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The Enclave seeks to grow

BY TODD LUCK
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An abandoned, foreclosed development that's now a thriving community of affordable housing is looking to expand.

During the 2008 foreclosure crisis, an average of 120 homes a month were being foreclosed on in Forsyth County. Entire developments were being foreclosed on, too. This included a development of condos being built on the corner of Bethania Station Road and Shattalon Drive. They sat there empty with overgrown lawns. Some were looted for their appliances. Some had broken windows and were vandalized. Some had squatters.

"That's what that neighborhood looked like back then, a little apocalyp-



Kornelis



Adams



Photo by Todd Luck

The Enclave, a development that offers affordable housing to low income renters, is looking to expand with help from the city and county.

tic," said Housing & Community Development Director Dan Kornelis, during a recent presentation to Forsyth County commis-

sioners. During the crisis, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) gave

states money to help stabilize neighborhoods. Forsyth County received a \$2,625,000 Neighborhood Stabilization Program

(NSP) grant from the N.C. Commerce Department's Community Division. The county used the funds for financial assistance to help

first time homeowners to buy foreclosed homes. It was also used to acquire the Trent Hill and Smith Farm neighborhoods for Habitat for Humanity to build homes in.

Kornelis said the county was looking for other opportunities to use the funds when it was approached by the bank that foreclosed on the condo development. The county partnered with the City of Winston-Salem to help Miller Valentine and the North Carolina Housing Foundation acquire the incomplete development, which had 12 units with garages that were originally supposed and other financing.

More units were added to the 12-acre develop-

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The Rev. Dr. James Fulwood and First Lady Hattie Fulwood feel the church is supposed to open its doors to the community.

Photos by Timothy Ramsey

(Below) St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church has been holding its Thanksgiving dinner event for 20 years.



St. Mark opens its doors on Thanksgiving Day

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

Today is Thanksgiving and while many people are sitting down and enjoying their meals, the people of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, at 1100 Manley St., will be feeding the community. Their annual Thanksgiving dinner giveaway has been a staple of the church for two

decades.

The dinner is for the homeless, sick and shut-ins and families who are not able to provide their own Thanksgiving dinners. The dinner will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church will not only open its doors for walk-ins but will also deliver meals to those who cannot make it out on their own.

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Redistricting master waiting for reaction to maps

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

The special master appointed by a federal three-judge panel several weeks ago to redraw redrawn legislative maps submitted by the Republican-led N.C. General Assembly in August has finished a first draft of his maps. He is now asking both plaintiffs and defendants in the Covington v. State of North Carolina case to review them, and offer their observations or criticisms now, before the court's Dec. 1 deadline for completion.

The federal court rejected the previous maps because it has "serious concerns" about at least nine voting districts were still legally problematic. The court appointed Stanford University Law Professor Nathaniel Persily to first review the redrawn maps, and if he concurred with the problems, redraw them to remove any racial gerrymandering or other unconstitutional features.



Persily

On Nov. 13, Persily issued his preliminary maps for both House and Senate Districts.

According to Persily's report accompanying the draft maps, "... the Court has ordered the Special Master to redraw Enacted 2017 State Senate Districts 21 and 28 and State House Districts 21 and 57 in order to remedy those districts' violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. It has also ordered redrawing of Enacted 2017 State House Districts 36, 37, 40, 41, and 105 because the General Assembly, in redrawing those districts in the 2017 Plan, may have violated the provision of the North Carolina State Constitution prohibiting redistricting more than once a decade."

Of particular concern to African-Americans on the state Senate side was the manner in which the GOP has redrawn Senate District 28 in Guilford County, currently represented by state Sen. Gladys Robinson (D-Guilford).

In September, Sen. Robinson expressed frustration that her district was unnecessarily drawn as a majority-

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