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■ Hendley Homes Update

On January 20, 2004, the CHA submitted an application for HOPE VI funds to redevelop the former Hendley Homes site located off Rosewood Drive. The application contained a request for 11 million to rebuild the site into a mixed use, mixed income community that will encourage investment in the area. The CHA anticipates that HUD will make an announcement regarding HOPE VI funding before the end of the year.

For information about the redevelopment plan for Hendley Homes, visit the CHA's website at www.chasc.org.

■ CHA Earns High Score from HUD

The Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) recently earned a Public Housing Assessment Score (PHAS) of 97 out of a possible 100 points, making it a high performing authority. The PHAS score, which is computed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), represents a housing authority's management performance.

Seventeenth Annual Wall of Fame



Please make plans to attend
the CHA's annual
Wall of Fame Ceremony

on

Thursday, April 22, 2004
11:00 a.m.

Oak Read High Rise Garden
(2211 Read Street, Columbia, SC)

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Former Resident Makes Generous Donation to the CHA

The Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) now has an extra \$8,000 to spend on educational activities for its youth during 2004, thanks to a donation from Jermaine O'Neal of the Indiana Pacers. O'Neal's mother, Angela Jones, presented the CHA with a check during the Authority's February Board meeting.

The donation comes as a result of O'Neal's "Hoops to Help" effort in which he pledged to donate \$1,000 for every point he scored during the 2004 NBA All-Star Game on Feb. 15 to a worthy organization. O'Neal scored 16 points during the All-Star game, and the \$16,000 prize was split evenly between the Columbia Housing Authority and the Indianapolis Housing Authority.

O'Neal, a 1996 graduate of Eau Claire High School in Columbia, was a resident of the CHA from 1990 until 1996. Upon graduation from high school, he entered the NBA draft, and was the 17th pick in the first round for the Portland Trailblazers. O'Neal played for the Trailblazers until August of 2000 when he was traded to the Indiana Pacers, where he continues to play today.



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A Visual Update on HOPE VI Revitalization

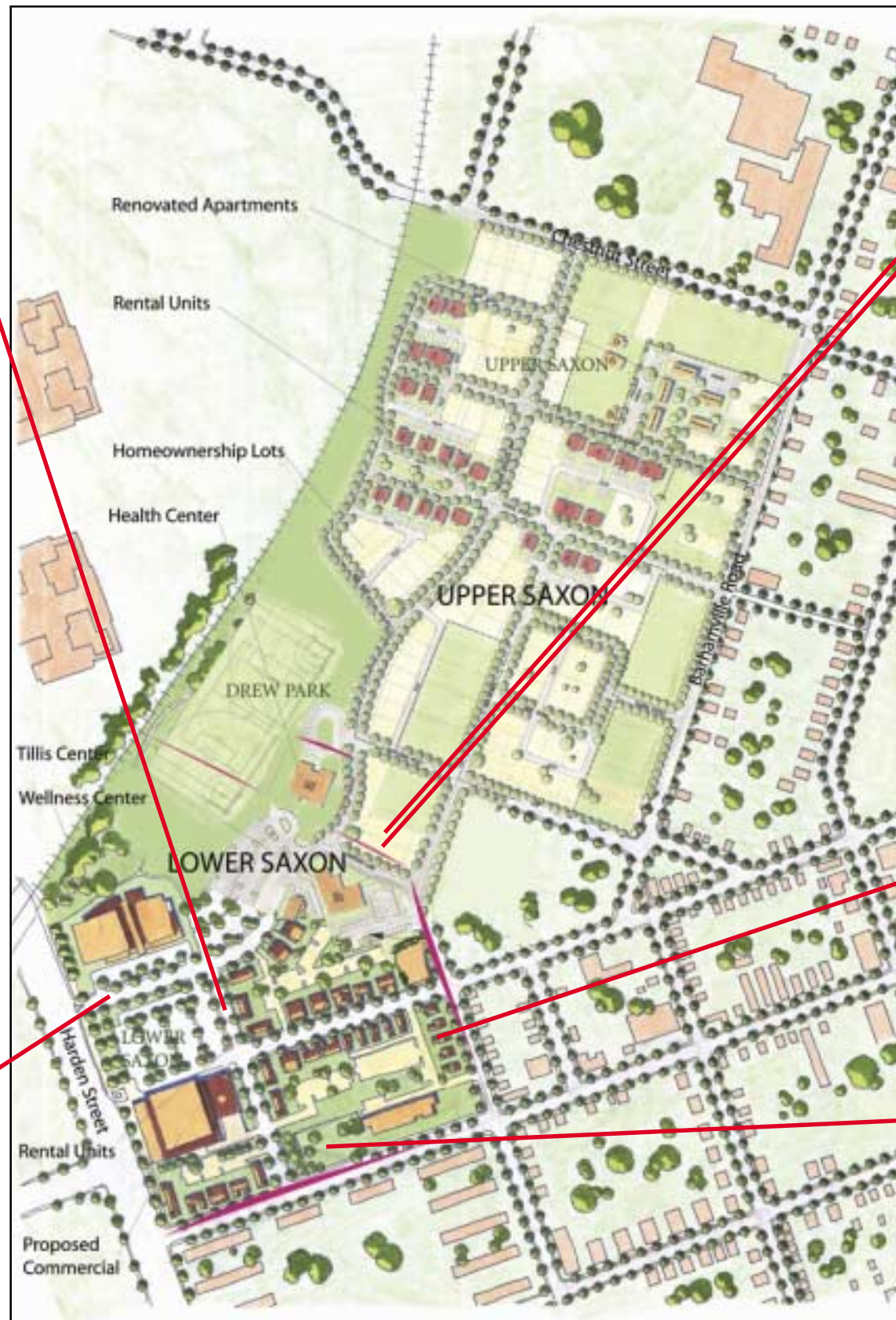


Construction at Celia Saxon

If you've driven down the North end of Harden Street lately, you've probably noticed all the construction taking place on the former Saxon Homes site. Crews are busy installing the infrastructure for the new community.

Above: The path for Celia Saxon Street has been carved into the terrain.

Below: Construction crews begin digging a path for Walker Soloman Way, a new street in the Celia Saxon community.



Model Homes at Celia Saxon

Two model homes are currently under construction in the Celia Saxon community. Once completed, the homes will serve as the sales offices for more than 200 single-family homes scheduled for construction at Celia Saxon, and in the surrounding community, over the next two years.

For more information about homeownership opportunities in the Celia Saxon community, call (803) 254-3886 ext. 220.

Elder Cottages

Five senior residents moved into the first five elder cottages during the first week in February. Each of the residents had lived in Saxon Homes prior to its demolition in 2000, and had been waiting patiently for the opportunity to return to the new community. The second five cottages are currently under construction and should be completed by the end of May 2004.



Wall of Fame

Construction crews are working diligently to finish the new Wall of Fame structure in time for the annual ceremony on Thursday, April 22, at 11 a.m. at the Oak Read High Rise, 2211 Read Street (See invitation on back page of this newsletter)