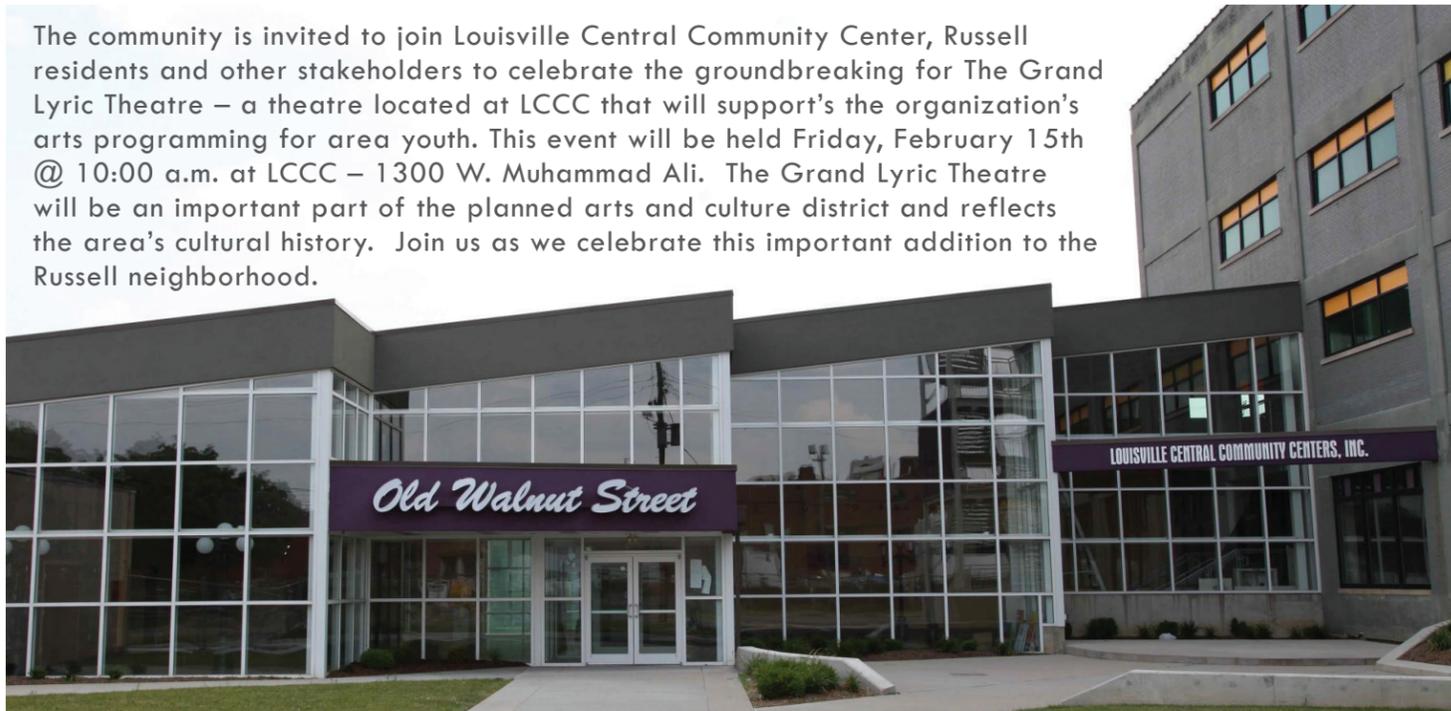


Press conference scheduled for The Grand Lyric Theatre

The community is invited to join Louisville Central Community Center, Russell residents and other stakeholders to celebrate the groundbreaking for The Grand Lyric Theatre – a theatre located at LCCC that will support the organization’s arts programming for area youth. This event will be held Friday, February 15th @ 10:00 a.m. at LCCC – 1300 W. Muhammad Ali. The Grand Lyric Theatre will be an important part of the planned arts and culture district and reflects the area’s cultural history. Join us as we celebrate this important addition to the Russell neighborhood.



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Russell Choice Neighborhood Initiative NEWSLETTER

New SmArt Stop pays tribute to historic St. Peter’s Church

Mayor Fischer, Councilwoman Barbara Sexton Smith, Dr. Jamesetta Ferguson, Pastor of St. Peter’s United Church of Christ and Lynn Rippey, President and CEO of YouthBuild Louisville, joined representatives from the community to celebrate the completion of the third SmART Stop planned within the Russell neighborhood. Located in front of St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, this latest structure was designed by Lockett and Farley Architects. The addition of the bus stops reflects feedback received from community members on the need for more covered shelters for those utilizing public transportation.

“The addition of the SmART stops serves as a tangible example of how residents are identifying the priorities and improvements they want to see in their neighborhood and driving many of the changes that are occurring throughout this historic area,” said Mayor Greg Fischer. “Each of the stops features a unique design that highlights an important part of this neighborhood’s rich history and promising future.”

The stop was constructed by YouthBuild Louisville students in partnership with Fresh Start Growers Supply. The SmART Stop shelters are one of four projects being funded through the \$1 million Choice Neighborhood Action Activities grant awarded to Louisville Metro Housing Authority in 2016 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Louisville Metro Government is also providing \$375,000 to support planned Action Activities in the area.



Each of the five stops located throughout the Russell Neighborhood highlight a significant person, institution, or event that has an important role in the neighborhood’s history. For example, the SmART stop at 13th and Muhammad Ali Boulevard next to St. Peter’s echoes the graceful arches and stained-glass windows found in this 170-year old church.

Lynn Rippey said that the benefits for the YouthBuild students who worked on the stop extend beyond the construction process. “Years from now, after the transformation is complete, the students who participated in the process will bring their families by to show them this visible reminder of the role they played in shaping the Russell neighborhood.”

Upcoming art event will invite Russell residents to put finishing touches on St. Peter's SmART stop

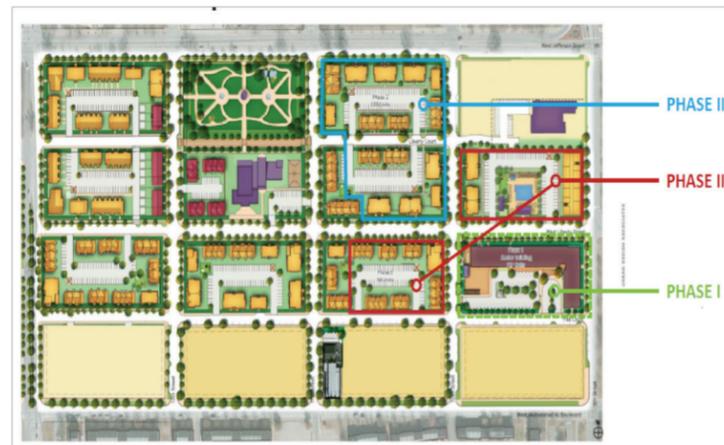
As work to put the finishing touches on Russell's newest SmART Stop continues, residents and stakeholders will also have a chance to "Make their Mark" on this stop at an upcoming art event. During this hands-on workshop, attendees will be able to add words or images that capture their vision for the Russell neighborhood on the "stained glass" panels which will be permanently installed at the stop. The event will be held on Saturday, February 9th at 2:30 p.m., at St. Peter's temporary location in the Russell Plaza, 1407 W. Jefferson Street and is open to the public. For additional information, please contact Megan Bradford with Luckett and Farley Architects at (502) 585-4181.

Phase I of Beecher Terrace demolition almost complete; site preparations to begin soon

With Phase I of demolition almost complete, site prep is about to begin for the first phase of new housing planned on the Beecher Terrace site. This four-story, energy efficient building will include a total of 117 one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartment homes for residents age 55 and over.

Phase I demolition, which included nine buildings between 9th and 10th streets, began in July 2018 and is expected to be complete in early 2019. A groundbreaking for the new building, which will offer a variety of amenities designed to promote a healthy lifestyle, will be held in early spring 2019. Construction is currently projected to be complete on this first phase of new housing by mid-2020. For information about leasing apartments in this building, please call (502) 569-4972.

In addition to the site prep and housing construction activities that will soon be underway, a second phase of demolition work will also be starting soon. This next phase of demolition, which includes 29 buildings between 10th and 11th streets, will make way for the second and third



phases of new housing development on the Beecher Terrace site. Phase II will include 108 apartment homes for families and Phase III will include 94. A total of six housing phases are currently planned for the site. When complete, the newly developed Beecher Terrace community will include 640 housing options, including affordable and market-rate rental, as well as homeownership opportunities.

MOLO Village offers programs focused on improving mental, physical and financial health

MOLO Village Development Corporation is offering a number of programs that are designed to help residents improve their physical and financial health in 2019. Programs offered include:

- MOLO Credit and Asset Building Services. This program is offered Monday – Wednesday from 1pm-5pm by appointment only. The sessions are held in partnership with Justine Petersen, a national nonprofit organization focused on providing credit counseling and wealth building services and will help prepare Russell residents for homeownership opportunities that are expected to be created as the revitalization and redevelopment efforts continue. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call (502) 510-5227.
- Senior Adult Activities and Nutrition Program are offered Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Residents 60 and older can enjoy a nutritious lunch, as well as various activities and fitness programs. Reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation please call (502) 744-0951.

In addition to programs designed to improve residents physical and financial health, MOLO is offering a 12-week re-entry program for men and women who have recently been incarcerated. This program focuses on improving emotional health and helping participants build positive self-esteem and relationships, as well as providing case management services and assistance with housing and employment. The reentry program meets every Monday from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

All services and programs are being held at St. Peter's United Church of Christ – 1407 W. Jefferson Street in the Russell Plaza.

Free trees offered to help restore city's tree canopy



TreesLouisville, a group focused on restoring the city's urban tree canopy, and the Arbor Day Foundation are partnering to provide 870 free trees to local residents. Residents can select from a variety of options and can receive one free tree by going to the website link shown below and entering their address and desired tree selection. Depending on the size selected, trees will either be shipped directly to participants or available for pick up on Saturday, March 9 from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. or Sunday, March 10 from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Fresh Start Growers' Supply, 1007 E. Jefferson Street.

To sign up or learn more about this community-wide initiative, please visit www.arborday.org/treeslouisville.