

Renovation Diary

Editor's Note: This is the second entry in ongoing series that will feature an Intown home under renovation in real time from start to finish. We catch up on the progress of the post-World War II bungalow in Reynoldstown.

By mid-September, renovation of the Cleveland Street home in Reynoldstown is well under way. After a week-long delay, where foundation and seal issues were found and corrected, Environs Residential and Design Construction co-owner Terry Kitts said the project will be completed by the end of October.

Changes to the exterior of the home include bumping out the front porch and creating a dormer over the top that will be used as storage and house the HVAC system. A new roof will be added soon.

The interior of the bungalow has been completely gutted, and removing the wall between the kitchen and living room has produced the dramatic effect of opening the once small rooms.

A dark back staircase, leading down to a landing that makes a right turn to the kitchen, has been reworked. Plumbing has been roughed in upstairs for the new master bathroom and laundry room.

Kitts was also expecting a round of final building inspectors to come and sign off on the completed work before the end of September.

Homeowners Rebecca Taub, a restaurant manager, and Brenda Plympton, a police officer, have been checking in on the house every week. "It's been so easy to work with Terry and Dawn [Landau, co-owner of Environs]," Plympton said. "We're just looking forward to doing the fun stuff like picking colors and fixtures."

In next month's diary, drywall, cabinetry and fixtures will start to appear, as well as a new roof and coat of paint on the exterior. **IN**

— Collin Kelley



Rebecca Taub, left, and her partner Brenda Plympton stand in front of their Reynoldstown home undergoing renovation.

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The living room before it was gutted to open up the space to the kitchen.

Environs co-owner Terry Kitts stands where the wall separating the kitchen and living room used to be.



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