



## In case you didn't see it in the news...



Fort Worth Housing Solutions (FWHS) and Trinity Metro are collaborating to develop the city's first transit-oriented apartment property in the up-and-coming South Main area at Vickery and Main streets.

Half the 236 units at the 10-story Katy Lofts will be workforce housing; the other half market-rate. A TEXRail line will whoosh workers to DFW Airport in about 50 minutes. A daycare facility and shops are envisioned for the first floor, with a parking garage next door and later, a hotel. RMGM, an affiliate of Matthews Southwest, will be the developer. An application for a 4% Housing Tax Credit will be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

## Cavile Place Update

Fort Worth Housing Solutions (FWHS) is working on some exciting plans for Cavile Place, a 300-unit public housing community in the historic Stop Six neighborhood. Built in 1960, the site needs more than \$42 million in renovations and repairs, and the agency receives only \$1.2 million per year from HUD for public housing maintenance. Therefore, the agency will be submitting an application to HUD, which, if approved, would allow for the Cavile buildings to be demolished. This would enable the site's redevelopment into affordable housing and other uses that will benefit the Stop Six community.

FWHS will also seek HUD approval for Tenant Protection Vouchers so that Cavile's residents can relocate to affordable rental units in the private market. Residents will receive permanent relocation counseling and assistance if the plans are approved. FWHS will continue to meet with residents and the larger community to share updates, answer questions and address any concerns.

FWHS plans to participate in a collaborative and comprehensive redevelopment process to transform the Cavile site and surrounding neighborhood. It will honor the spirit of the 2013 Cavile Place Neighborhood Transformation Plan, which was the result of two years of community engagement and planning. The housing component will include

units for a mix of incomes and desirable amenities for residents.

The original 2013 plan for Cavile involved developing two affordable properties along East Rosedale under HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. But market and neighborhood conditions made it difficult to get the tax credits needed to fund the development.

This proposed new solution for Cavile is considered a "significant amendment" to the agency's 2018 administrative plan. A public hearing on this amendment will be held Thurs., August 30, at 6 p.m. at FWHS, 120 East 13th Street.

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## Fort Worth now home for many Hurricane Harvey evacuees

Nearly a year ago April Harrison, her 7-year-old son, Ayden, and more than 100 other families fled to Fort Worth from the Texas coast to escape Hurricane Harvey. Fort Worth Housing Solutions stepped up to be one of the few housing authorities in North Texas to give the evacuees Housing Choice Vouchers, which enabled them to quickly move out of shelters and into their own apartments.



The wait list for Housing Choice Vouchers is always open to persons who are displaced as the result of natural disasters at Fort Worth Housing Solutions. Forty-nine of the families, mostly from Port Arthur, continue to receive housing assistance and many have found jobs and settled into Fort Worth for good. None received housing assistance before the hurricane.

"I've been blessed to have a job with Fort Worth ISD, and we really feel like it's home," said Harrison, whose new salary means she no longer needs the voucher. She said her son loves all the activities here, especially the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

This month Harrison and many of the other evacuees reunited at Fort Worth Housing Solutions to learn about the annual re-certification process, enjoy refreshments and enter for the chance to win some gift cards donated by Mutual of Omaha. Selarstean Mitchell, V.P. of Assisted Housing at FWHS, reassured the families that recovery takes time. "You don't plan for such a disaster," she said. "You come to a new city in a bus, and you have to make decisions quickly." A New Orleans native, Mitchell evacuated to Fort Worth in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina destroyed her home, including all her personal documents. "I understand how it feels to be displaced and to have to start over," she said.



## Summer Music Camp ends on a high note

For the past nine years, Fort Worth Housing Solutions and Fort Worth ISD have worked in concert to sponsor a free summer music camp for youth in the city. Every year, around 100 kids show up bright and early on the first day of camp eager to take on the challenge of learning to make music.

Led by community members, FWHS staff, accomplished musicians and teachers, this camp provides intensive, hands-on instruction to students from second to fifth grade. For three and a half days, children learn the fundamentals of percussion, music and math, piano, song and dance. On the final day of camp, classes come together for an opportunity to showcase everything they learned on the grand stage.

Each year, parents, teachers and administrators alike come out in big numbers to support the kids in their big concert. This year's program featured an amalgam of piano solos, dance numbers and a few selections from the kids choir. The big finale performance of *This is Me*, a song that teaches children about being themselves and living unapologetically, was the perfect end to a productive week. Every child received a certificate for their participation in the program and high praises from FWISD School Board President, Tobi Jackson. This camp is a huge benefit to all who participate, and Fort Worth Housing Solutions is proud to host it.



This year FWHS celebrates its 80th anniversary, whose symbol is the oak tree. What a better place to plant an oak than the Martin Luther King Community Center in the Stop Six neighborhood, where the EnVision Center Demonstration program will be housed! Here we gathered before the newly planted oak after a big event announcing our selection for the [EnVision Center program](#).

<p><b>DID YOU KNOW?</b></p>	<p><b>FWHS REQUIRES</b></p> <p><b>100%</b></p> <p><b>OF VOUCHER-HOLDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A GOOD TENANT/ GOOD NEIGHBOR WORKSHOP</b></p>
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