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## Center For Neighborhoods Newsletter

August 4th 2006

### Hello Neighbors and Friends!

Center For Neighborhoods has a lot of activity to report! We hope you'll take the time to read up, find out what's going on in the community, and join us for some of the events listed in this newsletter.

*We look forward to learning about your neighborhood news, events, and announcements. [Please e-mail us](#) with your neighborhood newsletters and other important community information and we'll consider including it in the next e-newsletter.*

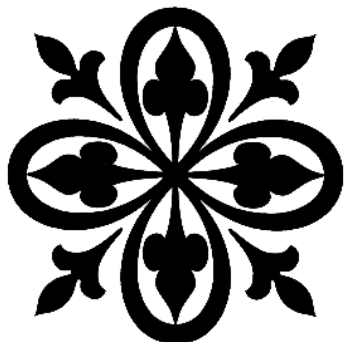
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### Cultivating Connections



## Update on the Neighborhood Institute



### NEIGHBORHOOD INSTITUTE

#### Neighborhood Institute Graduate Programs Announced while Flagship Revamps

##### GRADUATE SEMINARS

The Neighborhood Institute, CFN's leadership education program established in 1987, will present its first-ever series of **GRADUATE SEMINARS** this fall, supported by the [Vital Neighborhoods team of Metro United Way](#)

The Neighborhood Institute graduate programs are being organized in response to frequent requests by N.I. alums for more and deeper information on particular topics:

- Community Organizing
- Conflict Resolution
- Smart Growth
- Networking with Other Neighborhoods

*Stay tuned for a calendar and details soon.*

#### SPRING 2007 NEIGHBORHOOD INSTITUTE

Focusing on the start-up of the NI "Graduate School" this fall, and recognizing the need to fine tune the flagship 12-week program in the midst of a cornucopia of learning opportunities now available to Louisville-area neighborhood leaders, the CFN has decided to reschedule the Fall, 2006 class to January, 2007.

This Neighborhood Institute "version 3.0" will incorporate all the features that alums have come to enjoy, along with a few new twists and turns.

As we head into the fall, we'll welcome your thinking as we prepare for the Spring, 2007 class, and the NI's twentieth anniversary beginning in January.

Please contact Jack Trawick with questions and ideas: [jackt@centerforneighborhoods.org](mailto:jackt@centerforneighborhoods.org)

## Making Connections Network: Upcoming Events

**Kent Roberts**

*National Civility Center*

**Monday, August 7th  
7:00 p.m.**

**Clifton Center  
2117 Payne Street  
Louisville, KY 40206**  
*The event is free.*

Mr. Roberts is author of *Bring a Dish to Pass* and *Community Weaving*. His approach includes:

- Major themes of community building
- Principles for engagement in improving community
- Key elements of community improvement

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For more information, please contact Howard Mason at:

**California Back to School Bash**  
Saturday, Aug. 12th 10am -4pm  
[Victory Park](#)  
22nd & Kentucky Streets



**Making Connections  
Network Nite**  
Thursday, August 24, 7-8:30pm  
[Presbyterian Community Center](#)  
701 S. Hancock Street.

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## Neighborhood Assessment News



### NAP News for August

The Center For Neighborhoods NAP Team heads to Highgate Springs at the end of August for their 2nd stage of the NAP process (the Public Workshop).

### What is a NAP (Neighborhood Assessment Project)?

The vision for the merged government and for making Louisville Metro competitive included a plan to **create quality neighborhoods** that are vibrant and offer residents choices in housing,

transportation, and recreation.

NAPs provide neighborhood residents with the opportunity to:

- Begin reviewing and planning short term and long term goals
- Determine the future direction for the neighborhood
- Assess the current status of the neighborhood for livability and viability
- Define the necessary steps to create change in their

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[Find out more by visiting the Metro United Way calendar of events](#)

## Quick Links...

[National Civility Center](#)

[Kent Roberts Website](#)

[NAP: Click to view the Portland Area "A" Snapshot](#)

[NAP: Click to view the Portland Area "A" Action Matrix](#)

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## neighborhood

The neighborhood assessment process was created by the Center For Neighborhoods in partnership with Metro United Way and the [Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods](#), and made possible through an appropriation by the [Louisville Metro Council](#).

### **How does a NAP work?**

There are 5 stages in the NAP process:

#### **1. Information Gathering**

The Center For Neighborhoods collects 2000 Census demographic data on the neighborhood from [the U.S. Census Bureau's website](#). Census information is collected on housing and population data. Examples of the statistical data in each NAP include household income, occupation, the number of owner-occupied housing units, and rental housing.

In addition to gathering Census data, the Center For Neighborhoods provides a visual inventory of the neighborhood by taking photographs throughout the neighborhood. These photos are used to identify and capture characteristic features of the neighborhood, such as commonalities in architecture or historic landmarks.

#### **2. Resident Survey**

Residents take a Quality of Life survey to measure opinions and perceptions of their neighborhood. They rate items such as safety from crime or access to TARC on a four point scale of poor, fair, good, or excellent. The survey includes questions related to the availability of services in the neighborhood, reasons why residents might stay or move away, and open-ended opportunities to voice what things they like best and what major problems they feel the neighborhood is facing.

The Resident Quality of Life Surveys are made available online through Survey Monkey (an online survey management tool) and also in hard copy format. The Center For Neighborhoods NAP Team compiles the survey results.

#### **3. Community Workshop**

A community workshop is an open public meeting within the neighborhood for all residents to share their thoughts and ideas for how to improve their surroundings. Neighborhood leaders organize the workshop, determine the best location, time, and date. The Center For Neighborhoods NAP Team provides residents with a preview of each Neighborhood

Snapshot at the respective community workshop session. Each preview includes the Census data, photographic analysis, and survey results.

During the community workshop, residents identify:

- Landmarks on large map
- Assets (physical, social, etc.)
- Issues (concerns, both social and physical)
- "What if" actions and strategies to tackle issues and concerns
- By dot vote, residents prioritize problems and develop an Action Matrix for moving forward with making the positive change they desire to see.

#### **4. DON Review**

After the community workshop, the Center For Neighborhoods NAP Team compiles the results of the workshop into a summary report. Photos of the workshop and the final action matrix are combined with the Census data and results of the quality of life survey. This comprehensive document is submitted to the Department of Neighborhoods for review, comments, and revisions.

#### **5. Final Document**

The Center For Neighborhoods NAP Team makes final revisions. Completed NAPs are turned over to the Department of Neighborhoods for distribution to residents of the neighborhood.

#### **Who is in charge on NAPs?**

NAPs are scheduled and organized with the Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods and the Center For Neighborhoods NAP Team.

#### **How can your neighborhood start a NAP?**

Please call or [email](mailto:info@centerforneighborhoods.org) the Center For Neighborhoods NAP Team at 502-589-0343 or contact [Kelly Long](#) at the Department of Neighborhoods if you have questions.

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