



"Connecting Neighbors and Neighborhoods"

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2012 Community Connections Workshop Series

At the Orange County Internal Operations Center

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Neighborhood Beautification

January 14, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

First encounters make lasting impressions...does your neighborhood need a little sprucing up? Join us to learn about the programs, services, and resources available through Orange County Government and the City of Orlando that can assist with your efforts to enhance your neighborhood. Topics will include code enforcement, graffiti prevention and removal, neighborhood cleanup and beautification programs, etc...

Enhancing Neighborhood Safety: It's a Partnership!

February 11, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Feeling safe in our home is very important to how we feel about where we live. When we feel safe in our neighborhood, we are more willing to get to know our neighbors and invest in making our neighborhood a better place. Crime Prevention Experts will discuss the top crime and safety issues that adversely affect neighborhoods and the many resources and solutions to increase safety in your home and neighborhood. Find out about Crime Prevention Grants, Neighborhood Watch, Citizens on Patrol, gang prevention, youth programs, and more! (CPTED included for free!)

Roadmap to Success in Your Neighborhood

March 10, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Join us at this workshop to learn some "Best Practices" of successful neighborhood organizations. We will go through a process of configuring an organization budget and setting/re-evaluating goals for the organization. We will also discuss how to establish a plan to get more residents involved in improving the neighborhood.

Creating a Website for Your Neighborhood

April 14, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Join the 21st Century...take advantage of the Internet as a communication tool to deliver your neighborhood organization messages and keep your members engaged. This will be a hands-on workshop, utilizing computers to view resources and create an actual neighborhood website. Experts will provide technical assistance and answer questions; however, basic computer skills are a pre-requisite.

Neighborhood Organization Wellness Challenge

May 12, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

How healthy is your neighborhood organization? Are you where you "want" or "need" to be as an organization? Has your organization mastered the basic skills for success? Evaluate your organization in the following categories: Solid Foundation, Nurturing Leadership, Neighborly Communication, Well-Executed Projects, and Community Building. Participants will walk away with concrete ideas to make their organization more successful! We will also explore how to hold successful meetings and discover the secrets about how to grow your association!

Is Your Neighborhood Prepared for an Emergency

June 9, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Are you prepared for a natural or man-made disaster? Are your neighborhood residents prepared to potentially take care of one another for the first 72 hours following a major community disaster? This workshop will provide the basic guidelines to help you be better prepared and the necessary tools so your neighborhood can put together a Neighborhood Emergency Response Plan (NERP).

Social Media to the Rescue

July 14, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

How can today's latest social media networking tools benefit your neighborhood? Join the 21st Century like so many other neighborhoods and take advantage of the new ways to communicate with residents. Join us to learn how to use web-based and mobile technologies to turn communication into an interactive dialogue. We will also cover other great resources that are right at your fingertips - InfoMap, Sunbiz, Property Appraiser, OCSO, & FDLE. Experts will provide instruction; however, basic computer skills are a pre-requisite.

Community Gardening: Getting to Know Neighbors

August 11, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Community gardens have been proven to build capacity in neighborhood organizations and promote crime prevention in the neighborhood. Such gardens can improve community engagement, safety and economic vitality for a neighborhood, as well as provide nutrition and physical activity for its residents. During this workshop, gardening professionals will outline all the steps in planning and managing a community garden. Neighborhood organization representatives will share their positive experiences and results from community gardens in their neighborhoods.

Protecting the Value of Your Community

September 8, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Is the value of your community protected? Join us to find out what you can do to protect the value of your community by taking care of your own property and possibly helping your handicap or elderly neighbors keep up their property. Learn what improvement measures you can take to protect the value of your community. Learn how your neighborhood organization can work with a local realtor to help get some of those foreclosed or vacant properties purchased or rented so their not empty and vulnerable potentially causing the neighborhood problems.

Effective Leadership

October 13, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Explore the components of strong organizational leadership, have fun finding out how to be a leader of influence and learn more about your own leadership style and the styles of your other board members. Learn techniques and tips to take your leadership skills to the next level. Associations are strongly encouraged to bring their entire board to this workshop; it will be a great team building opportunity!

Building Partnerships and Strategic Alliances

November 10, 2012 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Meaningful partnerships and alliances can create a foundation for success. Partnerships are what enable many associations to address neighborhood issues, achieve goals, and enhance the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Find out how to create and utilize partnerships with businesses, other neighborhood organizations, and community and faith-based organizations to create a stronger neighborhood. Join in the discussion about how to maximize the participation of every sector to help create a great neighborhood and achieve your organization's goals.

There will not be a December Workshop...