

# Highlights Around the Neighborhood



## Perfections Mural

Check out this new public art piece in Russell located on the southern side of Perfections Hair Salon, 1730 West Chestnut Street. Annika Eubanks, owner of Perfections Hair Salon, had Charles Utter from the state of California come to Louisville for a week to create this bold black and white tribute to her hair salon and the Russell neighborhood. Perfections Hair Salon is open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment. For more information call Annika at (502) 807-7834.

## Clean Lou Russell

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Russell neighborhood clean-up on Saturday, March 18th. Over 400 volunteers collected and removed 6,580 pounds (more than three tons) of garage and bulk items from Russell in 3 hours. The next Clean Lou neighborhood clean-up will be in the California and Parkhill neighborhoods April 15th. Contact Margaret.Brosko@louisvilleky.gov for more information or to sign-up to volunteer.



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# Russell Choice Neighborhood Planning Initiative NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

**MONDAY | April 24, 2017**

### Action Grant Community Meeting

**Time | 6:00 pm**

**Location | Louisville Urban League Community Room, 1535 W Broadway, Louisville, KY 40203**



Existing site plan of Sheppard Park, which will be improved in 2017

## Action Grant Community Meeting

You are invited to provide input on four new neighborhood amenities that will be coming to Russell during the coming year. These projects, which will be funded with a \$1,000,000 Choice Neighborhood Initiative Action grant from HUD and \$375,000 from the Louisville Metro Government, include:

- improvements to Sheppard Park including a spray ground;
- the installation of up to five smART Stop bus shelters;
- neighborhood gateway murals painted on portions of the railway overpasses that run north to south between 13th and 15th streets; and
- the development of new amenities on four or five vacant lots.

A community meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 24th at 6 p.m. at the Louisville Urban League (1535 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40203) to collect ideas and input from residents of the Russell neighborhood.

If you are unable to attend the event please email your specific suggestions to [action2017@lmha1.org](mailto:action2017@lmha1.org) or call (502) 569-3460.

## Beecher Terrace First Phase Update

The first phase of Beecher Terrace redevelopment will include a 120-unit building for residents age 55+. First preference for these new units will be given to Beecher residents. This four-story building will be located on the northern half of Old Walnut Park between 9th and 10th streets, and construction is expected to begin in late 2017 or early 2018.

### Beecher Terrace Residents:

*Remember, please do NOT move, as moving will jeopardize your relocation benefits. You will soon receive a letter from the Louisville Metro Housing Authority with more details about the upcoming relocation process, your relocation options and benefits, and the general timeframe for relocation.*

*A meeting to discuss specific details about relocation has been scheduled for Beecher Terrace residents on Monday, April 17th at the Baxter Community Center at 6 p.m.*



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*Pictured left to right: Julia Robinson, Markham French, Genetta Hurst, Devan King and Ebonique Burns*

**A big welcome to Urban Strategies, Inc., our newest Vision Russell team member. Urban will be leading the People component of our Choice Neighborhoods Implementation (CNI) grant, which focuses on Beecher Terrace families.**

Urban is a national nonprofit whose mission is to empower residents in distressed urban neighborhoods to lead healthy, prosperous lives in thriving, self-sustaining communities. Founded in 1978, Urban works with communities to help build safe neighborhoods, enhance schools, and provide a range of comprehensive human service supports. With the input of residents and community stakeholders, Urban has assisted in designing and implementing a wide range of transformative projects in urban communities across the country including New Orleans and Memphis. During their work with Beecher Terrace households over the coming five years, Urban staff will be providing direct case management services, assisting in workforce and resident leadership development, and linking families to a broad range of community service providers.

# Introducing Urban Strategies, Inc.

Our Louisville Team of staff includes:

**Devan King, Case Manager Supervisor**

Devan has served individuals and families in a variety of capacities over the last 12 years. She has extensive experience as a case manager, and has worked within the court system and with detained youth in the Louisville community. Devan has a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Northern Kentucky University and a Master's of Science in Management from Sullivan University.

**Markham French, Workforce Development Case Manager**

Markham has over 30 years of experience in the social services profession having worked within the school system, with youth, and in workforce development. Most recently, he was Executive Director for the Plymouth Renewal Community Center where he spent the last 12 years serving individuals, families and youth in the Russell neighborhood. Markham has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Morehead State University.

**Ebonique Burns, Health/Mental Health Case Manager**

Ebonique has been involved with Vision Russell from its early planning stages, and is one of the founders of Russell Walks, which has been featured in past issues of the Vision Russell newsletter. (If you are interested in learning more about Russell Walks, please contact (502) 569-3460.) Ebonique is a graduate of the Russell Neighborhood Institute

and serves on the CNI Action Grant Selection Team. Ebonique received her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Kaplan University.

**Julia Robinson, Outreach Worker**

Julia was a Vision Russell outreach worker with New Directions Housing Corporation during the CNI planning grant process and is now an outreach worker for Urban Strategies. Her work at Urban will primarily focus on Beecher Terrace residents. She is passionate about assisting others as they realize their dreams and goals, and working with families to help connect them to community resources. Julia has a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from the University of Louisville and is another co-founder of Russell Walks.

**Genetta Hurst, Outreach Worker**

Genetta, a current resident of Beecher Terrace, also will be conducting outreach with fellow Beecher Terrace residents and informing them about the services available through the CNI Implementation grant. She and Julia will also be providing feedback from residents and other community members to the CNI People team to continually help inform and improve program development and implementation. Genetta received an Associate of Arts degree from Jefferson Community and Technical College and will graduate from the University of Louisville this May with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health.

# Fresh Stops

Fresh Stop Markets are “pop up” farm-fresh food markets set up at local churches, community centers and other neighborhood centers that provide produce to fresh food insecure neighborhoods. The Russell neighborhood Fresh Stop will be returning to the Joshua Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 426 S. 15th Street, on every other Saturday starting June 17 from 10 a.m.-noon.



The cost of shares at all Fresh Stops are set on a sliding scale based on income. The scale is as follows:

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| <br>\$6<br>families on WIC | <br>\$12<br>limited resources | <br>\$25<br>higher incomes | <br>\$40<br>food justice share |
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- Shares are \$6 for families on WIC.
  - Shares are \$12 for families who receive SNAP/ EBT/Food Stamps or others with limited resources.
  - Shares are \$25 for families with higher incomes.
  - **NEW!!! You can also purchase a Food Justice Share. Pay \$40 (retail price of the share). This will put more money in the pot so all can eat!**

Everyone gets the same exact food regardless of what is paid. No one is turned away for lack of resources. To place an order for seasonal shares call (502) 509-6770 (debit/credit or SNAP), or drop off cash at Joshua Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

# LCCC Teen Leadership Council



The Teen Leadership Council (T.L.C.) at Louisville Central Community Centers (LCCC) is a group of young individuals who come together twice a week to discuss ways they can benefit their community while gaining professional skills that prepare them for college. “The T.L.C.

provides an outline for career and college readiness,” said MaNya Hillman, T.L.C. president. The young leaders coordinate resources for their own advancement, such as ACT preparation and leadership workshops, and for advancement of the community through volunteering and hosting events that are open to the public.

The T.L.C. also provides an opportunity for students to earn scholarship money for college, while developing skills that will help them succeed. “I used to be very quiet and often didn’t like talking. But I often find myself providing ideas and taking charge in our Teen Leadership Council meetings,” said Gia Combs, who will be attending University of Louisville next Fall. The T.L.C. is open to students aged 13-18 who are interested in getting involved with the community and gaining skills to prepare for college.

The T.L.C. is currently organizing their third Vision 5K - a 5 kilometer run and walk that will highlight the vision that has been developed for west of 9th Street. This annual fundraising event will take place Saturday, May 20th with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. at the LCCC, 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard. Talayeh Cunningham says planning the Vision 5K has taught her how to organize community events and Jaylah Bailey, who is serving as marketing chair for the event, has developed marketing and planning skills. If you are interested in participating or volunteering at the T.L.C’s Vision 5K, visit <http://tlc5k.weebly.com> or call (502) 583-8821.