



Media Advisory

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Housing and Neighborhood Development Service to launch new housing communities in the Little Italy Neighborhood

***Event to mark the groundbreaking on 4 new construction single family homes;
and development of safe, affordable housing for persons with disabilities***

Friday May 1, 2009 (Erie) - Housing and Neighborhood Development Service (HANDS) will hold a ground breaking ceremony on **Wednesday, May 6 at 1:30 PM at 1711 Hickory Street (near the intersection of 18th and Hickory Street in the City of Erie)**. The ground breaking will commemorate the construction of four single family homes that will benefit low income first time home buyers in Erie. The construction of these 4 new homes follows construction of three homes that were built in 2008 and sold to first time homebuyers.

At the same time, the announcement marks the development of North Coast Place Apartments that will be built at the corner of 18th and Hickory Streets. North Coast Place will offer safe, affordable rental housing for persons with chronic disabilities and will consist of 10 apartment homes. The North Coast Place development is a joint effort between HANDS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the City of Erie.

The event will include officials from HANDS, the City of Erie including Mayor Sinnott, members of the Little Italy Revitalization Association, the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network, and citizens from the Historic Little Italy neighborhood and will involve a ground breaking ceremony.

In addition, information concerning a Lease-to-Purchase option will be made available to help homebuyers work towards home ownership in the event that permanent mortgage is not immediately available.

Members of the media are invited and encouraged to attend. Officials will be on hand to answer questions about the project and the overall revitalization efforts in the Historic Little Italy neighborhood.



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