

Renovation Diary



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The exterior of the Reynoldstown house has undergone a huge renovation, including the addition of this rocking-chair front porch.

Editor's Note: This is the third entry in ongoing series that features 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-October, renovation of the Cleveland Street home in Reynoldstown is just two weeks away from completion. The transformation is obvious the moment you drive up to the front. The curbside appeal was improved by the addition of a new, deep front porch with galvanized metal accents that carry over inside the home as well.

The front door, which features beveled glass, leads into the new open living/dining room and kitchen that are nearing completion. The light wood kitchen cabinets, which

came from IKEA, go well with the dark countertops and breakfast bar with polished metal risers. Intricate tile and backsplash work is now complete. Off the kitchen is a new wood deck, which overlooks a sizable backyard.

Upstairs they have installed new wood floors that so closely match the original floor that it's hard to tell where the new and old meet up. Work on the master bathroom, with a gleaming white-tile shower, was still under way.

Foundation and seal issues caused some delay. But, Environs Residential and Design Construction co-owner Terry Kitts said the project was on schedule for completion by the end of October.

Environs co-owner Dawn Landau and homeowners Rebecca Taub and Brenda Plympton will host an open house on Tuesday, Nov. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. Readers are encouraged to drop by the home at 148 Cleveland St. and see the completed renovation.

Next month, we'll wrap up this Renovation Diary with photos of the completed home. **IN**

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The sleek kitchen cabinets and countertops all came from IKEA and were assembled on-site.

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