Molo Village to hold **Resource Fair**

Molo Village will host a resource fair that will help connect residents with a variety of resources and employment opportunities. This event will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, which is located in the Russell Plaza at 1407 W. Jefferson Street. This event is free and open to the public, and will feature free food and health screenings. Attendees should come professionally dressed and bring plenty of resumes.

For more information, please contact Karen Hunter at (502) 631-5011.



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Russell Choice Neighborhood Initiative **NEWSLETTER**

The Lily Pad provides gathering spot for Russell Community



Russell neighborhood residents and visitors now have another place to connect with friends and families thanks to the opening of The Lily Pad. Located at 510 S. 18th Street next to Sweet Peaches restaurant, and across from the Russell Apartments, The Lily Pad is meant to serve as a gathering spot for neighbors to enjoy cook-outs, outdoor movies, and many more events and recreational activities that foster a sense of community. The space is the brainchild of Sweet Peaches' owner Pamela Haines. Haines says she was inspired to pursue redeveloping this former vacant lot after watching neighborhood kids walking down the street looking for something to do.

"I know what is like to be a young kid who doesn't have access to a lot of resources or activities," said Haines. "I want The Lily Pad to be a place of peace and hope that provides residents with a safe and inviting place to gather."

The Lily Pad is one of several projects being funded through the Choice Neighborhoods \$1 million Action Activities Grant received by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2016. Louisville Metro Government is also contributing \$375,000 to support these efforts. These funds are being used to make physical improvements within Russell that help support other neighborhood redevelopment efforts and spur additional investment in the area.

On October 16, 2018 Haines joined Mayor Fischer, Councilwoman Barbara Sexton Smith, residents of the Russell Apartments, and others from the community to celebrate the completion of The Lily Pad. After the event, guests enjoyed several of Sweet Peaches' most popular breakfast items including breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, and

Pamela Haines, owner of Sweet Peaches, with Mayor Greg Fischer at the "The Lily Pad" grand opening



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Park DuValle Community Health Center breaks ground on new Russell facility



Rendering of the new Park DuValle Community Health Center

On October 26, 2018 the Park DuValle Community Health Center (PDCHC) broke ground on a new facility that will be located in and serve the Russell community and surrounding areas. The new center will be located on Broadway at the corner of 15th Street, just a few blocks from the new Passport Health Plan and Republic

Bank Foundation YMCA facilities that are currently under construction.

The facility will span 11,000 square feet and allow PDCHC to expand its services to offer pediatric and women's health, as well as behavioral health using tele-health technologies. Primary care and dental services will continue to be provided as well.

PDCHC currently operates a health center in Russell at 1015 West Chestnut Street. This facility will remain open until the new clinic opens next spring.

Art projects recognize Russell's rich history and transformation currently undeway

Thanks to collaborative efforts between several organizations and community members, Russell has three new, highly visible reminders of the transformation taking place in the neighborhood that also acknowledge its rich

The first of these is a collaborative art project between Artist Bryan Holden, the Fran Huettig Public Art Project, 1619 Flux, New Directions Housing Corporation and Louisville Metro Government.

Sculpture featuring long-time Russell resident and community leader, Manfred Reid. The sculpture is located on the Russell Apartment Building and is the first of a two-piece installation titled "Inspirations and Aspirations".



When complete, this "Inspirations and Aspirations" project will feature two large sculptures on the exterior of The Russell Apartments at 18th and W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard. The first piece was dedicated on October 14th and honors celebrated community leader and Russell resident Manfred Reid. Alexia Fischer, a former Russell resident and a third grader who aspires to be a dentist when she grows up, will be pictured on the second sculpture. This sculpture will be unveiled in mid-November.

Manfred Reid's piece represents the inspiration that is propelling the Russell neighborhood forward, while Alexia Fischer's rendering represents the aspirations many residents have as the transformation and revitalization of the neighborhood continues.

For this project local artist Bryan Holden collected more than 2,400 keyboards that were donated by local businesses. The two sculptures contain more than 6,000 recycled computer keys that were sorted by neighborhood residents during workshops and other sessions focused on engaging the community.

"Simply the Best" mural at 1500 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard by Casey McKinney

The other two art projects – large murals located on the apartment buildings at the corners of 15th and 16th streets on Muhammad Ali Blvd. – are a result of a partnership between the Louisville Visual Art Association and New Directions, and were funded through an Imagine Grant from the Fund from the Arts. Both pieces were developed with input from Russell

residents who were asked to weigh in on design concepts presented for consideration. The final designs are a nod to Central High School as well as its most famous alum, Muhammad Ali. Victor Sweatt,



the artist behind the "Be the Energy You Want to Attract" mural, and Casey McKinney, the artist for "Simply the Best," will also be working on the murals that will be appearing on several of Russell's railroad overpasses in the coming months.

"Be the Energy You Want to Attract" mural at 1600 W. Muhammad Ali by Victor Sweatt

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