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Unprecedented progress in housing this legislative session



ONEINB's Bowdoin Street Rowhouse, completed in August 2022, is a redevelopment that transformed blighted property that had been left vacant for years. Photo by Stephen Ide/ONE Neighborhood Builders.

In order to dig out of a decades-long slump in housing production, this legislative session's unprecedented progress in housing must be just the beginning.

Earlier this month, a series of [housing bills](#) were signed into law by Governor Dan McKee, representing critical progress toward increased housing production. These bills include requirements for higher density housing developments, the conversion of commercial buildings into residences, and the banning of rental application fees. All but one of the 14 housing-focused bills introduced by House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi were signed into law.

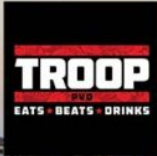
These legislative wins are an important step toward addressing Rhode Island's housing crisis. Additional investments must be made in the years to come to make impact at scale. Read more from our Executive Director, Jennifer Hawkins, in this recent [article](#) from Providence Business News.

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CENTRAL PROVIDENCE

Troop PVD and WaterFire plan Aug. 3 fundraiser for CPO-HEZ

TROOPTOP AT THE WATERFIRE ARTS CENTER



[Troop PVD](#), [WaterFire Arts Center](#), and ONE Neighborhood Builders have teamed up to raise money for Central Providence Opportunities: A Health Equity Zone ([CPO-HEZ](#)).

'TroopTop Thursdays' is a summer series featuring live music and local brews on the TroopTop deck at WaterFire Arts Center. Each Thursday, a featured nonprofit receives a portion of the proceeds from sales of Troop's special cocktail. Troop and WaterFire have generously selected the CPO-HEZ as the beneficiary on Aug. 3.

Join us on August 3 from 5-9pm at WaterFire Arts Center Rooftop, 475 Valley St., Providence, for a night of fun and fundraising. Here are some of the highlights of the event:

- Live music by [Bare Cove](#) & DJ [Nick Bishop](#)
- Local art: *Curating Commemoration: Poesis/Remedy Curated by Melaine Ferdinand-King & Joel Rosario-Tapia*
- Delicious snacks from [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)
- Games from [Archery Games Providence](#)
- Mouthwatering treats from a local small batch ice cream vendor

Please spread the word among your colleagues and friends to maximize the impact of this event.

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

CENTER CITY APARTMENTS OPEN HOUSE



Weaver Library
41 Grove Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914
MONDAY, JULY 31 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Questions or Additional Information?
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Join us for an Open House tonight, Monday, July 31, and learn about the proposed Center City Apartments development on Taunton Avenue in East Providence.

The event will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave., in East Providence.

See renderings of the project and meet with members of the Taunton Avenue Collaborative (ONEINB, [Crossroads Rhode Island](#), [Foster Forward](#), and [Family Service of Rhode Island](#)) while enjoying light refreshments.

[Learn more about the project](#)

RESOURCES IN HOUSING & HEALTH

ONEINB's recent [report](#) showed that average Medicaid-related health care spending for people who were formerly homeless and who are now living in our permanent supportive housing was consistently lower than Medicaid recipients who continued to experience homelessness.

A newsletter item from Milbank Memorial Fund, titled "Without Housing, Health Has No Foundation," supports those findings and links to an informative [Q&A article](#) with Dr. Roshanak Mehdipanah of the University of Michigan School of Health. The article describes housing through the lenses of affordability, access, and advocacy, and argues that housing is a human right and determinant of health.

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THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

Thanks to [JPMorgan Chase](#) for supporting ONEINB's **JPMORGAN CHASE & CO. Fresh Fridays program** for 2023-2024. Fresh Fridays are virtual gatherings to learn and share about community development.



We are also grateful to [LISC Rhode Island](#) for their generous support in strengthening our real estate, resident services, and strategy teams, and for providing additional backing for our free neighborhood WiFi initiative, [ONEINB Connects](#).

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