

War on Poverty



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Building Community in the Garden

JACKSONVILLE, FL (June 29, 2009) – On June 30, 2009 at 10:00 am, the Brentwood Residents Council and War on Poverty Florida along with community partner Student Conservation Association will begin work on the second phase of the community garden project. In April 2009 the groups broke ground on a garden in the community located off of Brentwood Boulevard, the second community garden project in Northwest Jacksonville.

“Our residents are truly excited about the garden.” commented Prince Stevens, President of the Brentwood Residents Council “Many of our seniors are eager to help and need help with accessing the garden beds.”

The second phase of the Brentwood garden project will include building raised beds and installing benches to increase accessibility for senior residents working in the garden. The seasonal garden will feature resident favorites such as pumpkins, okra, peppers and herbs. Residents and potential community partners are invited out to support the garden during the June 30th build-out event.

Community gardening is an initiative of the Build a Healthy Community Childhood Obesity Prevention Project aimed to promote active lifestyles and healthy eating in northwest Jacksonville. The Brentwood garden is one of three in northwest Jacksonville.

For more information on the garden or to donate supplies, contact the War on Poverty Florida at (904) 766-7275.

The Build a Healthy Community Childhood Obesity Prevention Project is funded in part by grant from The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida, [Embrace a Healthy Florida](#) initiative. The statewide initiative supports community-based programs that promote change in families and parenting, childcare centers and schools, neighborhood recreation opportunities and other influences on the accessibility of healthy food and physical activity

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