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*The Oaks at Tenth will soon open.*

# Jobs required for tenants of new development

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

The 50 units that will make up The Oaks at Tenth will boast hardwood floors, energy-efficient kitchens, washers and dryers and many other features that urban dwellers have come to expect.

The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWS) wants The Oaks to be its prototype, a symbol of what modern public housing can and should look like. But breaking the public housing mold, say HAWS officials, is less about aesthetics and more about the men, women and families who will make facilities like The Oaks their home.

*HAWS CEO Larry Woods*

Located at Tenth Street and Cleveland Avenue – the site of the former Johnson Square – The Oaks at Tenth will be the Housing Authority's first "Step Up" property; as such, all able-bodied adult residents will be required to maintain a job as a provision of their lease. Each head of household must work at least 30 hours weekly; that requirement increases by 10 hours per week for each additional adult that resides in the unit. Monthly rent payments will be congruent with a household's income.

"People move in to public housing when they are 21, and they stay until they pass away," HAWS CEO Larry Woods said Thursday during an open house at The Oaks, which won't welcome its first residents until later this year or early next year.

Woods said dependance on public housing has become a generational cycle that is detrimental to both residents and the Housing Authority, which has a waiting list that is perpetually overburdened because residents rarely transition out of government-subsidized housing.

Step Up is based on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Moving to Work" program. Woods said HAWS has been fortunate in that a number of local agencies have signed on to help those who are interested in living at The Oaks but do not currently meet the employment criterion.

The poverty-fighting Kate B. Reynolds Foundation has chipped in $250,000 to help cover educational and training programs; Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina and Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development will also offer training and employment services.

Ten of the The Oaks units – which have one to three bedrooms and various floor plans – will go to clients of the Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR), an agency with a long track-record of uplifting the working poor and the

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# Road to re-election littered with setbacks

## *Adams fought through Lupus diagnosis and the death of sibling*

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

When local news stations reported that the people of the North Ward had selected City Council member Denise "DD" Adams for a second term, Adams was overcome with emotion.

The city native made her way around the living room of her Marlowe Avenue home with tears in her eyes, embracing friends and family members as they cheered and showered her with congratulations. For Adams, who took office in 2009, the election was far more than another step in her political career. It was the spoils of a hard fought victory, a symbol of triumph over great adversity.

"I was just thankful. I was thankful to my family and to God, particularly, for giving me another chance, and to friends and supporters – everybody that helped me," said the 59 year-old. "I would be lying if I said I wasn't a little bit

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Photo by Layla Garms

*City Council member Denise "DD" Adams (right) with her sister, Tanya Adams.*

## Lying Down for Justice

WSSU Photo by Garrett Garms

*Students – many donning hooded sweatshirts – symbolically lay on a brick walkway at Winston-Salem State University during a Thursday, Oct. 31 event to remember slain teen Trayvon Martin and to call for the U.S. Justice Department to bring charges against his killer, George Zimmerman. Organized by students, the protest featured speakers such as State Rep. Ed Hanes, City Council member Derwin Montgomery and Larry Little, a WSSU professor and noted Civil Rights leader.*

# GATHERING BRINGS SENIOR CITIZENS TO TOWN

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

The annual conference of the North Carolina Association of Senior Citizens Clubs was held Nov. 6–8 at the Ramada Plaza (formerly Sundance Plaza) hotel, attracting hundreds of people from across the state.

*Linville*

Among them was 90 year-old Pearlie May Dixon, who has scarcely missed a conference since joining the Elect (seniors') Club in Asheville more than 30 years ago.

"Oh honey, that's my vacation," Dixon said of the gatherings, which are held in a different city each year. "You meet so many

See Seniors on A10

Photos by Layla Garms

*District V members Gracie Joe Byrd, Carrie Bardwell and Hattie Fulwood perform the National Anthem.*

# A hearty meal and thank-you for veterans

*William McDonald*

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

Veterans were treated to hot meals and plenty of gratitude Monday.

In celebration of Veterans Day, American Legion Post 128, which is thought to be the oldest predominantly black post in the city, feted vets of every stripe with a savory, home cooked meal.

"It's important just to show the veterans that the community appreciates them for what they did and how they served," said

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*Vets enjoy a meal at the HARRY VCOS event Monday.*

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