

BEECHER TERRACE HERITAGE COOKBOOK

Many memories are shared around food, and each of you has a recipe that tells a story. Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to include in the Beecher Terrace Cookbook?

Write down your recipe. Tell a story about your recipe. Feel free to submit a family photo or a picture of the prepared dish.

Contact your Urban Strategies Inc. (USI) case manager or our Urban Strategies office at (502) 384-0786 if you are interested in submitting a recipe.



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Russell Choice Neighborhood Initiative Newsletter

UNVEILING THE NEW BEECHER TERRACE

The Louisville Metro Housing Authority, Louisville Metro Government, McCormack Baron Salazar, and Messer Construction are pleased to announce the completion of the first two phases of new housing at Beecher Terrace! Returning Beecher Terrace families will begin moving into the new units in January and February, and lease-up of remaining affordable and market-rate units will begin shortly thereafter.

When asked how he feels about being one of the first to move to the new Beecher Terrace, longtime resident and LMHA Board Chair Manfred Reid said, "It's a new opportunity for high-quality living and it enlightens the whole neighborhood for the Beecher Terrace residents."

Below are some features of the new on-site housing. Additional images, floor plans, and information can be found at www.beecherterracesenior.com and www.beecherterrace-pts.com.

Phase I – 450 Roy Wilkins Avenue

- 114 One-Bedroom and 3 Two-Bedroom units
- Ages 55+ Community
- Amenities include elevators, laundry and community rooms on each floor, visiting physician's office, fitness center, and a hair salon

Phase II – 980 West Liberty Street

- 34 One-Bedroom, 57 Two-Bedroom, and 17 Three-Bedroom units
- Garden Apartment and Townhome-style buildings
- Amenities include washers and dryers in every apartment, a community room, fitness center, bike repair station, "tot-lot" play areas, and a swimming pool (coming in 2022)

Construction is underway on Phase III, a mix of garden apartments, townhomes, and a three-story elevator apartment building, which will include a total of 179 units. Phase III is projected to be complete and ready for occupancy in Spring 2022. Demolition of the original residential buildings is in its final phase and will make way for the remaining 216 units in Phases IV and V to be completed by September 2025.

For more information about renting on-site units, visit the websites on the right or call McCormack Baron Management at (502) 694-6760.



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GRAND OPENING: LCCC OLD WALNUT PLAZA

Choice Neighborhoods: Critical Community Improvements



From left to right – Front Row: Ron Jones; former Councilwoman Barbara Sexton Smith; Victor Cole – Louisville Xtreme Football; Mayor Greg Fischer; Yero Pryor – 2Hearts Media. Second Row: Brian Schneider – Greater Louisville Inc.; William Starks – G. Starks Realty; Aaron McGahee – Rhinox Research Group; Haven Harrington – Louisville Xtreme Football. Third Row: Mon'Shea Harris – Louisville Xtreme Football; Kevin Fields – Louisville Central Community Centers. Fourth Row: Lisa Osanka, Louisville Metro Housing Authority; Chris Redman – Louisville Xtreme Football; Herbert Johnson, beverage consultant.

Vision Russell would like to congratulate the Louisville Central Community Centers (LCCC) on the grand opening of its Old Walnut Plaza business incubator, funded in part through the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, as one of five Critical Community Improvements initiatives within the neighborhood. This historic LCCC moment was celebrated during a ribbon cutting on Oct. 22, 2020, and featured performances by the Kids Art Academy, an introduction of new tenants, and special guests including Rev. Dr. Kevin Cosby, Ron Jones (on behalf of Senator Gerald Neal), Mayor Greg Fischer, then-Councilwoman Barbara Sexton Smith, Lisa Osanka, and William Starks.

“The vision of Old Walnut Street is to build our future by restoring the best of our past,” said LCCC CEO Kevin Fields. “We are committed to rebuilding the fabric of Russell through job creating businesses that help this historic part of Louisville’s black culture to have amenities and improve life experiences for children and families that are necessary to be a safe and healthy neighborhood of choice.”

The Old Walnut Plaza incubator is attracting established businesses to relocate and create jobs within the Russell neighborhood. The plaza features 12 high-quality office spaces, ranging from 200 to 1,500 square feet, with premium interior finishes, storefronts, and high-speed internet accessible to tenants and customers. Business owners also benefit from LCCC’s capacity to develop and manage economic revitalization funding from sources such as U.S. Department of Commerce and the James Graham Brown Foundation.

2Hearts Media Photography Studio



The development was managed by R. Shawn Summerville in his role as an AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer with LCCC. Mr. Summerville is a Plant Engineering Maintenance Supervisor with UPS and serves his community in several roles, including as a member of the LCCC Board of Directors. LCCC’s VISTA volunteers have helped LCCC extend capacity in project management, volunteer coordination, adult and youth programming, marketing and promotions.



R. Shawn Summerville, LCCC AmeriCorps VISTA

Old Walnut Plaza is now home to several black-owned businesses, including Louisville Xtreme Football, I AM Construction Cleaning, Diamond Key Realtors, 2 Hearts Media and Rhinox Research Group. The Old Walnut Street campus is also home to Dasha Barbour's Southern Bistro, a spacious conference center, numerous LCCC programs and services, and the future Grand Lyric Theatre, currently under construction.

For leasing information, contact William Starks of G. Starks Realty at (502) 383-5775.

Aaron McGahee, Owner of Rhinox Research Group



BEECHER TERRACE RECREATIONAL AMENITIES MASTER PLANNING

As part of the Russell/Beecher Terrace Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grant, Louisville Metro Housing Authority and the Louisville Metro Government will be recreating or enhancing significant recreational amenities on and near Beecher Terrace.

These include:



Replacing the
Old Walnut Street Park



Making Improvements to
Baxter Square Park



Preserving the Historic
Baxter Community Center



New Recreational Facilities
and/or Activities



Since we were unable to hold in-person meetings because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the planning team conducted an initial survey and eight virtual focus group meetings, including two with former Beecher Terrace residents, during November 2020 to help better understand what recreational uses community members would like to see at Beecher Terrace.

The planning firm Urban Design Associates used this input to develop two preliminary visions for Beecher’s recreational amenities, which were presented at virtual design workshops during December 2020.

A workshop attendee representing the Louisville Central Community Centers was pleased to see that the preliminary designs will encourage social activities, as well as help “drive commerce and bring tourism internally and externally to this area. We need to bring people past 9th Street.”

Former Beecher residents and other community members were then invited to take a second survey to get their feedback on these two initial designs.

To see these evolving concepts, as well as the results of the survey, which closed on Jan. 13, 2021, and next steps in the planning process, please visit www.engagetheteam.com/BeecherTerrace, or www.visionrussell.org.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: Janice Hoskins



EQUITABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP

We recognize that resident input is vital to making this a reality. Therefore, the Equitable Community Development Leadership or "ECDL" program was created by Urban Strategies as an opportunity for residents to serve as Community Development Ambassadors. As an ambassador, residents participate in educational and hands-on experiences that further develop their leadership skills and provide opportunities to apply those skills towards the development of an equitable community.

Janice Hoskins, an original Beecher Terrace resident and newly installed Community Development Ambassador, has a passion for education and community building, which she is becoming even more involved in through her participation in the ECDL. Hoskins firmly believes that

"giving gives you worth," so she plans to work alongside other ambassadors to create a network in which residents can share their knowledge and skills with other residents, especially our youth. She would love to see youth tutored by residents who are educators or knowledgeable in areas where the children need assistance, including life skills such as sewing and baking. Hoskins would also like to see Beecher's youth have the opportunity to take music lessons and to participate in bible study with the senior population.

Hoskins currently serves in several leadership positions within the neighborhood including the Russell Place of Promise (RPOP) Resident Coalition. She understands that revitalization is not just about buildings and houses

and is dedicated to uplifting the spirit of all people living in the neighborhood. "Community is the people and it's about the sense of connectedness," she said.

Hoskins also serves on the Board of the Legal Aid Society and helps spread the word about their resources and services. She believes everyone should know about their legal rights and have access to legal advice and representation.

If you are an original Beecher Terrace resident and interested in becoming a Community Development Ambassador, please contact your case manager or call Urban Strategies office at (502) 384-0786. Monthly stipends are available for those who participate in the program.



Urban Strategies, Inc. hosts monthly health & wellness chats that cover topics that impact our community and provide original Beecher Terrace residents with helpful tips. Whether you need assistance managing a chronic health condition or with embracing a healthier lifestyle, they are here to assist you with getting connected to the resources and supportive services that you may need.

Here are just a few health and wellness tips provided from JenCare Senior Medical Center to help stay healthy during the winter months.

- ♥ Get your flu shot.
- ♥ Keep your medical appointments.
 - ▷ Traveling? Visit your health care provider(s) before and after you travel.
- ♥ Stay on track with your medications.
 - ▷ Take your medication(s) as instructed.
 - ▷ Set an alarm to remind you take your medication(s) as scheduled.
- ♥ Manage stress.
 - ▷ Get plenty of sleep.
 - ▷ Enjoy phone calls or virtual social time with family and friends.
- ♥ Wash your hands often!
 - ▷ Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds to help stop the spread of germs.
- ♥ Stay active!
 - ▷ Go for a socially-distanced walk with a friend.
- ♥ Eat Healthy.
 - ▷ Choose fresh fruit instead of candy or cake.
 - ▷ Eat regular meals. Skipping breakfast or lunch to splurge later in the day may cause you to overeat.
 - ▷ Fill half your plate with vegetables.
 - ▷ Use herbs and spices to give good flavor instead of salt and sugar.
 - ▷ Limit your alcohol intake.

RUSSELL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT

Since 2019, the Louisville Metro Government's Office of Housing has been helping Russell homeowners with emergency and other needed repairs through a special Russell Home Repair Program. By June 2021, when all work is anticipated to be completed, the program will have provided a total of \$2,318,000 to approximately 80 homeowners to make repairs to their homes. Eligible repairs have included both interior and exterior items, such as roofing, HVAC, plumbing, decking, electrical and drywall.

Vision Russell is proud to celebrate the success of the Russell Home Repair Program by highlighting the experiences of three residents who participated in this initiative.



Donald & Elaine Duncan have lived in Russell for over 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan received new roofs for their home and garage, a new water heater, new central air conditioner unit, electrical work, and vents installed on the garage. Mrs. Duncan said that she has been promoting Russell as a great place to live. She loves that the neighborhood is in the center of Louisville and is hopeful the revitalization taking place will address some of the issues in Russell.



Mattie Smith-Grant has been a resident of the Russell neighborhood for 36 years. Through the Russell Home Repair Program (RHRP), Ms. Smith received a new water heater, new central air conditioner unit and furnace, roof replacement and had her wooden steps replaced. She says she feels the RHRP is a nice program for elderly residents and was grateful to have received the services.

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(502) 574-5850.

Fernando Nicholas Jorcino-Tula is a brand-new Russell resident, having recently purchased a home in the neighborhood. Through the RHRP, Mr. Jorcino-Tula has been able to make improvements to the 2nd floor of his new home, including insulation, drywall, lead abatement removal, and a 2nd floor deck built onto the back of the house. When asked for his thoughts about revitalizations currently underway in Russell, Mr. Jorcino-Tula shared some concerns about gentrification, particularly for renters. He would like to see more renters becoming homeowners to keep longtime residents in the neighborhood. Overall, Mr. Jorcino-Tula commended Vision Russell and the city for its efforts with the Russell redevelopment. He loves the character, history and feel of the Russell neighborhood.

