

Center For Neighborhoods

Center For Neighborhoods (CFN) is a non-profit organization located at 4th and Chestnut Street in downtown Louisville. Founded in 1972 by a group of architects, the original name of the organization was “The Louisville Community Design Center” and its goal was to function as a medium for civic engagement that would empower citizens to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

Today, CFN supports the community at large using a three-tiered approach of learning, organizing, and planning. CFN supports a resident-engaged democratic process that fosters participatory decision-making and improves the neighborhood’s quality of life.



Mission

Center For Neighborhoods supports and empowers neighborhoods to create stronger and more vital communities.

Vision

We envision a greater Louisville community with caring and empowered people, making and renewing neighborhoods that are strong and vital.

Values

- Civic engagement and community progress
- Community building from the ground up
- Participative processes that are genuine, broad-based, and productive
- Grassroots leadership and neighborhood initiative
- Diversity of culture, thought, and ability
- Placing the needs of neighborhoods and the good of the community before all other interests



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VISION. KNOWLEDGE. ACTION.



**NEIGHBORHOOD
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Spring 2010

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The Neighborhood Institute

The Neighborhood Institute is a leadership education program that started in 1987. The purpose of the program is to equip neighborhood leaders with skills and resources needed to initiate positive change in the community through their neighborhood associations.

Attendance is encouraged and expected at ALL sessions due to the variety of topics covered on a weekly basis. Food is provided.



Financial support is generously provided by the Metro United Way Community Investment Team of the Vital Neighborhoods Initiative.

- Implement your project ideas
- Twelve-week seminar (incl. Graduation)
- Weekly topics
- Expert speakers
- Neighborhood information exchange
- Networking
- Experiential learning
- Group problem solving
- Conflict resolution



Neighborhood Projects

Part of the Neighborhood Institute curriculum includes a self-directed project in the community. Through the class projects, people become engaged in the community as they branch out and apply the information and knowledge from the class to real life situations.

Issues Covered

Each semester of Neighborhood Institute begins by identifying and assessing what class members view as being their most pressing issues. Topics often requested include:

- Getting Your Message Out
- Increasing Neighborhood Participation
- Conflict Resolution
- Working with Public Officials
- Consensus Building
- Accessing Resources
- Working with Local Government Agencies
- Organization Building
- Strategic Planning
- Planning, Zoning and Land Use Issues
- Code Enforcement
- Neighborhood Quality of Life
- Block Watch & Public Safety

History

The Neighborhood Institute is a neighborhood leadership-education program established in 1987 by the Center For Neighborhoods, a non-profit civic organization. The Neighborhood Institute equips neighborhood leaders with the resources necessary to effect positive change by acting through and with their neighborhood groups.

Financial support for the Neighborhood Institute is generously provided by the Vital Neighborhoods Team of Metro United Way and Making Connections Louisville.

Please visit our website for more information.

Neighborhood Institute Spring 2010

ALL NEIGHBORHOODS

May 6, 2010 to July 22, 2010
6:00 to 8:30 pm

Each Thursday night

Shively City Hall
3920 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216

Dinner is provided.