MEDIA ADVISORY for July 19, 2024

## Open house for second Abandonment to Rehab home, launch of homebuyer initiative

Decatur, IL – The City of Decatur and Central Illinois Landbank Authority (CILBA) would like to invite media to an open house at 1652 N Edward St. on Friday, July 19 starting at 11:00 a.m.

This is the second home completed in the Abandonment to Rehab program. The program is a partnership between the City and CILBA that takes vacant/abandoned homes that would otherwise likely become demolition candidates and rehabilitates them. The first completed home at 439 S Maffit St. sold in March 2024.

Additionally, the City and its partners are launching the Decatur Homebuyer Initiative, which is a collaboration aimed at preparing and supporting residents to become home owners. We will discuss the program and its available resources during the press event.

A community event for the neighborhood and other partners to celebrate another finished abandonment to rehab home will take place Saturday, July 20. And on Sunday, July 21, there is a traditional open house from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

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