

## New Directions Housing Corporation's Repair Affair

**The tradition of neighbors helping neighbors is alive and well in Russell.** One way Louisville neighbors help each other is through Repair Affair, an volunteer-driven event that matches skilled volunteers of any age with older or disabled homeowners in need of home repairs that can be completed in one day.

**Repair Affair changes lives.** Many volunteers look forward to the Repair Affair Day as an opportunity to meet new friends and to work as a team to provide assistance to households in need. New Directions began Repair Affair over 20 years ago, and is now able to help more than 100 homeowners each year.

**Seeking Russell Repair Affair Teams:** Are you part of a great congregation? Does your football team rule? Would your group give a day of service or help sponsor the purchase of building materials to ensure that a Russell resident is safer or more secure in his or her home? If so, call New Directions at 502-719-7125 and talk to Max Monahan, who is organizing a special effort to match 2016 Repair Affair teams with Russell homeowners. Saturday, June 11, 2016 is the official Repair Affair Day, but your team may choose to work on any day. Whichever day you choose will be a day that gives back so much to your neighbors and community.

**Are you a Russell homeowner in need of help?** If so, you can make an application for Repair Affair by calling 502-719-7153. To be eligible for repair services, you must own and live in the home requiring repairs, be at least 60 years old or certified as disabled, and have an annual income at or below 50% of area median income. Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, March 30th.



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# Russell Choice Neighborhood Planning Initiative NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday | March 24, 2016**

**Education Task Force  
Meeting**

**Morning Session Time**  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Evening Session Time**  
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Location**  
Louisville Metro Housing  
Authority- 420 S. 8th St.

**Saturday | April 16, 2016**

**Vision Russell Events  
at Old Walnut Street**

**Morning Event**  
Community Conversation on  
Crime and Safety  
(see inside for more detail )

**Time**  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Afternoon Event**  
Design Workshop 2  
(see inside for more detail )

**Time**  
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

**Location**  
Old Walnut Street (LCCC) – 1300  
W. Muhammad Ali. Blvd.



Building facade improvements are an example of an eligible Choice Neighborhood Initiative action activity

## CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

HUD recently announced a new type of Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) Planning grant opportunity that could provide funds for “action activities” in Russell. The Vision Russell team seized this exciting opportunity to start making visible changes in the neighborhood and submitted a grant application on February 9th. HUD is expected to announce the grant recipients in late June 2016.

If selected, Louisville could receive up to \$1.5 million for action activities that have been listed as top priorities within Russell’s CNI Transformation Plan and that meet HUD’s guidelines. Examples of possible projects include:

- Cleaning up and turning vacant lots and properties into community gardens or small parks;
- Garden tool loan programs;

- Neighborhood beautification projects such as murals, sculptures, signage or other ideas that highlight Russell’s many assets and rich history;
- Fresh food initiatives, such as farmers’ markets and mobile food trucks;
- Improvements to the fronts of businesses and to homeowners’ properties; and
- Neighborhood broadband/Wi-Fi.

Russell residents will select the action activities they would like funded through a community-wide voting process, which will then go into an Action Plan that is submitted to HUD for final approval.

HUD also recently announced that a CNI Implementation Grant notice may be released in late April. These highly competitive grants can provide up to \$30 million in federal funds to communities who have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their Transformation Plan to redevelop the neighborhood.



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## Father Daughter Dance *By Jackie Floyd*

customers, was curious about several young men who came to her restaurant on a regular basis. She asked them if they had children and all replied they did but don't get to see them much because of "drama" with their children's mothers.

Knowing how important it is for fathers to have an active presence in their daughters' lives, and how that relationship affects how their daughters perceive and interact with men, Haines told the young men she was going to throw a Father/Daughter Valentine's Day Dance.

**"Everyone was dressed up and looking good - I've never been in a room with so many beautiful and happy princesses,"**

So on Valentine's Day, fathers escorted their daughters to the dance that Haines had arranged across the street from her restaurant at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage. "Everyone was dressed up and looking good - I've never been in a room with so many beautiful and happy princesses," beamed

Haines, as she described the happiness on the faces of the 120 fathers and daughters on that snowy Valentine's Day as they danced and celebrated their love.

Thank you Peaches for going the extra mile for the families in the community. We appreciate you.

Located In the very heart of Russell at the corner 18th and Muhammad Ali is Sweet Peaches - a deli-type restaurant where family and friends come together to share special moments, talk politics or just enjoy each other's company while eating a down home meal or mouth-watering dessert (especially the brownies!). Sweet Peaches owner, Pamela Haines, always greets her customers with a smile and a kind word. One day, Haines, or "Peaches" as she is sometimes called by her

## Help Green Russell



Louisville Grows will be providing **160 FREE TREES** to Russell residents, churches, community organizations and businesses for yard and easement plantings at an upcoming neighborhood planting event.

**This special event will be held Saturday April 9th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

To sign up for a tree, go to <http://goo.gl/forms/aQe7DkGGZC>.

If you would like to help plant trees with your neighbors at the event, go to [www.louisvillegrows.org/get-involved/volunteer/](http://www.louisvillegrows.org/get-involved/volunteer/).

Training, supplies and lunch will be provided for volunteers.



*For more information contact: [trees@louisvillegrows.org](mailto:trees@louisvillegrows.org) or (502) 724-4683*

## Vision Russell Events at Old Walnut Street

Come join us for one or both exciting Vision Russell events hosted by the CNI Neighborhood Task Force and Louisville Central Community Centers at Old Walnut Street, 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard on **Saturday, April 16th.**

**Community Conversation on Crime & Safety:**  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*A panel discussion with Louisville Metro Police and key neighborhood stakeholders on the crime and safety challenges facing the Russell neighborhood.*

**Design Workshop 2:**  
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

*A presentation and break-out group discussions on emerging designs to improve housing and amenities in the Russell neighborhood.*

Both events are open to the community including anyone who lives, works or worships in Russell. Lunch, transportation and childcare will be provided.

*For more information call (502) 569-3420 or TTY/TDD (502) 587-0831*

## Cultivating Food Justice

get ready.  
get fresh  
(Stop Markets)



**West Louisville Food Justice Class**

**THURSDAY, 03. 31. 2016 @ 6:00pm**  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
3640 River Park Dr. Louisville, KY 40211



JOIN THE MOVEMENT

**Learn ways of accessing affordable, farm-fresh food.**

Share your food stories and discuss the connection between food security, race and zip code.

Refreshments will be provided

**#NotAFarmersMarket**

**fresh food is a human right!**

Contact us: [newroots.org](http://newroots.org) | 502.509.6770 | [amber.burns@newroots.org](mailto:amber.burns@newroots.org)

New Roots, an organization that works with fresh food insecure communities to create sustainable systems for accessing farm-fresh food, is hosting a West Louisville Food Justice Class.

*The event will be held on Thursday March 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church 3640 River Park Drive Louisville, KY 40211.*

This is an opportunity to share food stories and discuss the connection between race, food insecurity and zip code. Come learn how communities are working together to increase access to affordable, farm-fresh food! Refreshments will be provided.

*For addition information contact New Roots at (502) 509-6770 or [amber.burns@newroots.org](mailto:amber.burns@newroots.org)*