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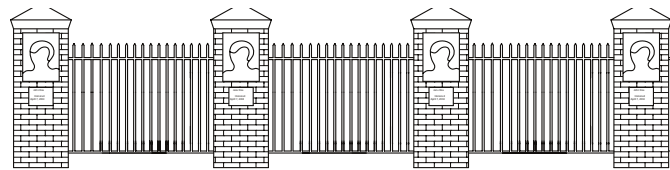
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Former honorees select new design for the Wall of Fame

The CHA is currently working with a committee of past honorees to develop a new design for the Wall of Fame, which is scheduled to be demolished and rebuilt as part of the HOPE VI revitalization process. The projected wall design consists of brick columns and ornamental iron fencing. The portraits of the Honorees will be mounted to the brick columns. The new fence will create a more open feeling in the community and will establish a connection with the new parking lot at the Oak Read high rise and the elderly cottages.



A sketch of a section of the new Wall of Fame design.

Hendley Homes site plan enters final stages of development

More than 60 concerned residents attended the third Hendley Homes planning workshop to contribute their thoughts and ideas to the redevelopment process. During the workshop, Urban Collage, the firm hired by the CHA to oversee the planning process, collected input from the community via a visual survey.

The survey asked participants to rank graphical images of a variety of buildings, residences, parks, plazas, and streetscapes based on the appropriateness of the image for the Hendley site. The survey answers will help determine what types of architecture to use on the site, and what the look and feel of the new community will be.

Using the survey responses, Urban Collage will strive to incorporate architectural styles that reflect the preferences of the surrounding community into the final site plan. The CHA will unveil the final development plan at a meeting in the near future.

The full summary of information from Workshop 3, along with draft concept maps, can be viewed at the CHA's website: www.chasc.org. Just click the link for Hendley Homes at the bottom right of the home page.



Left: An interested resident reviews concept plans during the third Hendley Homes Workshop.

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Elderly Cottages Nearing Completion

Work on the Columbia Housing Authority's (CHA) first five elderly cottages is nearly complete, and the senior residents who are slated to move into the new units are anxious to begin packing. The elderly cottages are the first units to be constructed on the former Saxon Homes site as part of HOPE VI revitalization, and they're designed to serve a very specific group of people—elderly individuals over the age of 50.

Located on the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Oak Street, the design of the cottages was dictated by the needs of the elderly residents that they will house. Each of the units features a spacious floor plan with wide hallways, washer/dryer hookups, central heat and air, and paved driveways with ramps and rails. The square footage ranges from 845 for the 1-bedroom units to 900 for the two-bedroom units. The cottages are placed within close proximity to each other to foster a sense of community among residents.

Senior residents who were relocated from Saxon Homes as a result of demolition will have the first opportunity to occupy the elderly cottages. During a meeting last

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This is one of the ten cottages to be constructed as part of the HOPE VI Revitalization process. The units will house residents over the age of 50.

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spring, the senior residents agreed upon a process to determine who would be the first to move into the cottages. After discussing several options, it was decided that occupancy of the new units would be determined by birth date. The oldest ten residents would move into the cottages first. The CHA hopes to begin moving residents into the new cottages soon.

The CHA's HOPE VI revitalization plan calls for a total of ten elderly cottages to be built along Elmwood Avenue and Oak Street. Construction of the remaining five cottages along Oak Street began in mid-October, and the CHA hopes to have them completed by the end of the year.



Of the ten cottages to be constructed, five will be sided in brick and the remainder will be sided in Hardy Plank.



This new parking lot was added at the Oak Read high rise in preparation for construction of the elderly cottages.

The old parking lot was demolished to make way for the five cottages along Oak Street.

Homeownership Opportunity

House at 2126 Barhamville Road is ready for occupancy



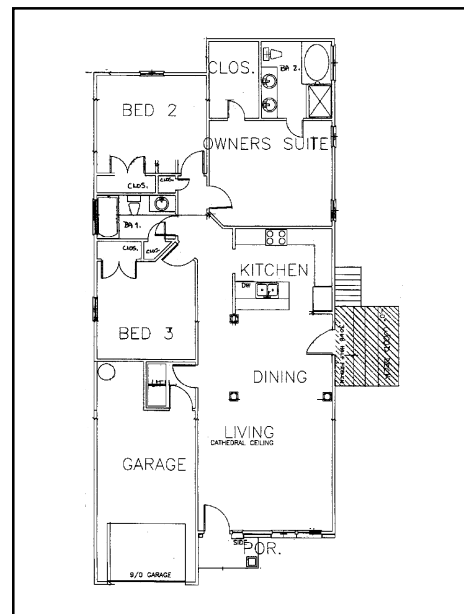
The first of five houses to be constructed by the CHA in the Barhamville Road/Waverly Street area is ready for occupancy, and the search is on for a family who is interested in purchasing the home. For families and individuals who qualify, the CHA has resources available to assist with the buying process.

To learn more about how to purchase this home, or one of the other four that will be constructed in the area, please contact John Spann at 254-3886 ext. 210.

Address: 2126 Barhamville Road

Price: \$110,000

Purchase details: Based on a soft second loan of \$10,000, plus a minimum down payment of \$1,000, by borrower it is estimated that the amount to be financed is \$99,000.00 at 1% below market rate at time of closing.



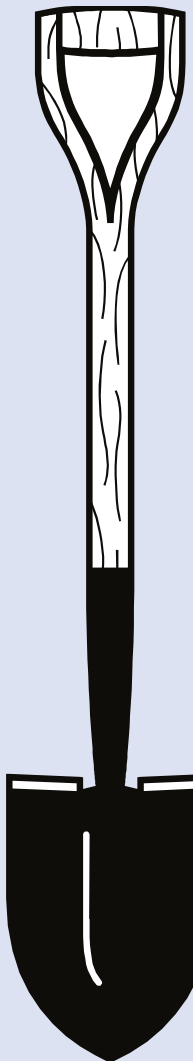
FEATURES

- 1372 Square feet
- 3 Large Bedrooms
- 2 Full Baths- Master bath with Garden tub
- Central Heat and Air conditioning
- Vaulted Family Room w/opening to side deck
- Kitchen with breakfast Bar
- Kitchen Cabinet with Crown Molding
- Tray ceiling and large walk-in closet in Master Bedroom
- Master Bath with double vanity
- Master Bath w. Garden tub and Separate Shower
- Separate washer/dryer room
- Attic storage with folding stairway
- Side Deck
- Insulated vinyl windows

Join Us!

for a Groundbreaking Celebration

Please make plans to join the City of Columbia and the Columbia Housing Authority as they celebrate the beginning of construction on the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center at the new Celia Saxon Neighborhood.



November 17, 2003

11:00 a.m.

Future site of the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

(Harden Street, across from the CHA's Main Office at 1917 Harden Street)

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