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**CITY OF FARRELL, PA, ANNOUNCES GROUNDBREAKING FRIDAY FOR FINAL PHASE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM HOME**

**FARRELL NATIVE DONNA JOHNSON PYLES, OWNER OF DC CONSTRUCTION & SERVICES OUT OF NORTH CAROLINA WILL COMPLETE RESIDENTIAL HOMEOWNERSHIP PROJECT**

**BUSINESSWOMAN ALSO HOMETOWN INVESTOR VIA RENOVATION OF HOUSES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT FARRELL AND SHARON**

FARRELL-The City of Farrell is announcing a groundbreaking set for 2 PM Friday at 420 Fruit Avenue as they begin the final phase of their homeownership program. The project will be completed by Farrell native Donna Pyles and husband John, owners of DC Construction & Services LLC based out of North Carolina. The groundbreaking will be followed by a light reception at a home recently renovated by the construction company in the City of Farrell located at 233 Shenango Blvd.

“Donna has recently returned to Farrell and her passion to contribute to the city is incredible,” said Farrell City Manager Ben Prescott, adding that the home program she will be completing is funded through the Affordable Housing Program acquired via the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh. “These homes help stabilize neighborhoods and create family housing that attracts more people to the community and in turn supports the surrounding area.”

Pyles, a 1984 graduate of Farrell High School, has fond memories of growing up in the former steel town and is excited to be part of giving back to her native community. “I feel honored not only doing this work for my city but also representing my city,” she said, adding, “It’s bigger than just a project – it’s a mission. I want people to want to live in Farrell. I want businesses to come and represent in Farrell, increase employment opportunities, raise the tax base and property values which means Farrell can do even more for the community.”

The Farrell native connected with Mayor Kim Doss last year and shared with her the vision she saw for her hometown. From there the mayor connected her with the City Manager. “Donna is from Farrell, with family here and is someone wanting to give back to their hometown, not forgetting where they came from which was very important to me,” said Doss. “This program will help build up our tax base and give people of low income a step up into homeownership.” The homes are valued at \$200,000 but the final price, which will be reduced, is still being determined.

Since the grant was received, the city has built 6 homes with the funds, with the first one built in 2016 and the most recent one completed in the spring by Meander Construction who built 4 of the 6 homes. DC Construction plans to complete the last two houses between the end of the year and spring of 2023 for a total of 8 built for the City of Farrell with the funding program.

“The city has been very fortunate to find another builder, which is exciting news, especially because she already has several projects going on in both Farrell and Sharon in the remodeling of homes in both cities,” said Prescott, adding that Farrell City Council will likely look to apply to the program again to keep home programs like this working for the residents. “These programs are critical to help maintain the City of Farrell as it continues to recover from decades of decline from steel mill times.”

As for Pyles, who is also owner of three daycare centers in North Carolina, she is just excited to get started. “I have been wanting to do something in Farrell for years,” said the owner. “I was inspired to get into construction through watching HGTV and as I pursued it, I began choosing specific areas where I knew I would be helping lower income families or improving areas, so it’s always been strategic.”

***For additional details:***

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***Event details:***

*Groundbreaking is 2 PM Friday, July 29 at 420 Fruit Avenue, Farrell.*

*Light reception starts at 2:30 PM, July 29 at 233 Shenango Blvd, Farrell.*

***Additional details about Donna Pyles:*** Her construction company has done various revitalization work since its inception in 2018 and she currently owns several homes and commercial buildings throughout Farrell and Sharon which her company renovates and then resells.