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RRHA Hosts Creighton Court "New Beginning" Event

RICHMOND, VA— Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority in partnership with The Community Builders and the City of Richmond is hosting an event, Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 2 p.m. to highlight and celebrate a new beginning for one of its oldest public housing communities - Creighton Court.

Signaling the initial visible steps to transformation, bulldozers arrived in the Creighton community the week of May 30, 2022. The first week of June 2022 is when the first buildings in Phase 1 began to come down.

Among the invited dignitaries, Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney, a strong supporter of RRHA's affordable housing efforts, will provide remarks at the event. "Housing is foundational and a vaccine against poverty," said Mayor Stoney. "Providing quality, affordable housing in Creighton Court will be transformational for our residents and is a big step in the right direction for the future of public housing."

"The transformation of our Creighton Court public housing community is a decades old dream that is finally coming to fruition! Although we still have quite a journey ahead of us, this is a significant visible step in the right direction," shared City Council President Cynthia Newbille.

"What is happening at Creighton Court demonstrates that RRHA is resilient and resolute in its mission to provide more quality affordable housing. This project proves what is possible," stated Interim CEO Sheila Hill-Christian.

In order to address concerns about the lack of affordable housing, development partner, The Community Builders is utilizing a build-first (building new housing before relocation of current families) approach in transforming Creighton Court. The Armstrong Renaissance community is a part of that, located just across the street from the Creighton Community, and still in the process of being developed.

Following Phase 1 demolition, infrastructure construction for the first 68 units will begin. These initial units are anticipated to be complete and ready for leasing by Summer 2024. An additional 72 units will follow.

Later this year, RRHA and a relocation consulting firm will begin hosting a series of meetings with Phase 2 residents to provide information, address concerns, and discuss relocation options. As with Phase 1 residents, all Phase 2 residents will be offered the same housing options, which are:

- Tenant Protection Voucher
- Off-site Project-Based Voucher
- Staying in the newly transformed Creighton Court Community
- Other RRHA public housing

For more information and updates about the Creighton Court Transformation, visit the [website](#) or call the Information line at (804) 780-4343 or email CreightonRedevelopment@gmail.com. You will receive a reply within 48 hours.

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