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NEW BEGINNINGS NEWSLETTER

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FOR MARBLE MANOR | LAS VEGAS, NV



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

CNI Resident & Community Update Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2026 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
A.D. Guy Knowledge Center
817 N Street
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Ward 5 Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
West Las Vegas Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.,
Las Vegas, NV 89106

The Corner Open Mic Series: CommUNITY
Friday, December 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM
West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd.,
Las Vegas, NV 89106 Admission: Free

Kwanzaa 2026: UMOJA (Unity) Cultural Celebration
Saturday, December 26, 2026, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM
West Las Vegas Theater, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.,
Las Vegas, NV 89106 Admission: Free

Monthly Resident Meetings
- Wednesday, November 25, 2026
- Wednesday, December 23, 2026
- Wednesday, January 27, 2027

Martin Luther King Jr. Parade
Monday, January 18, 2027 begins at 10:00 AM
Downtown Las Vegas

Love on Jackson
Saturday, February 20, 2027 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Jackson Avenue between D and F streets

Construction Hiring Event - Section 3
February 23, 2027 from 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM
West Las Vegas Library, 1861 Martin Luther King Blvd.,
Las Vegas, NV 89106

CELEBRATING PROGRESS, BUILDING WHAT'S NEXT

As we enter our third year of the Marble Manor Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, we have much to celebrate and even more to look forward to. From shareWESTSIDE bringing the neighborhood's first new multifamily housing in decades to completing the final relocation of Marble Manor residents, years of planning and partnership are turning into progress. With Phase 1 construction soon building above ground and Phase 2 groundbreaking following close behind, by this time next year the original Marble Manor units will have made way for a new community beginning to take shape. As 2027 comes into view, the full promise of CNI will become increasingly visible throughout the Historic Westside, honoring Marble Manor's history while creating new homes, opportunities, and a stronger future for our residents, the neighborhood, and generations to come.

RESIDENT OF THE QUARTER | *SHA-NIYA BAILEY*



This quarter, we are excited to celebrate Sha-Niya Bailey, an inspiring young woman who has turned her passion for helping others into a growing career in healthcare. After beginning her journey as a Medical Assistant, Sha-Niya continued building her skills through the FLEX program, successfully earning her CNA certification. She is now employed full-time with Marquis Companies and continuing to pursue her passion for caring for others. Her journey is a wonderful example of how hard work, determination, and taking advantage of new opportunities can help turn goals into accomplishments.

Residents who are interested in learning more about FLEX or how to enroll can reach out to Shahara McGee at Flex@snvrha.org to take the first step toward their own career goals.
To learn more about the FLEX program click here.

PEOPLE.



The CNI People Implementation Entity (PIE) Team provides supportive services to Marble Manor residents, both on-site and off-site. The team works directly with individuals and families to identify barriers, connect residents with community resources, and coordinate services that support their overall well-being.Through individualized assistance, strong community partnerships, and connections to essential resources, the PIE Team helps residents navigate challenges, strengthen stability, and work toward greater self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.

CNI PEOPLE TEAM

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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

PEOPLE.



More Than School Supplies: Marble Manor Families Kick Off the School Year Together

The start of a new school year brings excitement, new opportunities, and plenty of preparation. At Marble Manor, families had the chance to get ready for the year ahead while enjoying an afternoon dedicated to students and their success.

On July 18, 2026, the CNI PIE Team hosted a Back-to-School event at Marble Manor, welcoming both on-site and off-site families. More than 200 residents attended, creating a lively celebration filled with valuable resources, food, fun, and plenty of excitement for the upcoming school year.

Students from Pre-K through 12th grade received bags filled with school supplies tailored to their grade levels. Whether preparing for their first classroom experience or returning for another year of high school, students left with essential supplies to help them begin the year ready to learn.

Families were also able to explore services available throughout the community. Seven vendors participated, including Affordable Computer Training, Girl Scouts of Nevada, Health Plan of Nevada, and Nevada Legal Services, offering residents information and connections to resources beyond the classroom.

The afternoon wasn't all about preparation. Families had an opportunity to relax, catch up with neighbors, enjoy great food, and cool off with ice cream during the Las Vegas summer heat. The festive atmosphere made getting ready for school feel like a celebration rather than another item on the family to-do list.

The event was particularly meaningful because it welcomed families currently living at Marble Manor alongside those who have relocated off-site. Bringing everyone back together provided an opportunity to maintain the relationships and community connections that remain important as Marble Manor continues to change.

With supplies in hand and a community behind them, Marble Manor students stepped into the new school year knowing they have plenty of people cheering for their success.

Legends Corner.



Operation Life Team



"Storming Ceasers Palace"



Ruby Duncan and Community Activists

Mothers of a Movement

The history of Marble Manor is intertwined with the remarkable women who called the community home and helped turn Las Vegas' Historic Westside into a center for grassroots activism. Faced with poverty, discriminatory welfare policies, and deep economic inequality during the 1960s and 1970s, these mothers organized their neighbors and fought for greater dignity, opportunity, and support for their families.

Alversa "Versie" Beals: The Spark

Beginning in the late 1960s, Beals helped bring women within Marble Manor together around the challenges confronting their families. Her organizing helped lay the groundwork for a larger movement that would extend far beyond the neighborhood.

Ruby Duncan: The Voice and Strategist

Ruby Duncan emerged as one of the movement's most recognized leaders. After an injury left her unable to continue working as a hotel maid, she became increasingly involved in welfare-rights advocacy and went on to lead the Clark County Welfare Rights Organization. Duncan helped mobilize mothers and families to challenge cuts to public assistance and bring national attention to conditions facing low-income Las Vegans. She later co-founded Operation Life, which brought medical clinics, a library, and daycare services to the Westside community.



Alversa "Versie" Beals

Rosie Seals, Essie Henderson, Emma Stampley and Mary Wesley: The Foundational Pillars
These were the core block captains who walked the complex, educated neighbors on unfair state welfare policies, organized food pantries, and protected local families from intrusive, dehumanizing welfare raids. Their work demonstrated the power of residents organizing from within their own neighborhoods to advocate for change. Alongside Duncan and Beals was a network of dedicated women who organized neighbors, connected struggling families with assistance, and helped build community support systems.

From Protest to Progress
When Nevada dramatically reduced welfare assistance, families who were already struggling faced even greater hardship. Rather than quietly accept the changes, Duncan and the other mothers organized.

In 1971, their activism reached the Las Vegas Strip. During the demonstration remembered as "Storming Caesars Palace," welfare-rights activists brought their demands directly to the economic heart of the city, drawing greater attention to poverty and the needs of Westside families.

But their legacy extended beyond protest.
Through Operation Life, community activists transformed their organizing experience into lasting neighborhood resources. The organization established crucial services for Westside residents, strengthening access to health care, food assistance, education, recreation, and other forms of community support.

Their story became about more than challenging policies. It became about creating solutions.

As Marble Manor enters a new chapter, a multi-year, $400 million redevelopment will transform the historic property into a vibrant mixed-income community, supported in part by a $50 million HUD Choice Neighborhoods Initiative grant. At the same time, efforts are underway to ensure that its rich history is not lost. The Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority is developing a documentary and oral history project to preserve the voices, experiences, and contributions of people whose leadership and advocacy helped shape.

Marble Manor and the Historic Westside.
Their legacy reminds us that some of Las Vegas' most meaningful social change began not in government offices or boardrooms, but among mothers and neighbors who believed their families deserved better.

They organized. They marched. They built. And in doing so, the mothers of Marble Manor left a timeless blueprint for intersectional activism, proving that those closest to the economic margins are often the best equipped to lead.

On July 16, 2026, the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority honored Alversa Beals and Essie Henderson for their activism and dedication to racial justice, housing equality, and economic opportunity. In their honor, the authority dedicated a new property Beals-Henderson Pointe.



Alversa "Versie" Beals



The Good Word Social Club Groundbreaking

Creating Opportunities for Small Businesses

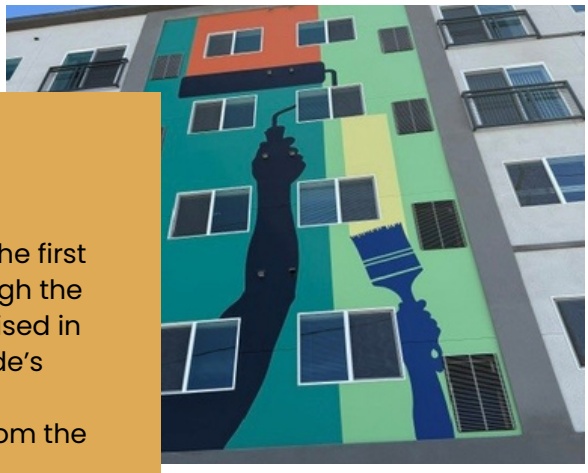
Progress continued on the Good Word Social Club and Small Business Incubator. 3 Golpes was selected as the operator, and the company formally accepted the award in August. The project also reached a meaningful small-business milestone when The Holliday Bistro Kitchen was confirmed as an eligible microenterprise and received a licensing agreement for a food stall at the Good Word Social Club.

Preserving the Moulin Rouge Columns

Planning progressed for restoration of the historic Moulin Rouge columns, including outreach to restoration firms nationwide. The information gathered through this process will help guide future restoration planning.

Continuing the Momentum

Together, these accomplishments demonstrate steady progress across the Historic Westside. From new housing and public art to safety planning, homeowner assistance, historic preservation, wayfinding, and small-business development, each initiative contributes to a more connected and vibrant neighborhood.



Celebrating Historic Westside Art and Culture
Four exterior murals were unveiled in conjunction with the shareWESTSIDE grand opening, marking the completion of the first public art initiative associated with this work. Curated through the Westside's ThirtyThree Gallery and painted by two artists raised in the neighborhood, the murals celebrate the Historic Westside's past, present, future, and legacy. Their imagery includes a recreated archival photograph of neighborhood children from the 1970s and a depiction of intergenerational mentorship.



Supporting Homeowners Through Façade Improvements
The Residential Façade Improvement Program began with targeted outreach to homeowners in May. Literature was distributed to all 50 homes in Target Area #1 along West Washington Avenue, generating immediate interest from several property owners. A property-needs survey followed, along with coordination to incorporate the Historic Westside Guidebook and Urban Forestry Program into the initiative so future improvements complement the neighborhood's historic character.

For more information, please contact SHIFT@LasVegasNevada.Gov or call 702.229.7444.
Access the Historic Westside Design Guidebook: https://files.lasvegasnevada.gov/planning/Historic-Preservation/Historic-Westside-Design-Guidebook-compressed.pdf

Historic Westside CNI: Building a Safer, Stronger and More Connected Community

The Historic Westside Choice Neighborhoods Initiative advanced several projects designed to improve neighborhood safety, housing, public spaces, economic opportunities, and community identity. These efforts reflect continued coordination among residents, public agencies, community partners, and local stakeholders.

Strengthening Neighborhood Safety

The Historic Westside Safety Plan reached an important milestone in May when the City of Las Vegas Department of Neighborhood Services presented its first complete draft to core stakeholders. The plan establishes a coordinated approach to public safety built around four key areas: community-oriented policing, environmental design, youth engagement and neighborhood stewardship. Feedback received during the presentation led to the inclusion of additional information about bike-share expansion and neighborhood connectivity.

Residents and community stakeholders also had an opportunity to learn about the Safety Plan during the June 11 CNI Community Outreach Event at the AD Guy Center. Following stakeholder and resident engagement, the finalized plan was submitted to HUD and community partners in August.



June 11, 2026 CNI Community Meeting



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Expanding Housing Opportunities

One of the period's most visible accomplishments was the June grand opening of shareWESTSIDE, a five-story residential community located at D and Jefferson Streets. The development includes 104 residential units, with more than 80 designated as workforce housing. Qualifying residents will also have access to a homeownership-readiness benefit.

Inquire about units:

Website: https://www.sharedowntown.com/sharewestside
Phone Number: (725)900-0676
Email: info@sharedowntown

Building the Future: Marble Manor's Transformation Is Taking Shape

There's exciting progress happening at Marble Manor! Step by step and phase by phase, the redevelopment continues to move forward, bringing the vision for the community closer to reality.

Some of the biggest changes happening right now may not always be the most visible, but they are important pieces of the transformation. From preparing the ground for new construction to completing demolition work and developing designs for future phases, activity is moving forward on several fronts.

Phase I: Building from the Ground Up

If you've noticed construction activity around Marble Manor, there's a good reason. Phase I construction is moving forward!

Crews continue working on site grading and preparing the building pads for pouring concrete. Extensive soil preparation has also been completed, marking an important milestone as construction progresses.

While this early work may look like dirt, equipment, and site preparation, it represents something much bigger. The groundwork is literally being laid for Marble Manor's future. Every completed task moves the redevelopment another step closer to becoming something residents can see, experience, and enjoy.

Phase 2: Another Milestone Reached!

There's more progress to celebrate in Phase 2, where demolition and abatement have officially been completed. Finishing this work marks another significant step in the redevelopment and clears the way for continued activity in this phase.

For residents and neighbors who have been watching the changes unfold, every milestone is another visible reminder that the transformation is well underway.

Phase 3: Wait Until You See What's Coming!

While construction continues on the ground, another exciting chapter of the Marble Manor transformation is taking shape behind the scenes. Design work for Phase 3 is well underway, and we are excited by the vision that is emerging. With each step forward, another piece of the Marble Manor vision comes into clearer focus. The evolving design reflects the community's future while honoring its legacy, and we are excited about what lies ahead. We look forward to sharing more details as plans progress and we believe residents and neighbors alike will be inspired by what's to come.





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.



September 9, 2026
David Brown, Director of Operations, Kalb Construction
Marble Manor Phase II Subcontractor Event



August 26, 2026
Kathi Thomas, Chief Housing Officer, SNRHA
Building Business to Build Marble Manor Kick-off

Building Businesses to Build MARBLE MANOR

Marble Manor's transformation is about more than building new homes; it's also about creating opportunities for local businesses to grow. "Building Businesses to Build Marble Manor" is the campaign connecting local contractors and small businesses with project information, subcontracting opportunities, and resources to strengthen their readiness to participate in the redevelopment. Launched with the Phase II Subcontractor Kickoff, the campaign brings together SNRHA, Brinshore Development, construction partners, SUMNU Marketing, and business resources to support contractor outreach, preparation, and engagement. With Kalb Construction serving as the Phase II general contractor, this work is helping local businesses prepare for opportunities at Marble Manor and beyond. Scan the QR Code on page 10 for more information.

A New Chapter Begins: Relocation Update

Since May 2026, the Relocation Team has been working closely with Marble Manor residents to prepare for upcoming moves. Of the 58 residents currently on site, 54 interviews have been completed, with translation assistance arranged for Spanish-speaking residents. The first 30 resident names have been submitted to the Housing Choice Voucher team for voucher preparation, while outreach continues with the remaining residents. Encouragingly, many residents are already expressing excitement about returning to Marble Manor once redevelopment is complete. The team aims to relocate as many residents as possible before the holidays and remains confident that all on-site moves will be completed by March 1, 2027.

Transformation Happens One Milestone at a time

Marble Manor has long been more than buildings and property. It is a community rich with history, memories, families, neighbors, and generations of people who have called it home. That makes watching its redevelopment unfold especially meaningful. When you see the construction activity, remember: you're watching transformation in progress. From the work happening on the ground to the designs developing behind the scenes, each phase is helping move the community toward an exciting new chapter. The story of Marble Manor is still being written, and residents are watching that future take shape right before their eyes.

Help Name the Future

Help us name the new community! We invite residents and community members to help create a name that honors the past, celebrates the Historic Westside, and looks ahead to an exciting future. Keep your eyes out for upcoming Community Naming Meetings and the official opportunity to submit nominations. For more information, look to the SNRHA Choice Neighborhood website starting in mid-December: **Click Here**.

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