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Norton Institute for Health Equity is now open on the 2nd floor of The Village @ West Jefferson, at the corner of 12th and Jefferson in the Russell neighborhood. The aim of the institute is to increase access and eliminate inequality in healthcare. Services include mental health, social work, prevention and wellness, as well as faith and health ministries. Find out more at <https://nortonhealthcare.com/about-us/institute-for-health-equity/>.

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Locations in the Russell neighborhood currently providing COVID-19 vaccines and boosters include:

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1130 W. Chestnut Street
(502) 916-7573
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(502) 584-2992
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BCC ANCHOR INSTITUTION: THE BEECH

The Beech Educational Center was established at Beecher Terrace in 2005 with the goal of “Taking the school to the community.” Operating out of two former Beecher Terrace apartments, The Beech initially provided high school students with the supports they needed to receive tutoring, recover failed high school credits, and a place to meet with parents. A collaboration between LMHA and Rose Livingston, the former Vice-Principal of Ballard High School, The Beech soon expanded to include programs for pre-K through 12th grade students, and increased its services to include kindergarten-readiness, academic tutoring and counseling, career exploration, college preparation, music appreciation, consumer science programming, and a variety of enrichment activities.

LMHA is thrilled that The Beech plans to resume its operations in the newly renovated and expanded Baxter Community Center when it re-opens in late 2023. The Beech will be staffed by certified teachers and administrators, and its design will offer a flexible, state-of-the art learning environment for students.

“The Beech and staff look forward to returning with a renewed commitment to providing services that connect families, businesses and other agencies/organizations within the community.”

--Rose Livingston,
Founder & CEO, The Beech

Russell

Choice Neighborhood Initiative Newsletter

REIMAGINING THE BAXTER COMMUNITY CENTER

Thanks to the input of Beecher Terrace and Russell residents, and neighborhood stakeholders over the last 20 months, designs for the renovation and expansion of the Baxter Community Center are now complete. Construction documents are being prepared by the architectural team of Sherman Carter Barnhart and C. L. Anderson Architecture LLC, and work is projected to begin in Spring 2022.

Slated to re-open in late 2023, the reimagined Baxter Community Center (BCC) will retain many of its historic features including the gymnasium, stage, and exterior appearance, while getting some much-needed updates and a 4,525 square foot addition. Some of the building’s new features will include:

- An accessible main entrance, check-in lobby, elevator, and teen lounge in the west wing addition
- Classrooms and restrooms on the lower level to house the returning The Beech Student Support Center
- A teaching kitchen and senior lounge on the first floor
- Renovated classrooms and an observation deck over the gym on the second floor



Outdoors, the BCC will feature a refurbished basketball court, new accessible playground, a pickup/drop off lane leading to the ramp to the new entrance, social stairs, and new landscaping.

Louisville Metro Parks will once again be operating the BCC, and providing an array of programs. Community partners will also be offering a variety of services and programs.

LMHA would like to thank all those who continue their hard work towards the realization of this project, including members of the Beecher Terrace Recreational Amenities Leadership Group who have been guiding the planning and implementation of this project. Thanks also goes to the planning firm of Urban Design Associates and our architectural team for their excellent job of translating the community’s desires into a new vision for the beloved Baxter Community Center. For more information about the BCC, please visit <https://visionrussell.org/beecher-terrace-recreational-amenities>.

SOMETHING'S COOKING IN RUSSELL!



Bori Sweets in the LCCC Business Plaza

Looking for someplace to eat right here in the neighborhood? You're in luck, because Russell has a growing number of great locally owned restaurants. With new additions like Tha' Drippin' Crab and Bori Sweets, and old favorites like Club Cedar and Sweet Peaches, there's something to satisfy everyone's tastes. Here are just a few of Russell's dining options:

Bori Sweets – 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd. in the Louisville Central Community Center

Bori Sweets brings a taste of Puerto Rico to Russell with traditional pastries, sandwiches, and drinks. Open Tuesday - Saturday. (502) 819-6328

Club Cedar – 416 S. 26th St. *Serving the Russell neighborhood for over 40 years, Club Cedar's menu features traditional American fare with breakfast served all day. Open seven days a week. (502) 260-6695.*

Tha' Drippin' Crab - 1219 W. Jefferson St. *Celebrity Chef Darnell Ferguson's newest venture offers gourmet seafood appetizers, entrees, and more rooted in Southern-style cooking. Open Wednesday - Sunday. (502) 749-6005*



Joe's Palm Room

Lucretia's Kitchen – 1812 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd. *Lucretia's Kitchen provides soul food, BBQ, catering, and more, all served up fresh in the former location of the legendary Jay's Cafeteria. Open Wednesday - Friday, and Sunday. (502) 294-8143*

Joe's Palm Room - 1821 W. Jefferson St. *Joe Hammond, purchased Dave's Palm Room at 13th and Magazine in 1954, re-naming it Joe's Palm Room. He then built a new Joe's Palm Room in 1967 at 18th and Jefferson. Now under new ownership, a local group is bringing back a new and improved Joe's, while preserving Mr. Hammond's legacy of food and entertainment. Call for days and hours of operation. (502) 581-1251*

Stevie J's BBQ - 1831 W. Jefferson St. *Stevie J's has been serving BBQ in the neighborhood for nearly ten years, and smokes ribs, rib tips, chicken, and other tasty treats on site daily. Open Tuesday - Saturday. (502) 712-1625*

Summa Dis, Summa Dat, and More - 2536 W. Jefferson St. *Summa Dis, Summa Dat, and More serves ribs, burgers, and other favorites straight from the smoker. Open Monday - Saturday, and the first Sunday of each month. (502) 617-2007*

Sweet Peaches - 1800 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd. *Sweet Peaches serves traditional soul food and breakfast all day in the heart of Russell. Open Wednesday - Friday, and Sunday. (502) 356-0232*

****Note that days and hours of operation are subject to change.**

The Beecher Report

Community is the foundation of the bigger picture

GIRL SCOUT TROOP #2516

As families began to move back to Beecher Terrace, Urban Strategies has been working hard to provide out-of-school activities for youth of all ages that reflect current COVID-19 related guidelines. An ideal location to hold these activities has been on-site in the Family Community Room at The 450 Roy Wilkins Building. Several of our Choice Neighborhoods partners have held youth-oriented events and services in this large, light-filled space, including tutoring/mentoring services with Sowing Seeds with Faith, literacy events with Read for the Record, resource fairs, and the newly formed Girl Scout Troop #2516.

Urban Strategies, Inc. (USI) and the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana (GSK) worked together to form and begin recruiting troop members from Beecher Terrace early in 2021. Generous grant funding from GSK has allowed young ladies in grades 1 through 12 to participate at no charge to their families (all registration, uniform, and activity fees are waived). Meetings officially began in fall of 2021, and the number of troop members is steadily growing.

Since its inception, the Scouts of Troop #2516 (led by community leader Terresha Moss, and USI staff members Beth Dunn and Julia Robinson) have been working hard to learn the Girl Scout Promise and Law. The scouts have also been serving their community at events, such as the Beecher Terrace' Trunk or Treat, and earning a variety of badges. Troop members were able to attend this year's Festival for the Arts where they performed Shakespearean Hip Hop, viewed a dinosaur documentary at



the Louisville Science Center's IMAX theater, and participated in an interpretive dance class with the Ambo Dance Company. It will soon be cookie and summer camp season, and the girls couldn't be more excited!

The parents of these young ladies have expressed their appreciation for this opportunity as well. Shaquoia Johnson shared that she was thankful to have quality programming so close to home, while Brittany Lee-Gibson stated, "My daughter looks forward to attending every week, as it gives her something to do outside of school. She enjoys the field trips and loves the new friendships she has made!"

The Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana provides an all-girl and girl-controlled environment where they can discover, learn, and hone their leadership skills. **Registration remains open for girls (K-12) living in Beecher Terrace and/or the Russell Neighborhood and can be completed online (<https://mygs.girlscouts.org/>) or with Beth Dunn, Education Specialist for Urban Strategies (in-person or by phone 502-553-2133).**

Troop Details & Meeting Info: Beecher Terrace #2516

Meetings take place in the Beecher Terrace Family Community Room every Tuesday from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM.

