

Rethinking the Common Spaces at

Joseph

Yancey

West Harlem Group Assistance

JOSEPH J. YANCEY, JR.
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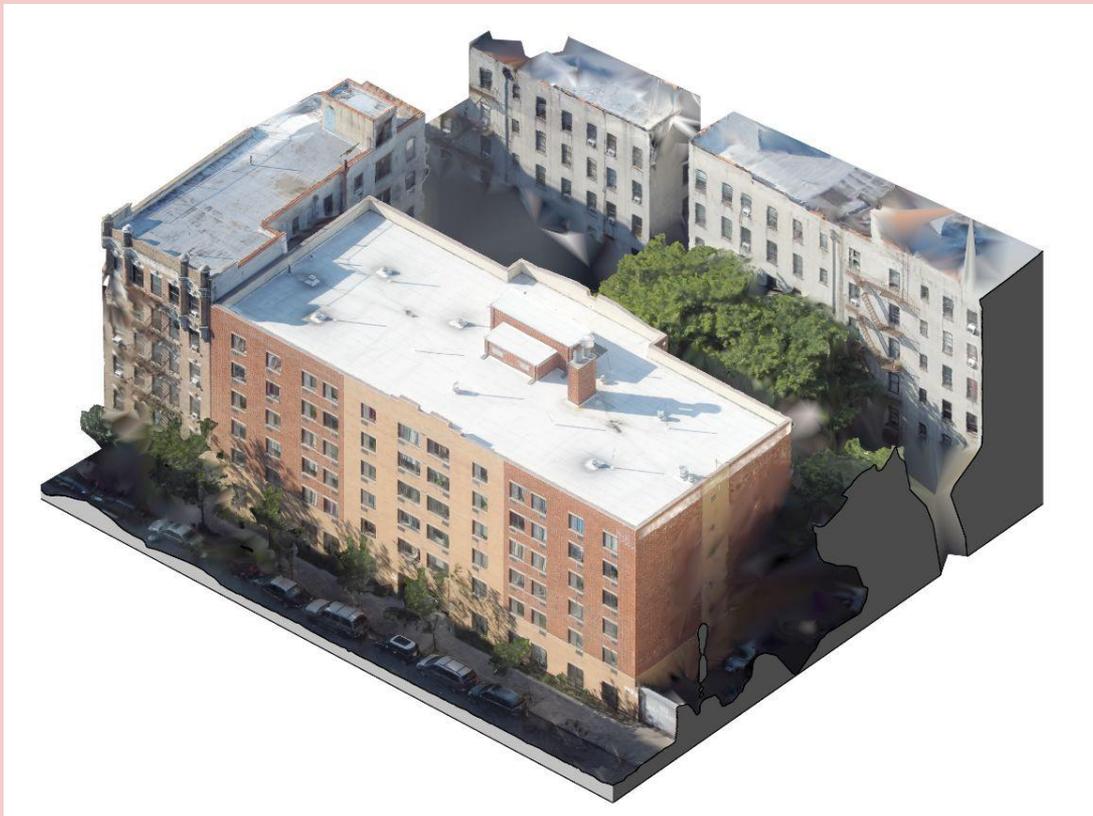
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Joseph Yancey - 66 units

Yard + basement common space



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WHGA:

Common Space
Kitchenette
Garden/Backyard

Make use of and create
“inviting spaces”
for seniors?

Joseph Yancey, a co-founder and the first coach of the New York Pioneers track and field club and an Olympic coach, died on Friday at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, N.J. He was 80 years old,

He had apparently suffered a heart attack, according to his widow, Josephine.

Mr. Yancey was elected to the Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1986.

A native New Yorker who was educated at Virginia State University and New York University, Mr. Yancey began coaching before his graduation in 1935 from N.Y.U. where he was a weight-thrower. With Robert Douglas and William Culbreath, he founded the Pioneers Club team and became its first coach in 1936.

He coached extensively on the international track circuit, serving as head coach of the Jamaican team in the Olympics of 1948, 1952 and 1956 and later guiding Olympic teams from the Bahamas, Trinidad and British Guiana. In 1952, he put together a 1,600-meter relay team that upset the United States and won the gold medal in world record time of 3 minutes 3.9 seconds. Mr. Yancey, who lived in Teaneck, is survived by widow and three daughters, Yvonne Mayers and Michele Walton of Teaneck and Josephine Skeete of Anchorage, and a sister, Thelma Greene of Detroit.

Joseph Yancey - in the WSJ

“At the Joseph Yancey Houses, a 66-unit senior housing building that opened in New York’s Harlem neighborhood nearly two decades ago, a basement space typically used for community meetings and bingo has been closed during summers for the past two years. That’s because the sublevel air conditioning system is broken and the property owner’s reserves aren’t deep enough for the \$50,000 it will cost to replace it.”

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/hud-to-allow-private-investment-in-senior-housing-portfolio-11564678501?mod=searchresults&page=1&pos=1>

Common Room + Kitchenette



Generous...



Underutilized...



Back Garden



On two levels



Adjacent to common room



Opportunities to gather/sit



Well maintained and used flower beds





References

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Arts and Craft Room

- art/craft room or creative workspace
 - Weekly art classes?
 - Decorate other common spaces with resident's artwork? (kitchen, hallways, etc)
- Could they set up monthly art exhibitions/ competitions with resident's work? (only for residents to attend, but they could serve appetizers)
- Weekly poetry readings/writing? For those who do not like to paint/draw



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Basement Community Room with Kitchenette

- Resources to free cook books or recipes for healthy cooking/baking recommendations that are affordable
- Monthly nutritional courses on how to prepare healthy meals using the appliances available
- Could we add a small garden to grow vegetables and fruits? (residents could team up to grow their own vegetables)
- Residents could team up and prepare appetizers together on Fridays and enjoy in the backyard with foldable tables?



Maggies Cancer Caring Centre by Cullinan Studio

Ideas

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Gardening Accessibility



Accessible Trugs



A diversity of planters and plants



Hydroponics & Vertical planting systems



Aquaponics with Fish Tanks

Friendly ping pong table competitions

(\$14.96 walmart)

<https://www.t3pingpong.com/t3-elderly/>



Design

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Activity Zones

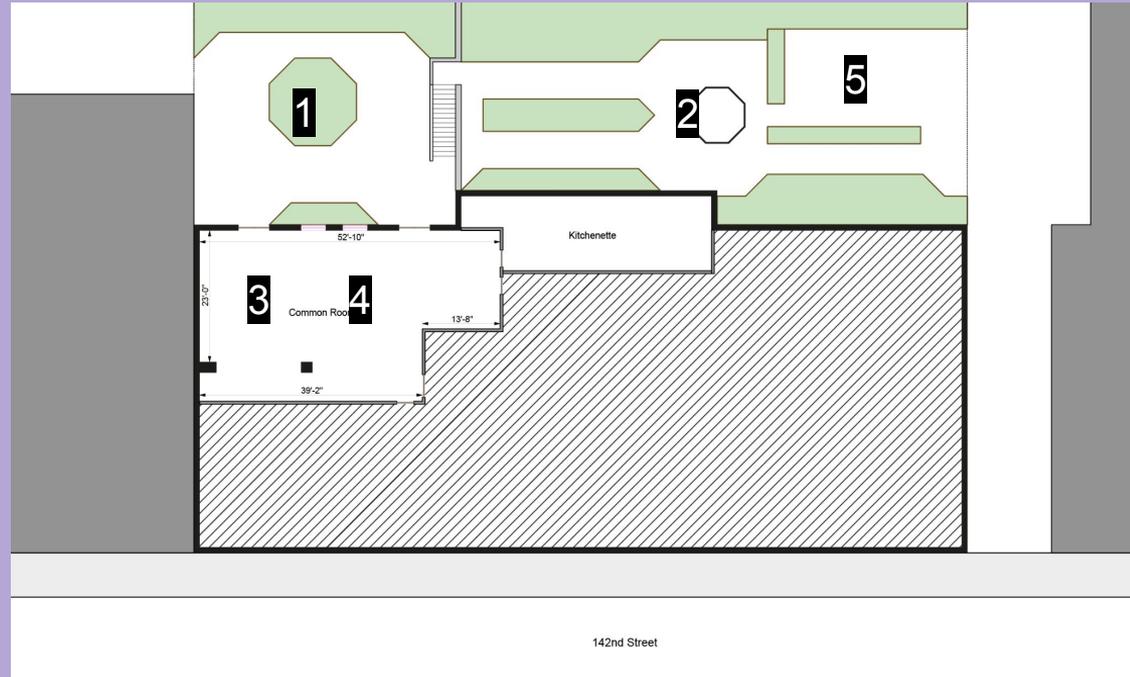
1. *New Vegetable Garden*

2. *Refreshed Musical Gazebo*

3. *Improved Common Dining Room*

4. *Upgraded Arts and Craft Room*

5. *Revived Outdoor Cinema Space*



Kitchen & Common Room

- Flexible Space for dining/activities
- Could we add an accent wall?
- Can we add some speakers for soft classical music? Or a jukebox?
- How can we add more light?
- What colors and textures make a room feel brighter?
 - Paint cabinets darker and add fresh paint to the walls
- Could we use some plants (Faux because not too much sunlight)



Plants google images



Jukebox Google images

Backyard area

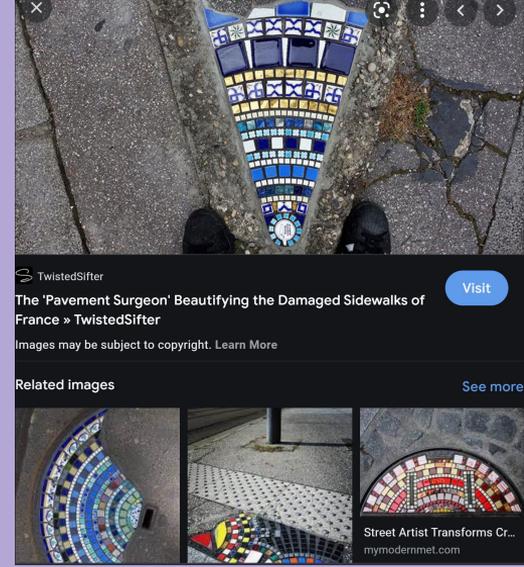
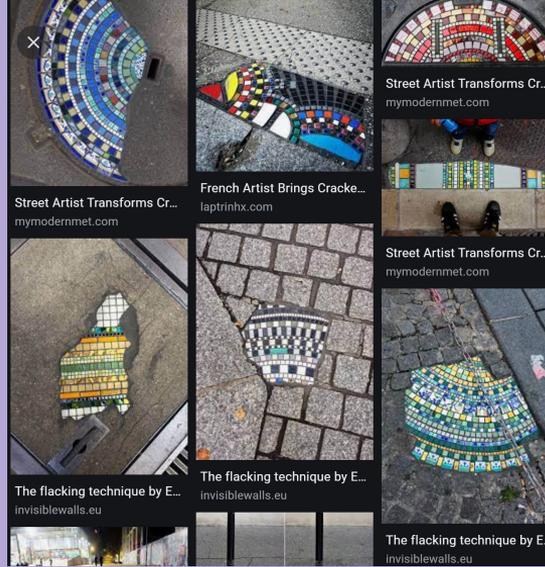
- Can we add foldable chairs and tables for summer?
- What could we add for the colder seasons?
- Can we paint the concrete?
- Chairs image (target)
- Folding chair storage (amazon) This can be placed in kitchen





- Adding a projector to view movies or exercise videos for outdoor workouts
- Painting the ground with street art done by a local artist or students
- Adding accessible gardening planters

Backyard area



Can we add some color to the ground?

- Small pieces of mosaic tiles?
- A path leading up to the gazebo

What about some bird feeders to hang from the gazebo?





- Repainting the concrete floors
- Adding some **color** to the ground, by using pieces of mosaic tiles, or paint (by local artists or students)
- Adding **string lights** to the gazebo so that residents can enjoy the space after sunset hours
- Activities that can be planned for this space include:
 - Live music played by the residents
 - Monthly mini concerts with seating available using foldable chairs
 - Outdoor yoga

Credits: String lights (google images), Mosaic tile (shuttershock), Vector people (pinterest).

Backyard area

- Can we paint this wall? White, grey, or an accent color? What about a plant accent wall for more green space?
- Can we add small solar panel lights to illuminate the garden after sunset hours?



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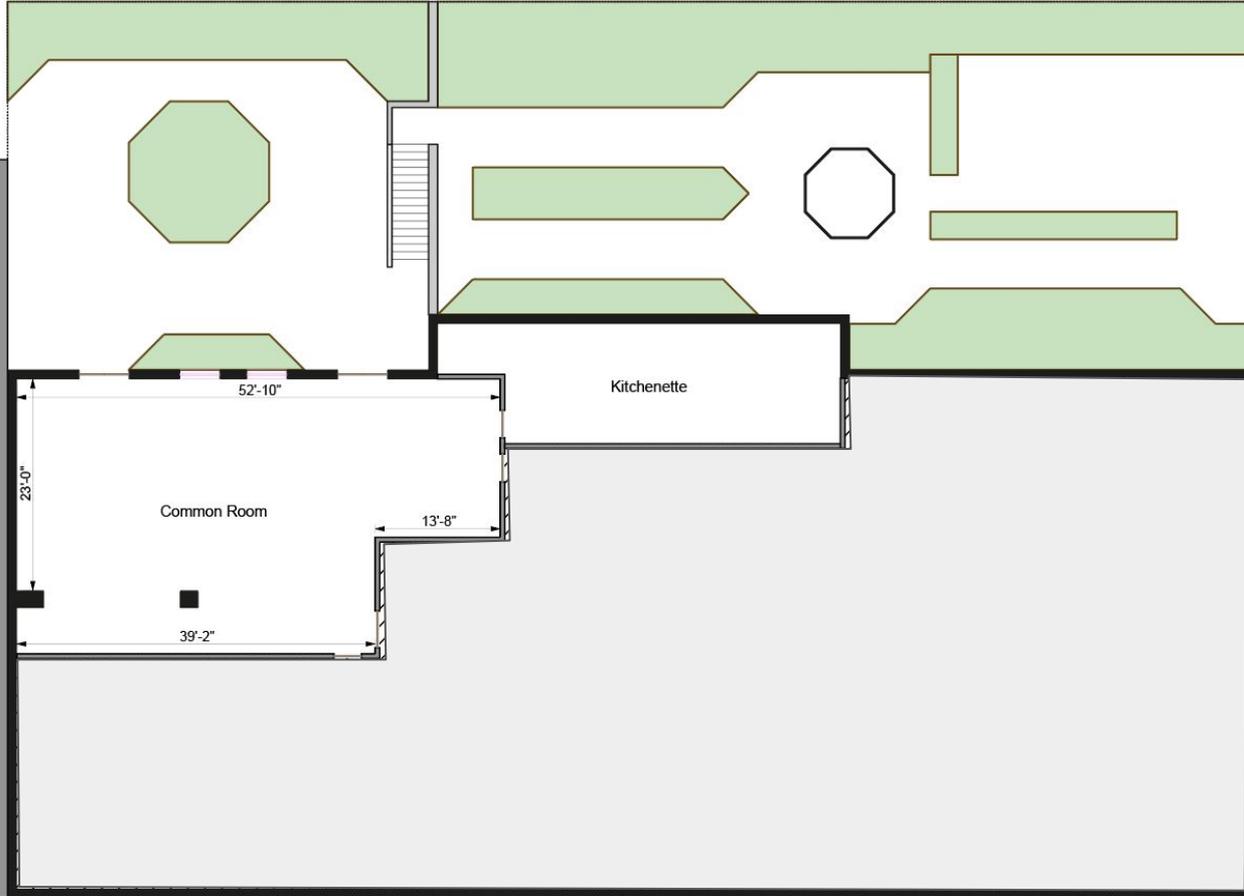
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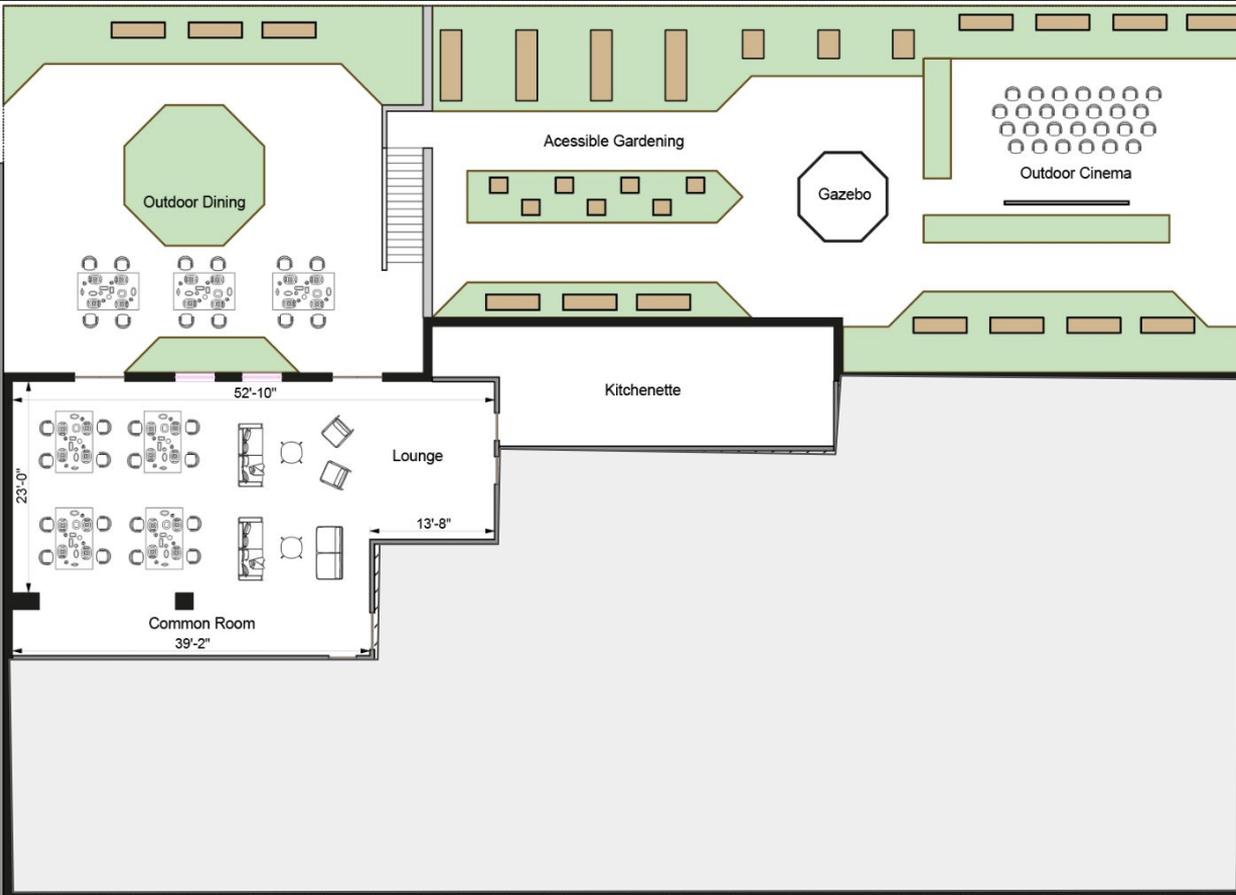
Image: Lowes



- Adding a green accent wall
- Painting the concrete walls a light shade of blue/grey
- Adding solar panel lights to the garden
- Adding hydroponics



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A small projector could be used watch workout videos in the backyard (walmart \$58.99)



Do any of the residents play music/ sing? Monthly mini concerts with outdoor string lights and foldable tables?

