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Boone Block (402-422 Scott Blvd.) will soon have new life as nine three-story single-family attached townhomes. (Image courtesy of The Catalytic Fund)

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There's a lot of talk about Cincinnati's renaissance. And it's certainly well deserved, but it doesn't mean the Queen City is the only revival game in



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town. Across the river in Northern Kentucky, there's plenty to write home about, too.

Started in 2008, The Catalytic Fund was conceived to spur investment in and revitalization of NKY's neighborhoods (specifically Bellevue, Newport, Dayton, Covington, and Ludlow). "We plan and try to create a

critical mass in each of our river cities," said Brandon Sehlhorst, who works for the fund.

With \$10 million on hand, the organization is ready to show off. And show off they will on Sunday, April 19 for "Beyond the Curb." The event gives folks a chance to see progress at all stages of the process — from a property concept to construction to the finalized product. This urban living tour includes 12 sites that can be viewed at one's leisure from 10am to 4pm.

All of the spaces are unique and have a story to tell. Whether it's a historic mansion, a former firehouse, or a creative co-working space, it's clear that "Beyond the Curb" will give you an insider's look at why people #LoveTheCove like never before.

Now, we won't go into detail about all of the properties, but here's a brief rundown on three that you can view in the gallery above.

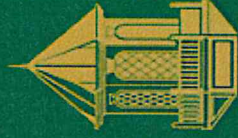
Per the [Beyond the Curb website](#):

Boone Block
402-422 Scott Blvd.

Built in 1873, the building has an extended history of housing Covington's residents and businesses. It will soon have new life as nine three-story single-family attached townhomes. However, these are not your ordinary townhomes. The Boone Block's distinct floor plan unites the garage with

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The Firehouse 827 Main St.

Constructed in 1888, Covington's CFD Engine Co. #4 was removed from service in 1983. At that time, owner and local artist T. Mark Kohlhas with the help of architect Andrew Piaskowy, converted the historic structure into a two-family residence. CJ and Cindy Novack purchased the 127 year old building and made it their home. Formerly an industrial space, the upstairs is now a single-family, open-floor, loft-style residence with 15-foot ceilings, multiple skylights, and an elevated loft bedroom. The lower level consists of a garage that can park more than six cars, a laundry room, workshop, bathroom, and personal CrossFit gym. The structure has many of the original windows and hardwood floors, which have since been refinished.

Platform 53 503 W. 6th St.

Platform 53 is a membership-based collaborative working (co-working) space for independent professionals, entrepreneurs, mobile workers, and small businesses. Co-working is a part of a larger start-up ecosystem that includes accelerators, incubators, and venture capital funds. Co-working is a fairly new concept to the Midwest. Cincinnati in particular, has only seven co-working communities available in the area. Platform 53 is Northern Kentucky's first co-working space and is located in the vibrant MainStrasse Village neighborhood and entertainment district. Platform 53 has completely renovated a former single-family residence into a co-working destination. This project provides an example of how formerly vacant single-family homes are being repurposed for new economy businesses.

For more information about The Catalytic Fund in general, one can visit the website: <http://thecatalyticfund.org/>.

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