

JUNE 2026



NEW BEGINNINGS NEWSLETTER

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FOR MARBLE MANOR | LAS VEGAS, NV



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

CNI Resident & Community Update Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 5 PM
A.D. Guy Knowledge Center
817 N Street
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Monthly Resident Meetings

- Wednesday June 24, 2026
- Wednesday July 29, 2026
- Wednesday August 26, 2026

Juneteenth Festival

Saturday, June 20, 2026 | 4 PM - 9 PM
341 Symphony Park
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Historic Westside Art Exhibit

Rhythm and Resilience: Black Vegas
Las Vegas Civic Center Art Gallery
525 S. Main St., Building A

FREE Admission | Open to the Public
(until August 20, 2026)
Gallery Hours: M - Th | 10 AM - 3 PM

A new chapter for Marble Manor and the Historic Westside is underway. In April 2026, the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) celebrated the groundbreaking of Phase I, a major milestone in the community's revitalization. Resident relocation for Phase II has now been completed, with demolition scheduled to begin in June 2026.

The "People" Team continues to support residents throughout the transition by connecting families with essential wraparound services. Backed by a transformative \$50 million HUD grant, the initiative will replace distressed public housing with modern homes and expand access to income, health, and educational services.

In partnership with the City of Las Vegas and community leaders, the project aims to create stronger neighborhoods and lasting opportunities for Marble Manor residents and the Historic Westside.

RESIDENT OF THE QUARTER | Q2 2026



Talaya Orizaba has successfully completed a two-month Correctional Officer training program, which included both rigorous coursework and physical training. Through this experience, she developed strong discipline, communication skills, and the ability to maintain safety in high-pressure environments.



She is currently employed as a Correctional Officer and continues to build her professional experience in the field. Looking ahead, Talaya plans to study criminal justice and pursue a career as a criminal investigator or working for the FBI.



PEOPLE.



The CNI People Team provides supportive services for all Marble Manor residents with the goals of improving health, education and career outcomes. Our People Team guides families to pathways for long-term success by providing direct supports and connections with partners, such as the College of Southern Nevada Westside Education and Training Center (WETC), Hope Christian Health Center, Nevada Health Centers, OBODO, EmployNV, Workforce Connections and Sunrise Children's Foundation, to name a few.

CNI PEOPLE TEAM

Address

1216 McWilliams Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89106

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Tuesday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Thursday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday: CLOSED



COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

The community came together for a health fair where residents were able to take advantage of free healthcare-related resources and services. Families received blood pressure checks, connected with insurance representatives, and learned more about available health and wellness programs.



VALENTINE HUGS & KISSES

Residents gathered for a Valentine's event on-site, where they connected with case managers and learned more about available resources. Families enjoyed festive treats, and Marble Manor children received free toys, making it a special day for everyone.

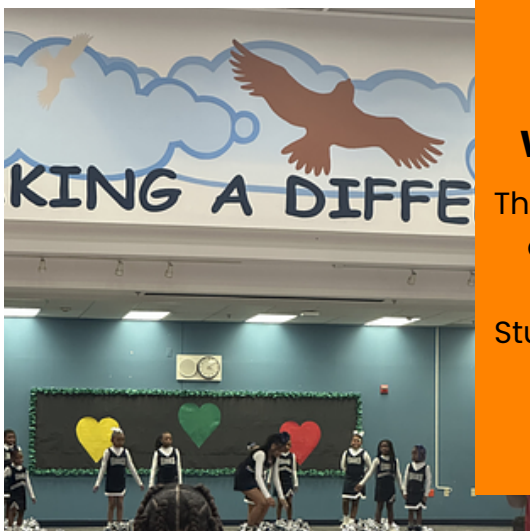


PEOPLE.



Love on Jackson

This has become an annual event that connects generations of culture and community – creating a great opportunity to connect with residents, learn about the history of Jackson Avenue, and share the exciting things happening at Marble Manor with the community.



Wendell P. Williams Pizza & Teacher Conference

This event brought together parents, teachers, and students for a great community event. It was wonderful to connect with Marble Manor families and engage with the community. Students, teachers, and parents enjoyed cupcakes provided by SNRHA.

Marble Manor Block Party

To celebrate the Marble Manor Groundbreaking, residents came together for a community block party. Families had the opportunity to connect with local partners offering free resources and services, while enjoying food, dessert, and a fun-filled afternoon.





LEGENDS' CORNER

MARIO BERLANGA



Mario Berlanga

Longtime Resident & Community Advocate, Mario Berlanga's deep roots in Marble Manor began at birth. Inspired by a childhood defined by shared meals and collective care, Mario has dedicated his life to restoring that same sense of connection to his neighborhood.

In a wide-ranging conversation, longtime resident and community advocate Mario Berlanga shared reflections on how life in Marble Manor has shaped him and his commitment to community service. He described a once tight-knit neighborhood built on strong relationships, where families supported one another through shared meals, regular check-ins, and a collective sense of care.

Born at Southern Nevada Memorial—now University Medical Center—Berlanga's connection to Marble Manor began at birth. With his father working as a landscaper at Marble Manor, he recalls a childhood rooted in unity. "It was like a big family," Berlanga said. "We looked out for each other, shared meals and stories—it was a different time." While he notes that today's community feels more fragmented, he remains hopeful that redevelopment efforts will help restore that sense of connection.

Berlanga credits his passion for giving back to early experiences growing up with limited resources. Simple joys—like occasionally affording a treat from the neighborhood ice cream truck or visiting Vegas Village for its famous Texas-style doughnuts—left a lasting impression and inspired his desire to create opportunities for others.

LEGENDS' CORNER (CONTINUED)

MARIO BERLANGA

Driven by those early experiences, Berlanga became involved in initiatives like Bolden Little League, a chartered program created to give children the opportunity to play baseball. He was committed to ensuring that youth from his community—regardless of financial circumstances—could access sports and meaningful experiences. “It’s not just about the game; it’s about the camaraderie and giving kids a chance to thrive,” he said. Through traveling with the team, Berlanga realized many of the players had never ventured beyond their neighborhood, motivating him to help broaden their horizons. Providing those opportunities and supporting local youth remains one of his proudest accomplishments.

His commitment to accessibility also extends to his business. After purchasing a local market, Berlanga worked to make it a welcoming space for everyone—offering hot food options and providing microwaves for those without access to cooking facilities. Despite early skepticism about his intent, he remained focused on serving the neighborhood he calls home. His appreciation for soul food, he notes, was shaped by the mothers in Marble Manor who welcomed him into their kitchens and shared their traditions.

Berlanga fondly remembers a childhood filled with bike rides, games, and a sense of safety that allowed friendships to flourish. While he acknowledges that times have changed, he encourages younger residents to view their circumstances as a foundation for growth rather than a limitation. “Don’t ever let anybody tell you that you can’t succeed in life just because of where you were born and where you were raised,” he said. “With determination and good choices, you can become anything you want to become.”

For Berlanga, Marble Manor’s story is ultimately one of *HOME*, resilience, care, and the potential to rebuild what once made the community strong. As redevelopment moves forward, he remains optimistic about what lies ahead and the opportunity to restore a shared sense of belonging to his beloved community.



ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF

MARBLE MANOR

**PARTICIPATE IN A DOCUMENTARY
HIGHLIGHTING YOUR LIVED EXPERIENCES**



**CALLING ALL CURRENT AND
FORMER RESIDENTS OF
MARBLE MANOR PUBLIC HOUSING
WHO WANT TO SHARE THEIR STORIES**

**INTERVIEWS HAPPENING JUNE—AUGUST 2026
ALL STORIES VALUED**

CONTACT SHANITA AT 702.477.3275 FOR MORE INFORMATION



NEIGHBORHOOD.



Numerous new developments are emerging throughout the Historic Westside. Born from the community-driven HUNDRED Plan and incorporated into the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Neighborhood Transformation Plan approved by HUD, these investments are creating new opportunities for Marble Manor residents. The new Library, WETC, and ShareWESTSIDE are all conveniently accessible and provide valuable resources, services, and opportunities that support healthy, thriving, and connected lives.

A powerful new exhibit opened in March at the City Hall gallery celebrating African American life and history in Las Vegas. "Rhythm and Resilience: Black Vegas," tells the story of the rising of the Historic Westside and many of the key individuals who were influential in both the growth of the Westside and desegregation in Las Vegas. The exhibit opened with a record gallery attendance of approximately 500 guests. The exhibit remains on view through August 20, 2026 and is free to the public.



The "Good Word" Social Club, operated by the City of Las Vegas, will offer tenants supportive business development services aimed at promoting long-term success. The City is currently seeking food vendors. Interested vendors may contact Jacob Love at the City of Las Vegas. The project is anticipated to open by the end of 2027.

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**shareWESTSIDE is set to welcome residents in May 2026. The new mixed-use development, featuring more than 100 affordable housing units and ground-floor retail, marks one of the first major residential investments in the Historic Westside in decades. Residents interested in leasing opportunities can contact the leasing team for more information.
<https://www.sharedowntown.com/sharewestside>**





City of Las Vegas Launches Facade Improvement Program for Historic Westside Homeowners

The City of Las Vegas Facade Improvement Program is providing assistance to homeowners in the Historic Westside neighborhood to help restore and improve the appearance and condition of their homes. Eligible residents may qualify for up to \$15,000 in funding for exterior improvements, including roofing, painting, windows, doors, porches, driveways, landscaping, fencing, and exterior wall repairs. The program is designed to preserve and stabilize housing while enhancing the overall character and beauty of the Historic Westside community.

Applications for the Facade Improvement Program are expected to open in July. Following the application period, eligible homeowners may be contacted by program representatives to schedule home visits, discuss potential improvements, and review project eligibility and next steps.

For more information about the Facade Improvement Program, call 702-229-7444 or email SHIFT@LasVegasNevada.gov.

In partnership with the Facade Improvement Program, the City of Las Vegas Urban Forestry Program is also offering free trees to qualifying residents living in ZIP codes 89101, 89102, 89104, 89106, 89107, and 89110. Homeowners must own and occupy their property within the targeted Historic Westside area and meet income eligibility guidelines to participate.

For more information about the Urban Forestry Program, email urbanforestry@lasvegasnevada.gov.



HOUSING.



SNRHA, City of Las Vegas Break Ground on Marble Manor Redevelopment

The Historic Westside is stepping into an exciting new chapter! The groundbreaking of the Marble Manor redevelopment marks a powerful milestone in the community's ongoing revitalization. It brings fresh energy, opportunity, and investment to the neighborhood.

This transformative \$400 million, multi-phase project will reimagine the historic Marble Manor site, replacing aging housing with a vibrant, modern, mixed-income community. Led by the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority, in partnership with the City of Las Vegas and Brinshore Development, the project officially broke ground on April 9, with community members, leaders, and elected officials coming together to celebrate the moment.

When complete, Marble Manor will grow from 235 units to more than 600 thoughtfully designed residences, offering a mix of affordable, workforce, and market-rate housing. Residents can look forward to welcoming green spaces, convenient retail options, and supportive services, all designed to strengthen community connections and enhance quality of life.

Most importantly, this redevelopment is centered on the people who call Marble Manor home. The phased approach ensures residents are supported throughout the transition, with relocation assistance and the opportunity to return, keeping the community's heart intact.

With support from a \$50 million federal HUD Choice Neighborhoods grant, Marble Manor stands as a cornerstone of a broader vision to reinvest in the Historic Westside. This moment is about more than new buildings; it's about creating lasting opportunity, fostering stability, and building a stronger, more vibrant future for generations to come.



HOUSING.



Marble Manor Groundbreaking Highlights





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