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## Neighborhood Institute *Alumni Networking Event!*



Neighborhood Institute Alumni (left to right): Tonja Craig, Jeff Call, and Ronni McTier. Spring 2007 graduation.

### Details

- Saturday, November 10th

### Love Thy Neighbor



### The Irish Hill Lisas

Meet "the Irish Hill Lisas" - a bona fide dynamic duo of neighborhood action. I caught up with them on Lexington Road recently to learn more about their community work.

Lisa Dettlinger, an interior designer, has lived in the Irish Hill neighborhood for 22 years. She's been secretary of the Irish Hill Neighborhood Association since 2004. Lisa Santos, a mechanical engineer, has lived in Irish Hill for 19 years, and she's been serving as co-chair of the neighborhood association since 2003. Naturally, they discovered the neighborhood association in different ways.

- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Strothers Apartments, 1337 Dixie Hwy [\[click for map\]](#)
- Breakfast Brunch (Quiche, Coffee, Fruit, Muffins)

## Hosted by Neighborhood Institute Alumnus Luther Brown

This is an opportunity for Alumni to reconnect with old friends, forge new connections, and to be introduced to the Strothers Neighborhood.

We encourage alumni to network with other neighborhood leaders who are not yet members of the Center For Neighborhoods/Neighborhood Institute network. Feel free to invite people from your neighborhood that might be interested in attending this event and becoming acquainted with Center For Neighborhoods.

Staff from Center For Neighborhoods will be recruiting for the Spring 2008 Neighborhood Institute Class. LCON will be in attendance.

Please RSVP by emailing or calling Nancy Carrington  
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## David Kaelin Neighborhood Institute Alumnus, Spring 2004 Profiled by the Courier Journal



Wednesday,  
November 7, 2007

[Tucker](#)

## [Station](#) [activist keeps eye on plans, zoning, follow-through](#)

By Martha Elson  
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The Courier-Journal

>From the front porch of his nearly 100-year-old farmhouse off Tucker Station Road near Jeffersontown, David Kaelin can see Papa John's corporate headquarters.

He and his family live on 58 acres in the center of an ever-changing area between Interstate 64 and Taylorsville Road. It includes other large residential properties, Blackacre Nature Preserve, Tucker Lake, subdivisions, condominiums and corporate facilities.

"The neighborhood association revitalized in the late '90s because (Jefferson County Public Schools) was opening Hull Street to through traffic," Santos explained.

"They built the Franklin-Breckenridge School on Payne Street, and wanted to use Hull Street as a route for dropping children off in the mornings and picking them up in the afternoons.

"We convinced JCPS to put in a cul-de-sac with a gate that opens and closes for school hours. It prevents thru traffic from using the street all the time. It was successful because the neighborhood and JCPS compromised, finding middle ground that both sides could live with."

Dettlinger just wanted to be included - literally. "I showed up at the Neighborhood Association meetings because they hadn't included my house within the map of its boundaries," she said. "They annexed us, and I started going to the meetings. That's how Lisa and I met."

The pair have since unified around several core neighborhood issues. There was the Dawson-Baker Packing Co. and permit-less animal slaughtering.

"A truck picked up animal remains that we called 'the gut truck,'" Dettlinger said. "It would leak blood and animal waste onto the street in front of my house. It was disgusting. We finally got that stopped, and now they just pack meat. We can still hear pigs being slaughtered by Swift behind us on Story and Mellwood. The other night, my son had to shut his bedroom window because he could hear pigs screaming."

The list goes on: "The Spring Street cell tower, demolition of the Liebert Farm House on Lexington Road, the Girl Scout headquarters site-plan, the master plans for Irish Hill and Breslin parks, the annual Irish Hill neighborhood festival, clean up of Baxter Train Station, and now the River Metals development," Santos said. That makes for a pretty active neighborhood.

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*This article is part of a monthly series in*

Kaelin, 52, president of the Tucker Station Neighborhood Association, has become a central figure in efforts to protect the area from incompatible development and to preserve the character of the Floyds Fork watershed area.

"We need to really step back and take a better look at how we do things," he said.

Kaelin, who sells hay to people in the area and had just planted a field in winter wheat, said he's not anti-development and favors improvements to Tucker Station Road to accommodate increasing traffic. In the 1970s, his parents sold off some of the farm, now part of the neighboring industrial site.

But he wants to monitor planning, retain trees, preserve natural buffers for wildlife and avoid unchecked clear cutting and typical suburban development with a "manicured look everywhere," he said.

"You have a beautiful area here," he said one morning last week at the farm, which is next to a massive construction site for a Trane Corp. sales, training and distribution center.

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## Fall 2007 Neighborhood Institute Class



\* Cece Clark and Catherine Duffy stop to smile for the

camera during a group exercise last Monday evening.

Last Monday evening marked the 8th week of the Fall 2007 class. There are only 4 more weeks left!

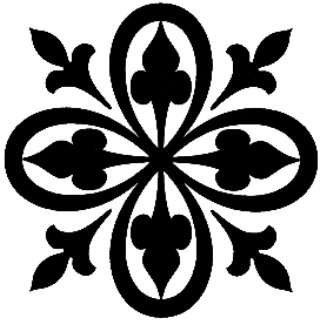
The remaining class sessions will feature more guest speakers, including:

- Metro Council members
- Michael McCoy (landscape architect, Center For Neighborhoods) presenting an overview of park planning and history
- Delquan Dorsey of Making Connections Louisville
- Louisville Metro Police Department

Participants will be stepping up as leaders! The last 4 weeks will also feature class member powerpoint presentations, in which they will speak about their neighborhood projects and discuss the photos taken as part of their neighborhood photography project.

For more information, class photos, handouts, etc... please visit the class webpage [\[click here\]](#).

## Exciting New Partnership formed in support of the Spring 2008 Neighborhood Institute



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
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The Spring 2008 Neighborhood Institute class is scheduled to begin January 22nd at the NIA Center.

We are pleased to announce that Center for Neighborhoods and Metro United Way have forged an exciting new partnership with the University of Louisville Signature Partnership Initiative in support of this class.

For more information on the UofL Signature Partnership Initiative, check out their website. [\[click here\]](#)

More details on the Spring 2008 class and applications are available on our website. [\[click here\]](#)

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Portland Neighborhood News



## Neighborhood Plan Hearing

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**1:00 - 4:00**

Hearing Room  
Old Jail, 6<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson St.

Come OUT and defend the  
resident-driven Portland  
Neighborhood Plan!

*Or contact Judy Schroeder to  
get petitions signed  
# 296-5056  
[email Judy](#)*

## Portland Housing Discussion

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

The Portland Museum  
2308 Portland Avenue

Speaker: Doug Magee, [Metropolitan Housing Coalition/Nonprofit Housing Alliance](#)

*Light refreshments*

## Neighborhood Planning & Preservation

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#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

November 29, 2007 at 6:00 PM

Peterson-Dumesnil House - [301 S. Peterson Avenue \[map\]](#)

#### **Mark Isaacs AIA Presentation....**

***Getting Smart About Smart Growth: Global Warming and The Future  
of Our Neighborhoods.***

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