

Celebrate Neighborhoods

2012 Riverside Neighborhood Conference

City of Arts & Innovation

2012 Workshop Schedule

Session 1 - 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

City Hall 101

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Maybe you have asked yourself, what happens inside the walls of City Hall? Are you wondering how the national and state economy is affecting your city? Who do I call if I have a question or comment? Or if you have not thought much how the City works for you, this information session will provide an insider's view of City Hall, the important services the City provides, as well as how revenue is generated to pay for them. Come learn the basics of Riverside city government, city council roles and responsibilities and how you can become involved and part of the process.

Presenters: Colleen Nicol, Riverside City Clerk and Cindie Perry, Intergovernmental and Communications Officer

Safe Route to Schools

Location: Culver Center of the Arts

The trip to school is an opportunity for children (and adults!) to get the physical activity they need. Replacing car trips to school with walking or bicycling can reduce traffic congestion and air-polluting emissions. Join our speaker from Riverside County Department of Health to learn what tools and resources are available to you to help improve the walkability and bikeability in your neighborhood. Topics discussed include the state of our health, the economic, health, environmental and social benefits associated to walking and biking to school.

Presenter: Gail Carlson, Public Health Program Coordinator II, Riverside County Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Services

Principles of Integrated Pest Management for Your Home

Location: Open- Air Speech Pavilion

Want to learn how to work with nature to create a healthy outdoor experience for your kids, pets and landscape? Understanding the basic principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) enables you to choose pest control options, which will fit the problem and enhance control. Hundreds of plant species are being grown for their ornamental value. All of these plants are a potential food source for a large number of insect pests. Learn how to identify what the actual cause is that is resulting in a stressed or damage effect. To do this we need to have a working knowledge of the pest's life cycle and habits. This workshop teaches environmentally safe techniques to control and prevent an infestation of pests while reducing human and environmental exposure to hazardous chemicals. You will learn the importance of *Integrated Pest Management*, how to identify pests and how you play a vital part in how to limit and control the spread of pests.

Presenter: Maryellen Bell, Certified Arborist

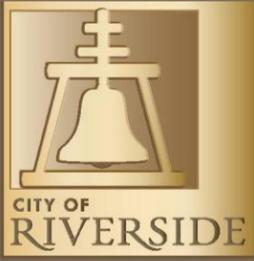
What is the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership?

Location: Phood on Main – Vault

Want to form a new neighborhood group? Connect with local businesses, schools, churches and non-profits? Engage with city leaders? The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership is here to help! We are a coalition of neighborhood groups, businesses, non-profits, churches, schools and city government, all working together to improve the quality of life in Riverside. Come find out what the Partnership can do for you and your neighborhood!

Presenters: Riverside Neighborhood Partnership Board Members

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Session 2 - 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Let's Seize Our Destiny – Riversiders Determining Our Future Together

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

In 2009, a wide array of civic leaders and City officials came together to imagine a 20-year strategic vision that mobilizes a broad cross-section of Riversiders toward one common goal – a higher quality of life for us all. The Seizing Our Destiny movement's goals are to foster intelligent growth, attract diverse and dynamic people, encourage innovation and work together for the common good. Neighborhoods, and the people that work to improve them, are key to the success of that vision. This workshop will help you understand why Seizing Our Destiny is important for your neighborhood, and how you can get more involved and influence the future of our community!

Presenter: Amy Sausser, Gina Airey Consulting, Inc., *Seizing Our Destiny Communications & Engagement Facilitator*

Becoming A Social Entrepreneur - Community Engagement & Volunteering

Location: Culver Center of the Arts

Come hear how the Riverside Youth Council is working to enhance students' ability to involve the community in student-led projects and to explore ways to engage and increase interest among students to participate in service organization and activities outside their campus as means of promoting skills outside the classroom.

Presenter: Riverside Youth Council

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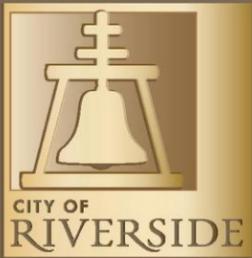
Neighborhood Groups: Start-up to Sustainable

Location: Phood on Main – Vault

This session will focus on the strategies and methods for building a successful sustainable neighborhood group. The session will feature training, success stories, and discussion from Riverside's oldest neighborhood group and Riverside's newest neighborhood groups. Come with your neighbors and learn how to start a neighborhood group.

Presenters: Northside Improvement Association and Neighbors of the Wood Streets (NOWS)

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Session 3 - 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Riverside Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Riverside Police Department (RPD) staff will teach you the steps you can take to keep your neighborhood a safe place for you, your family and your neighbors. The session will include guidance on how to start a Neighborhood Watch group. RPD will cover the importance of neighborhood and police partnerships and provide valuable information on current crime trends and their preventions.

Presenter: Nancy Castillo, Police Service Representative, Riverside Police Department

Effectively Engaging with Your Neighborhood Church

Location: Culver Center of the Arts

The role of faith based and non-profit organizations in disaster response and recovery is well-documented. However, their interaction and involvement with the local community is just as important. This exciting workshop will provide you with the guidance to integrate faith based and non-profit organizations into your neighborhood block building. Learn how congregations throughout the city can serve the neighborhoods surrounding their places of worship, learn effective tools for forging effective partnerships between neighborhood groups and Church congregations, and explore exciting new collaboration possibilities that build community! The presenters will discuss tools and resources including Today's Urban Renewal Network, Listening Campaigns and Asset Based Community Development programs as they relate to loving our neighbor and neighborhood. This workshop is ideal for both members and leaders of congregations and neighborhood groups alike!

Presenters: Damien O'Farrell, Director of Community Development, Today's Urban Renewal Network and Jeff Wright, Pastor Madison Street Church

Healthy Communities and Local Food

Location: Open- Air Speech Pavilion

Learn about how your community can improve access to healthy food by supporting community gardens, school garden programs, and farmers' markets that support expanded local food production. This session will explore the connections between food, nutrition education, and community wellness and health issues. We propose to start with our children's education: in and out of school within the realm of our larger community.

Presenters: Ambassadors of the Earth: Claire Carbonell, Founder (Sustainability Coordinator, Site & Project Development), Eric Stephens, Affiliate (County Certified Master Composter, Garden-Educator) Adrian Kalwaitis, DSS (Dietary Services Supervisor, Garden-Educator)

Block Party Planning: What's On The Menu

Location: Phood on Main – Vault

What is a great heat resistant dessert to take to the block party that will wow the guest and not melt in the sun? How about a delicious side dish that takes the worry out of spilling or sliding while traveling? Come and learn from Chef Marla great preparation tips and techniques that will make your Block Party experience much more enjoyable.

Presenter: Chef Marla Cohen, Co-Owner of Phood on Main

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