Heights rehabilitation a rocky path

By Regina Pettit, staff reporter

The Big Day! Wide smiles and a palpable sense of hope from hundreds of people who couldn’t believe the dream was true. What a day! the weather was perfect, and the neighborhood was buzzing with activity as the residents of the former Woodframe housing complex celebrated the beginning of their new lives. The $90 million project, which included the rehabilitation of 448 units, was a major milestone for the Heights neighborhood.

Despite the success of the rehabilitation project, some residents expressed concerns about the ongoing maintenance and management of the complex. "We need more involvement from the management team," said one resident. "We want to be heard, and we want our concerns addressed." The height of expectations in the Heights neighborhood was palpable, and it was clear that the community was eager to see the long-awaited project come to fruition.

Warminster Heights: Dreams vs. reality

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Tenants live next door to woodframe units that have been left to decay while officials debate about demolishing them.

By Regina Pettit, staff reporter

"Sometimes when I don’t have time to, I walk through Warminster Heights and dream." Long-time Warminster Heights resident Estelle, 81, has lived in the Heights for 50 years and has seen the neighborhood go through many changes. "It’s not what it used to be," she said, "but it’s still a place I love." The Warminster Heights neighborhood has a rich history, and its residents are determined to ensure that its future remains strong.

Mark Levin, 54, a former social worker, recently moved to the Heights from Brooklyn. "I was drawn to the neighborhood because of its history and its diversity," he said. "I’m excited to be a part of the revitalization process." With the completion of the rehabilitation project, the neighborhood is poised for a bright future.

Steve Pollack

Tenants would own complex

Housing coop a new step

"I think this is a big step," said Barbara Brown, who moved to the Heights from Manhattan. "I’ve always wanted to own a home, and now I finally have the opportunity." The formation of a housing cooperative is a significant step in the revitalization of the Heights neighborhood. "We’re excited to be part of the process," said Brown. "We want to be involved in the decision-making process and make sure that our voices are heard." The cooperative will be a community-owned and community-run entity, and it has the potential to be a model for other neighborhoods striving to achieve similar goals.

For more information, visit the Heights Housing Cooperative website at heightscoop.com.
Heights ‘bad reputation’ a beast they aim to kill

By Regina Petit, staff reporter

In Warminster Heights, they are trying to kill a beast. Dolgoff Field, the local high school, became the center of controversy in recent weeks when the school administration attempted to cut the school's football program. The community was outraged, and several local residents organized a protest to save the program.

The issue has divided the town, with some residents supporting the school's decision to cut the program and others opposing it. The school board has decided to keep the program, but the residents' concerns have not gone unnoticed.

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Though “southern” seems to refer to something else, there is a certain charm to the Warminster Heights. Though the town is only a few years old, it has a distinct character that sets it apart from other suburban developments.

The town is surrounded by rolling hills and picturesque landscapes, which add to its charm. The residents are proud of their community and work hard to maintain its unique character.

Palumbo: The Heights could be nicer

By Regina Petit, staff reporter

It’s been a hard sell for Warminster Heights. It's a new neighborhood, still under construction, and not everyone is sold on it. But John Palumbo, one of the developers, has made some changes that have helped to improve the area.

He said he has some ideas for improving the neighborhood, and he is working with the local government to make it even better. He is happy with the progress so far and looks forward to seeing the final product.
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"I wish they (residents) would tell me about it," Palumbo said. "We don't have people coming in here saying, 'Hey, the land is going to be developed here. I want to develop there.' The city has no idea, it's all word of mouth. There are no homes to see them here." Palumbo said it was not in a newsletter where he stated that the city was going to develop the land. He denied that the city had ever verbally told anyone that the land would be developed. Palumbo said he saw the report in a newsletter.

Several residents have expressed their concerns about the possibility of the land being developed. They feel that the area is too small and that it would ruin the community. Palumbo said he would not support such development.

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Frank Beck, "They don't have control over their place."

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