

# January 2016 Update

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## 6-5-4-2-1

This is *not* the winning combination for the Powerball lottery. But it *is* the combination of homeownership opportunities we have in play at this time. The numbers go like this:

**6** – The number of affordable houses we currently have under construction on N. Keystone Avenue in St. Clair Place. Like 650 N. Keystone, pictured here, all are either new or restored to the exacting specifications of the *St. Clair Place Pattern Book*, which is bringing increasing value to this revitalizing neighborhood. [Affordable = sale is limited to households with incomes at or less than 80% of the area median income.]



**5** – Affordable houses we will begin to develop in the spring of 2016. All in St. Clair Place, these homeownership opportunities continue our commitment to bring affordability and value to our community.

**4** – Completed affordable houses currently available for sale. Two new and two beautifully restored, these St. Clair Place houses all have two-car garages and security systems and are priced to sell to low-mod income buyers looking for great value. Contact Realtor Jay Pearl to see them ([jay@jaypearl.com](mailto:jay@jaypearl.com)).

**2** – New houses that developer Steve Keller will build and make available at market rate in St. Clair Place this year. These homes will have no income restriction on the buyers. These will be the first *new* homes in St. Clair Place NOT developed by NEAR.

**1** - Houses we are currently developing to sell without income restriction. 931 N. Jefferson is being carefully recreated by Billy Vantwoud, whose craftsmanship has significant value in St. Clair Place.

## Near Eastside Education Summit, January 30

**What would make our neighborhood schools and education great?** We're asking that question of parents, residents, and community stakeholders. Your answers are critical for the future of public schools in the Near Eastside. This community event is at Thomas D. Gregg School 15, 2302 E. Michigan St., from 9 am to 1 pm. Lunch is provided. No cost. Spanish interpretation services. Onsite childcare is available. Register at <http://educationsummit.jbncenters.org>

## Neighbor Forum on Housing

**A fresh conversation on housing needs and opportunities in the Promise Zone.** NEAR's monthly Neighbor Forums are opportunities to learn about emerging community development concerns and to engage in thoughtful discussion for better neighborhoods. On Thursday, February 11, we'll share the 10-year goals of the Promise Zone for single and multi-family housing. We welcome input and ideas on development areas and ways these stretch goals can be achieved. NEAR Neighbor Forums are at 6 pm at the John Boner Neighborhood Center located at 2236 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Growing our Local Economy

**Creating great places includes working for economic vitality.** NEAR is proud of developing 80 houses in five years and helping to revitalize Near Eastside neighborhoods. We're deeply committed to this part of our mission. There is just more to it. In 2016, we're growing our capacity to impact our community's economy. We're focusing on business needs and opportunities along our commercial corridors. We're putting the 10-year goals of the Promise Zone into play. We believe the Near Eastside is poised for a season of robust economic growth and we'll be doing all we can to encourage it. Join us on March 10, 6 pm, for a NEAR Neighbor Forum on economic development.

## Updates and News to Note

**Near Eastside Food Summit II is Saturday, April 16.** Please mark your calendar and plan to join with local food advocates to advance our community's work on food deserts, urban agriculture, nutrition, a Near Eastside farmers' market, and community garden networking. New this year: a chili cook-off.

**Indy East Promise Zone.** Recognized in mid-2015 as a Federally-designated Promise Zone (one of only a handful of sites across the nation), implementation plans for this spring are progressing. John Boner Neighborhood Centers leads the Promise Zone effort. Learn all about the Promise Zone and how to get involved at [www.indyeast.org](http://www.indyeast.org).

**The Minnie Hartmann Center.** We should know by the end of February if our tax credit proposal to IHCD for funding for an adaptive reuse of IPS School 78 (Sherman & Vermont) as an intergenerational center with 64 units of affordable senior adult housing and a full-day child daycare will be awarded. This project includes NEAR, John Boner Neighborhood Centers, Shepherd Community Center, and Englewood Christian Church/Daystar Daycare.

**NEAR Annual Community Luncheon.** Thursday, April 28, 11:30 am, Boner Fitness & Learning Center at Chase Legacy Building; Deputy Mayor Jeff Bennett, keynote speaker. More info coming very soon.

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