

HAWS

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homeless. Current public housing residents in HAWS's People Achieving Their Highest (PATH) program — which strives to break public housing dependency by offering advancement through educational and employment programs — will get first dibs at the remaining units.

City Council Member Derwin Montgomery, whose East Ward includes The Oaks and several other HAWS properties, is pleased that the new units won't be business as usual for Housing Authority.

"I'm so happy that this housing authority has tried something different," he said.

Pastor Serenus Churn, whose Mt. Zion Baptist Church is a short stroll away from The Oaks, said the residents of the area have long deserved the housing options that the units will offer.

He believes the work requirement will instill a sense of pride in the residents that will, over time, spread through the entire community.

"The concept of work and its rewards will be an enhancement," he said.

The Oaks is far from the first swank housing complex that HAWS has offered. About a decade ago, the agency received tens of millions of federal HOPE VI dollars to transform the old tenement-style units at Happy Hill Gardens and Kimberly Avenue Homes. The well of federal money has long



Larry Woods (right) takes the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation's Joe Crocker and the City's Paul Norby (rear) on a tour of one of the units.

since dried-up, Woods said, and agencies like HAWS have had to get creative with financing new units and sustaining existing ones. Much of The Oaks' \$5 million price tag was paid for with a bank loan.

All told, more than \$10 million will be spent in quick succession on what HAWS has dubbed the "Cleveland Avenue Initiative Masterplan." The Oaks is the first phase. Camden

Station, a \$3 million housing complex, will be erected a block away from The Oaks next year. The Greensboro-based owner of Summit Square, which will neighbor The Oaks and Camden Station, has agreed to invest more than \$1.5 million in upgrades to its property, said Woods, who is trying to convince other landlords in the area — including the owners of the sprawling

Colony Place — to improve their properties.

Units at Cleveland Avenue Homes — one of just two large tenement-style housing communities that HAWS still operates — recently underwent vast kitchen renovations, according to property manager Dee Dee Thomas, and an ongoing partnership between HAWS and Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County is rehabbing single family houses in the vicinity of Cleveland Avenue Homes.

The Masterplan's long-term vision includes improvements at Cleveland Avenue Homes and Sunrise Towers — the Housing Authority's dated highrise for seniors that stands near the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. If Woods has his druthers, a new complex for senior citizens will be erected adjacent to The Oaks at a site now occupied by a small church.

Woods has become a national advocate for requiring public housing residents to stand more squarely on their own two feet, having twice spoken passionately on the subject before a Congressional committee in the last two years.

He says the math is simple: housing authorities will not be able to stay economically viable unless they move more people from the subsidized housing rolls to self-sufficiency.

"The whole concept of public housing has to change," he said adamantly.

With The Oaks paving the way, Woods wants at least 200 of the Housing Authority's 1,100 units to implement a work requirement in the near future.

For more information about The Oaks, go to www.haws.org or call the agency's Property Management Office at 336-727-8554.

Leaders

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overhauling the office's training program "to make training more relevant to state auditor's work."

Both Wood and Cowell are the first women in North Carolina history to have been elected to their positions.

"North Carolina Democrats are so pleased to see national recognition of Treasurer Cowell, Secretary Marshall and Auditor Wood for their tenacity and strength in serving the people of our state," said Joan Dressler, the President of the Democratic Women of North Carolina. "We



Dressler

have the best Democratic women elected to statewide office in the nation and we will continue that legacy by re-electing Senator Kay Hagan in 2014 and continuing our strong support of all Democrats elected to serve at the statewide level."

FOL

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held annually for the last 20 years, every other year.

"That adjustment will not impact the mission to keep the Winston-Salem community and WSSU alumni informed about O'Kelly Library projects and services," Rodney said.

The funds from past events, which have included a dinner, entertainment and informative presentations about the library, support a graduate assistant position at O'Kelly and the O'K Scholars Institute, a pro-

gram for faculty. Funds were also used to cover unexpected library expenses.

FOL plans to announce in January the date, time and location for the rescheduled spring fundraiser.

"The Friends of the Library is very appreciative of everyone who responded in a positive way to our summer 2013 newsletter. We also appreciate our friends who called to inquire about our postponed November event. Thank you for your continued support and stay tuned for more information," Rodney said.

Childcare

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that is both affordable and offers high quality educational experiences during the early years," according to Dr. Doris Páez, executive director of Forsyth Futures and also a psychologist who has specialized in education and child development.

"These figures highlight the need to provide our children with a strong foundation for academic skills, but also for positive physical, social and cognitive developmental

outcomes for all our children, including support for their caregivers and families."

Forsyth Futures is a non-profit collaborative of residents, organizations and institutions working together to address critical community issues.

The "Making Progress Report: Children Ready for School 2013" and other Educational Success indicators can be found at www.forsythfutures.org.



Páez

Respect

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Oct. 7 to unite the campus under the core belief that everyone deserves dignity and respect. Wake Forest is among the first to join the national movement, originally established by the Center for Inclusion at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. The campaign promotes inclusion through behavioral and organizational change. Nearly 2,000 members of the greater Wake Forest community have taken the Dignity and Respect pledge.

The Nov. 6 event, which was free and open to the public, also featured Dr. Johnetta B. Cole, director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African Art, and Dr. Edwin G. Wilson, provost emeritus at Wake Forest.

The willingness of three "living legends" to take part in the conversation shows the importance of this topic, said Barbee Oakes, assistant provost for diversity and inclusion and an organizer of the event.

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WFU Photo
Jacqueline Sutherland

sions in Washington to social media incivility, the speakers shared how to focus more on commonalities than differences.

"It seems so simple—and it is. When we treat others simply as we wish to be treated, it is the most revolutionary act a human being can commit," said Cole, who also served as president of Spelman College and Bennett College for Women.

Wilson, who was Dean of the College when Wake Forest made the historic decision to admit its first black student in 1962, had some bipartisan advice for politicians and students

alike.

"We need leadership that looks beyond race, beyond sexual orientation, beyond all trappings of our society. We need leaders who look at the hearts and the minds of our people and believe that America is destined for something more than name-calling and criticisms. I think if we can do that, maybe we can rise above our separations and work together for something better than we have known."

In her closing remarks, Student Government President Jacqueline Sutherland acknowledged Wake Forest's efforts to promote diversity, inclusion, kindness and respect on campus.

"Looking around this room, regardless of what

you look like, what group you identify with, or what ethnic religious or racial box you check on standardized forms, we are all multicultural. Every single one of us runs the risk of being misunderstood, misrepresented and mistreated. That is why we have to treat everybody around us with dignity and respect."

The primary goal of the 'Dignity and Respect Campaign' is to embed the message 'You Belong Here' into the very fabric of our campus," Oakes said. "Dr. Angelou is famous for saying, 'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'"

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