

Help Tell the Story of Beecher Terrace



Filmmaker, Lavel White

Local film maker, Lavel White with Blue Boi Entertainment, and Louisville Metro Housing Authority are producing a documentary that will capture the incredible history of Beecher Terrace. If you have lived or currently live at the site, or if you have ever worked, played or have mem-

ories of Beecher Terrace that you are willing to share, we would like to hear from you! The documentary will capture the important role this housing development has played to thousands of residents across the community and share many of the stories from the people who called Beecher Terrace home.

If you are willing to be a part of the documentary project or would like more information, please contact Lavel White at (502) 472-7941 or via e-mail at bluboient@hotmail.com.

Passport Breaks Ground on Health and Well-Being Campus

Passport Health Plan broke ground on their new Health and Well-Being Campus at 18th Street and Broadway on March 14th. The event was followed by a celebration and community forum at Louisville Central Community Center's that included musical performances, and a variety of free community resources.

The projected completion date for the first phase of the project is 2020.

For updates or more information, visit PassportWellbeing.com



Rendering of the Passport Health and Well-Being Campus

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Choice Neighborhood Initiative Newsletter

Tim Barry

Announces Retirement From Louisville Metro Housing Authority



After more than 40 years with local government, long-time Louisville Metro Housing Authority's Executive Director, Tim Barry, is retiring. Barry was appointed to the top post at the Authority in 2001 by then mayor David L. Armstrong. During his tenure, he successfully helped LMHA secure funding for three HOPE VI development projects and, more recently, the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) redevelopment project that is currently underway in the Russell neighborhood.

"I've had a marvelous 40-year career with local government and the opportunity to work with five outstanding mayors and hundreds of equally outstanding local, state and federal government employees," said Barry. "I was also fortunate to work on a number of game changing projects that I hope improved the quality of life for those of us who live here."

Barry began his career with local government in 1977 as a

manager for the city's purchasing department. Over the years, he has worked on a number of large scale projects including the \$700 million Airport Improvement Project and the creation and development of Brightside—a public private partnership that is dedicated to uniting people in clean and green activities that beautify and foster pride in our community through volunteerism, planting, sustainability and education.

Since joining LMHA 17 years ago, Barry has helped the agency secure international recognition for the revitalization of Park DuValle—one of the most successful HOPE VI revitalization efforts in the country. Under his leadership, Louisville also became the only city to receive grants from all three CNI programs - planning, action activities and implementation – that are fueling many of the changes currently underway in the Russell neighborhood.

Mayor Greg Fischer says that Barry's

long and accomplished career has helped to make Louisville a better place.

"In his many years, Tim has been a model public servant who has always put the residents of Louisville first and has aspired to add to our quality of life with every project he tackled," said Mayor Fischer. "Our city's current momentum and enthusiasm would not be what it is today if not for the tireless work of Tim Barry."

Barry says that none of his accomplishments would have been possible without the daily efforts of the LMHA staff and the continued support of his family.

"I can't thank the LMHA staff enough for the support they've given me and the outstanding service they provide to our residents each day," said Barry. "Lastly, I want to thank my wife Melissa. Spending more time with her is the reason I look forward to retiring."

Barry's last day with the agency is April 20.

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Community Dialogue to Explore the 'Good and Bad' of Gentrification

The Louisville Central Community Center, the Concerned Pastors of Russell and the Inter-Denominational Ministerial Coalition (IMC) will host the "Greatest Mile: A Community Dialogue on Economic Transformation and Gentrification." This event will be held on Thursday, March 29th at 3:45 p.m. at the Louisville Central Community Center, 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.

The moderated discussion will focus on the redevelopment of the Beecher Terrace complex and the pros and cons associated with gentrification—the increase of middle and upper income residents moving into a neighborhood that is undergoing or has been revitalized. The discussion will also explore some of the economic opportunities that could come about as a result of the changes taking place within the Russell neighborhood and the master plan that is being developed for the 13th and Muhammad Ali Corridor. To RSVP for this event please call (502) 583-8821 or visit www.lcccnews.org.

Featured Speakers:

Rev. David L. Snardon

Joshua Tabernacle MBC, IMC, Concerned Pastors of Russell

Kevin Fields

Louisville Central Community Centers, Inc.

James Detherage

The Walnut Street Group, Washington, DC

Don Edwards

Justice & Sustainability Associates, Washington, DC

Jeana Dunlap

Office of Redevelopment Strategies, Louisville Forward

Tim Barry

Louisville Metro Housing Authority

Dr. Kevin W. Cosby

Simmons College of Kentucky

Russell Neighborhood Association to Hold Russell Springfest



The Russell Neighborhood Association and Joshua Tabernacle Church will host the first Russell Neighborhood Springfest on Saturday, March 24th from noon-4:00 p.m. The event is part of an ongoing effort to help Russell residents connect with their neighbors while learning more about the resources available within the neighborhood and the transformation taking place within the area. Attendees will have a chance to enjoy live entertainment and music, free food, games and many other activities that will be fun for all ages. Russell based non-profits and other agencies will also be providing information on programs and services available to residents.

This event is being organized by the Russell Neighborhood Association, New Directions Housing Corporation and Joshua Tabernacle Church. Organizers will be on hand to share more information about the Russell Neighborhood Association and other upcoming meetings and events.

If you would like more information about the Russell Neighborhood Association or would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Jeffrey Thompson at (502) 262-4849 or via email at Mrjtthompson2000@yahoo.com.

Reily Reentry Project Helps Hundreds of Residents Take the First Step to a Clean Slate

Organizers hope to hold other clinics in the near future

The Louisville Urban League (LUL) held its first expungement clinic on Saturday, February 17th to help those who are eligible take the first steps to clearing their criminal record. The program is part of the Reily Reentry Project and helps participants complete and file the forms required to process the request.

Over 40 volunteers from Wyatt Tarrant and Combs, the Legal Aid Society and LUL served the hundreds of participants who lined up at Roosevelt Perry Elementary seeking assistance. While the group worked until late in the evening processing requests, staff were unable to serve everyone who attended this event due to high demand.

"We will help as many people as we can," said Sadiqa Reynolds, president and CEO of LUL. "We all make mistakes, and people deserve a second chance."

The Reily Reentry Project was made possible through a \$100,000 donation from LUL board member Stephen Reiley. LUL hopes to host another clinic in the near future.

Expanded Community Health Center Planned for Russell Community

The Park DuValle Community Health Center will soon have a new state-of-the-art facility within the Russell Neighborhood. The new center will be located at the corner of 15th and Broadway. The approximately 9,000 square foot building will house and offer patients a variety of services including primary, women and pediatric care; dental services; behavioral health and health education.

Demolition of the current structures at the 15th and Broadway site will soon be underway. Construction of the new Center will begin in April and is projected for completion by December 2018. Be on the lookout for information on a groundbreaking that will be held this spring.

The facility will be located just blocks away from the new YMCA and Passport Health Plan's new Health and Well-Being Campus. Funding for this project is being provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



The Village: Family Gathering

Join the Louisville Urban League for free family workshops on community building, parent and child advocacy, and strengthening our families. Dinner is included and there will be a \$50 door prize given out each session. Children will enjoy programming by Play Cousins Collective including games, learning activities, reading and art. Middle and high school students can also meet with tutors in the computer lab. Call (502) 566-3383 to RSVP or email mwhite@lul.org.