is dedicated to assisting homeowners in the Northside to stay in their homes by assisting homeowners with receiving home repairs. NDG is continuing to assist homeowners through the South Carolina Housing Finance and Development Authorities Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program, and will now be offering repairs to the Spartan Mills area directly through NDG. The NDG program will offer up to \$10,000 in exterior repairs to homeowners on Brawley Street and N. Forest Street. Homeowners in any area of the Northside with qualifying income may be eligible to receive up to \$8,000.00 in SC Housing Trust Fund Emergency Repairs for projects such as roofing, HVAC, and accessibility ramps.

To apply for emergency repairs, please call Carolyn at [864-598-0097](tel:864-598-0097).

The Franklin School: Open!

The Franklin School Early Learning Center is going into its first full school year! On August 19th, 3K and 4K returned, and a new First Steps 4K class began. The Franklin School is a full-day, full-year early learning center with the capacity to serve up to 160 children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years old, with a focus on early learning through discovery: a holistic child development and learning program, using an evidence based curriculum with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) inspired classrooms. The Franklin School is also looking to hire a full-time Assistant Teacher for the new school year. For more information about the school and enrollment call Shawna Bynum, The Franklin School Director at [864-586-7130](tel:864-586-7130).



E Upcoming Events

September 18th / 8:30am

Northside Advisory Committee Meeting
Cleveland Park Event Building

September 21st /

Apple Pie Day
Hub City Farmers Market

October 10th / 6pm

Northside Neighborhood Association Meeting
Cleveland Academy of Leadership

October 12th

Hispanic and Latino Culture Celebration Day
Hub City Farmers Market

October 26th

Halloween Market
Hub City Farmers Market

November 13th / 8:30am

Northside Advisory Committee Meeting
Cleveland Park Event Building

November 14th / 6pm

Northside Neighborhood Association Meeting
Cleveland Academy of Leadership

December 12th / 6pm

Northside Neighborhood Association Meeting
Cleveland Academy of Leadership

December 14th

Christmas Market
Hub City Farmers Market

D Don't Forget!

Monarch Café

Open Daily
498 Howard Street

Open Tuesday-Thursday for lunch buffet style! Located at 498 Howard Street, they also have groceries and accept SNAP benefits! Anyone that receives SNAP can spend their benefits locally on fresh, healthy foods! So stop by the Monarch Café today to see their wonderful programs, have a snack in the café, and take home some fresh produce for dinner!

Be sure to stay up-to-date on events sponsored by The Butterfly Foundation. Check their website for more information on upcoming events:
www.butterfly-sc.com/events.html

**The HUB City
Farmers Market**
498 Howard Street

The Farmers Market at Harvest park is open for the season! Come visit on Saturdays from 8am-12pm at **498 Howard Street** for fresh produce and other vendors!

Northside Neighborhood Association

If you are interested in participating in the monthly Neighborhood Association meeting, please contact one of your neighbors listed above, or call **864-598-0097**. Your participation is vital to giving a voice to the community! Please visit meetings on the second Monday of every month, 6pm, at the Cleveland Academy media center, 151 Franklin Street.

P Our Partners

