Neighborhood Snapshot

Camp Zachary Taylor

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The Camp Zachary Taylor neighborhood is located inside the Watterson Expressway and east of Preston Highway.

The boundaries for Camp Zachary Taylor are generally Cardinal Dr. on the north, over to Illinois Ave. on the east, the Watterson Expressway to the south and Reservoir Ave. to the west. Also included is Todd Ave. to Union Ave. to Trigg Ave. over to Sheridan Ave.

Surrounding neighborhoods are Audubon Park and Belmar.

Neighborhood Highlights

- **Neighborhood size** - Four square miles
- **Metro Council District 10**, Councilperson - Jim King
- **Adjacent Neighborhood Schools** - Zachary Taylor Elementary, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, and Seneca High School
- **Civic Groups** - Camp Zachary Taylor Neighborhood Association
- **TARC** - Bus routes #18
- **Distance from Metro Louisville Central Business District** - Six miles
- **History** - Camp Zachary Taylor was founded in 1917 as an officer training camp for the US Army. More than 150K men were trained there and some 250K were housed at Camp Zachary Taylor, among them F. Scott Fitzgerald. In September 1919 the camp was closed. All activities were moved to Camp Henry Knox (Ft. Knox). The former camp was reverted to farm and pasture land and became a residential area called Camp Taylor. Vestiges of the wood from the barracks and stables were reused to build the predominantly one-story, wood-framed homes in the new neighborhood. Many houses were built directly over the old bathrooms and showers of the barracks, as the concrete served as ready-made foundations for the homes.
## Housing Highlights

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<th>Camp Taylor</th>
<th>Louisville Metro</th>
<th>Metro Statistical Area*</th>
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<td>Total housing units</td>
<td>967</td>
<td>305,835</td>
<td>438,235</td>
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<td>Occupied housing units</td>
<td>911 (94 %)</td>
<td>287,012 (93.8 %)</td>
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<td>Vacant housing units</td>
<td>56 (6 %)</td>
<td>18,823 (6.2 %)</td>
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<td>Median home value</td>
<td>$ 78,050</td>
<td>$ 103,000</td>
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<td>Owner-occupied</td>
<td>692 (76 %)</td>
<td>186,358 (65.0 %)</td>
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<td>Renter-occupied</td>
<td>219 (24 %)</td>
<td>100,654 (35.0 %)</td>
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<td>Year structure built</td>
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<td>1995 – 2000</td>
<td>0 (0 %)</td>
<td>23,272 (7.6 %)</td>
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<td>1990 – 1994</td>
<td>6 (0 %)</td>
<td>16,065 (5.3 %)</td>
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<td>1980 – 1989</td>
<td>0 (0 %)</td>
<td>26,369 (8.6 %)</td>
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<td>1970 – 1979</td>
<td>82 (08 %)</td>
<td>53,928 (17.6 %)</td>
<td>81,702 (18.6 %)</td>
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<td>1960 – 1969</td>
<td>95 (10 %)</td>
<td>56,326 (18.4 %)</td>
<td>72,875 (16.6 %)</td>
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<td>1950 – 1959</td>
<td>218 (23 %)</td>
<td>54,831 (17.9 %)</td>
<td>68,367 (15.6 %)</td>
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<td>1940 – 1949</td>
<td>291 (30 %)</td>
<td>28,392 (9.3 %)</td>
<td>36,608 (8.4 %)</td>
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<td>1939 or earlier</td>
<td>275 (29 %)</td>
<td>46,670 (15.3 %)</td>
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000 Census  
http://factfinder.census.gov/  
*Geographic and population area of Jefferson County and its surrounding counties.
Neighborhood

Year Houses Were Built

- 1940-1949: 30%
- 1950-1959: 23%
- 1960-1969: 10%
- 1970-2000: 9%
- 1939 or earlier: 28%

Housing Occupancy

- Vacant: 56
- Occupied: 911

Median Household Income

- Camp Z. Taylor
- Louisville Metro
- Metro Statistical Area

Median Home Value

- Camp Z. Taylor
- Louisville Metro
- Metro Statistical Area

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Camp Zachary Taylor - Survey Results 2007

Survey Highlights
The following results highlight responses from 81 residents who participated in the Neighborhood Assessment Survey. Of the survey participants, 13.9% have lived in the Camp Zachary Taylor neighborhood for 1-4 years, 17.7% for 5-15 years and 68.4% for more than 15 years. Participants ranged from 20 to more than 70 years of age.

You most strongly agree with the following statements:
1. I am satisfied with the trash collection services in my neighborhood.
2. If someone asked me for directions I would stop and help.
3. If I really needed them to, one of my neighbors would provide some small, immediate help such as a ride to the doctor’s office or loaning me $10.00.
4. I feel at home in my neighborhood.
5. I think this neighborhood is a good place for me to live.
6. I hope and expect to live in this neighborhood a long time.

You most strongly disagree with the following statements:
1. My neighborhood is free from crime such as drug dealing, prostitution, and gang activities.
2. I regularly provide services such as transportation or running errands for an elderly relative or friend who lives outside my house but in my neighborhood.
3. Every building in my neighborhood is occupied by people living in them or businesses such as stores and workplaces.

The following are the top three reasons you continue to live in your neighborhood:
1. I have easy access to grocery stores and other retail services.
2. The housing in this neighborhood is affordable.
3. I feel safe here.

The following are the top three reasons that might make you consider moving away from the Camp Zachary Taylor neighborhood:
1. It is too far from grocery stores and other retail services.
2. There are no safe play areas or parks for children.
3. It is too far from where I work.

You would regularly use the following new establishments added to your neighborhood:
1. Sit-down restaurant
2. Coffee shop or cafe
3. Specialty retail shop (clothing, antiques, bookshop, etc...)

Rate the following aspects of life in the Camp Zachary Taylor neighborhood
Rating scale:  4.0 = Very Good    3.0 = Good    2.0 = Fair    1.0 = Poor

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For a complete copy of the survey results, contact the Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods at 574-3380.
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Summary

Resident Survey and Public Workshop

Residents of the Camp Zachary Taylor neighborhood submitted responses to the Quality-of-Life Self-Assessment Survey, the major results of which are shown on the earlier “Survey Results” page of this snapshot. Additionally, an energetic and enthusiastic group of 30 neighbors braved winter weather to attend a resident workshop on January 11, 2007. The meeting brought together Camp Zachary Taylor residents, representatives of the Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods and planners and workshop facilitators from the Center For Neighborhoods.

Earl Wallace
Carolyn Boerste
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Elsie Widman
Bill Higdon
Gilbert Schneider
Peggy Bennett
Marilyn Salings
David Boerste
Mona Haynes

Cyril Allgeier
Louis Massey
Jennifer Fanning
Bill Widman
Rob Holtzmann
Delbert Strode
Richard Salings
Greg Sheehan

Esther Fink
Karen Clark
Dolores Zellers
Phil Mueller
Raymond Gidhway
Nellie Simmons
Betty Chadwell

The primary result of this public workshop and the residents’ energies is the Action Matrix.* In addition to being a “to-do” list of neighborhood improvement projects, this document outlines sustainable partnerships between CZT Neighborhood Association and all the identified entities, such as Louisville Metro agencies and private business organizations, who can continue to help each other realize their common goals of a healthy and prosperous neighborhood with an ever-improving quality of life.

* Action Matrix is the table of projects, potential partners and implementation schedule for neighborhood goals.

Residents at the Public Workshop participated in “dot voting” choosing their top 3 choices (below). Participants worked in small groups to address NH issues (right). Karen Clark is excited about her NH! (below left).

Several Camp Zachary Taylor residents attended the Public Workshop and became actively involved in the process (above).

Thanks

In addition to the dedicated Camp Zachary Taylor neighborhood residents who participated in the Neighborhood Assessment Project, “Thanks” are extended to:

The Camp Zachary Taylor Neighborhood Association (for local coordination of the assessment process)
Camp Taylor Elementary School (for providing the Public Workshop location)
Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods (for sponsorship, leadership and guidance)
Data Sets for PG 3 can be found in the following Fact Finder tables:

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