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PEOPLE PRIORITIZING PROPERTY REMEDIATION

Residents to host a public event celebrating the rehabilitation of a “problem property” through community action in the West End of Providence

PROVIDENCE, RI August 3, 2017 – Residents that drove the decision to prioritize a problem property in the West End almost two years ago, will host a public celebration on Wednesday, August 9 in honor of a complete rehabilitation of the home which is now up for sale.

Two years ago, 93 Superior Street, which is a multi-family home located at the center of the West End neighborhood of Providence was known as a “problem property”. The property was abandoned, blighted, and attracting unsafe and undesirable activity to it’s surrounding area. Having this property remediated became an absolute priority for neighbors who care deeply about their community.

Residents and other stakeholders formed a group that is now known as Neighbors For Revitalization (N4R). Residents engaged their local patrol officers, found out who owned the property, and advocated so that the property could be entered into receivership. The formation and organization of this group was supported by a partnership between West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation and The Providence Children and Youth Cabinet.

“We really want to celebrate what a group of neighbors can do. Unless we get neighbors to come together and raise the issues caused by these properties that impact them and their children, things won’t get better”

– Cecelia Medeiros, West End Resident

Today, the property is up for sale via West Elmwood Housing and residents will be hosting a public party on Superior Street to celebrate the property's rehabilitation. Before and after pictures of the property can be seen within a case study that will be released on the day of the event. The party will be Wednesday, August 9 from 6:00pm-8:00pm on Superior Street (from Cranston Street to Baldwin court). During this event attendees can tour the property, enjoy free food and family activities and learn more about this inspiring story. This event is hosted by Neighbors for Revitalization, West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation and the CYC's Building Trust Group.

Neighbors For Revitalization (N4R) is a group of residents from the West End, Elmwood, and South Providence neighborhoods and other stakeholders who volunteer time to focus on the remediation of abandoned/blighted properties in their neighborhoods. N4R activities are sponsored by the CYC through the RI Department of Health's Health Equity Zone initiative. It is sustained through a formal partnership with the West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation. N4R meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00pm -7:30pm at the Westfield Lofts Community Room of WEHDC.

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