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#### **COMMUNITY BUILDING**



# Our WiFi expansion is under way

We've begun the expansion and improvement of our free community mesh WiFi network in Olneyville, called <u>ONE[NB Connects</u>.

Phase 2, when completed, will expand our reach and improve bandwidth to about 2,100 households.

ONE|NB Connects was conceived and made operational in 2020, when COVID-19 struck. We knew people in our historic home of Olneyville needed reliable internet for school and telehealth services.

At right, Steve Kearns, our Asset Management Project Manager, climbs to inspect a WiFi transmitter.







<u>Thanks to HarborOne Charitable Foundation</u> for its contribution toward Phase 2 of our WiFi expansion!

## HOUSING



...the supply of safe, healthy, affordable homes throughout Rhode Island.





We joined with other affordable housing advocates this month in thanking Gov. Dan. McKee and his Administration for sending a clear signal that it's the right move to spend federal ARPA funds to help meet the vast needs for housing in the state. <u>READ MORE</u>

# HEALTH

# New doula training to start soon



Participants in last year's Doula training. Photo by Quatia Osorio.

We're excited about <u>Our Journ3i's</u> next doula training to be held from March 10-13. Our Journ3i's Doula Workforce Development Initiative strengthens the network of doulas living or working in the nine neighborhoods of 02908 and 02909, and is funded in part by ONE|NB's <u>Central Providence Opportunities</u> <u>Health Equity Zone</u>.

The first training took place in December with 17 participants.

Through increased access to doula services, we anticipate positive long-term impact on Black maternal health, early education outcomes, and economic mobility. We're proud to be partnering with Our Journ3i on this important initiative.

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### HEALTH

## We're offering free COVID-19 Test Kits



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TRAINING

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While supplies last | Mientras duren las reservas Providence residents only. Limit one test kit per resident

Solo residentes de Providence. Límite de un kit de prueba por residente



#### WE'RE IN THE NEWS



# The BIG NEWS about small spaces: News outlets are starting to notice

News outlets, from the <u>The Boston Globe</u> to <u>The Providence</u> <u>Journal</u>, have started to pay attention to the small development we've created at Sheridan Small Homes.

This unique development, in our historic home of Olneyville, is sold out. It features five Passive House certified, single-family homes, each with two bedrooms, 1.5 and about 750 square feet of space.



JONATHAN WIGGS/THE BOSTON GLOBE

Jhanev Allen Butler (shown above) and her husband, Romario Butler, live in one of the new small homes that have been built in Providence's Olneyville neighborhood as part of a pilot project meant to show the longterm viability of "net-zero energy" affordable housing.

## **Job Openings at ONE**|NB



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### **Recent news coverage about our work**

#### The Providence Journal

Veterans, housing, children: Who benefits, and who doesn't, in McKee's proposed RI budget

#### **The Boston Globe**

Small homes could make a big difference amid RI housing crisis

#### The Providence Journal

Could building homes in a school parking lot ease Providence's housing crisis



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