

2007 Neighborhood Leaders Conference

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Friday, August 3, 2007

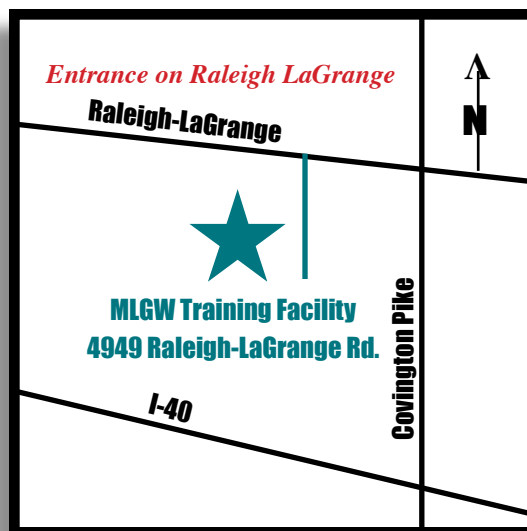
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Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Plenary Session
Reclaiming Neglected and Abandoned Properties
- 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Workshops, Session I
 - 1A. Back to Basics - Starting a Neighborhood Watch
 - 1B. Don't Borrow Trouble
 - 1C. Preferred Agent Program
 - 1D. Winter Bill Planning
 - 1E. Surveying Your Neighbors
 - 1F. Future Leadership - Generation X, Y and Next
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Workshops, Session II
 - 2G. Avoiding Foreclosure
 - 2H. Using Technology
 - 2I. Not in My Neighborhood
 - 2J. Get EnergySmart



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Plenary Session:

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Reclaiming Neglected and Abandoned Properties

Is there a problem property in your neighborhood? Learn how neighborhoods are working with the Memphis Police Department, Attorney General's Office and Environmental Court to utilize strategies such as the nuisance abatement ordinance, Operation Blue C.R.U.S.H, and even taking cases to court to reclaim neglected and abandoned properties. Participants will also use a decision tree to assist neighborhoods with understanding which method is best for correcting specific neglected and abandoned properties.

Session I: 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

1A. Back to Basics - Starting a Neighborhood Watch

The police can't be everywhere, so it helps to have neighbors who are looking out for you. Those extra eyes and ears can aid in the reporting of suspicious activity and help to decrease crime. Learn the basics of organizing a neighborhood watch, observation skills, how to report crimes, and how neighborhoods are developing working relationships with law enforcement organizations.



1B. Don't Borrow Trouble

Don't sign your home away when you take out a home improvement loan for that new roof. This workshop will cover loan terms, penalties, fees, and other borrowing pitfalls that can help you and your neighbors avoid all types of predatory loans.

1C. Preferred Agent Program

Learn about the Preferred Agent Program through which neighborhoods work with realtors to market houses in their neighborhood through home tours, the neighborhood's website and newsletters. In exchange, realtors ensure that their buyers get homeownership counseling, are not connected to predatory lenders, and are economically compatible to the home.

1D. Winter Bill Planning

Utility bill costs are a concern for all. This session will help you prepare for the coming heating season as you learn about natural gas prices, why your bill varies, how to manage higher costs, and what programs are available if you have difficulty paying your bill.

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1E. Surveying Your Neighbors

Need to get your neighbors' opinions and concerns but don't have the time or money to mail surveys or go door-to-door? Online surveys are a quick, easy and inexpensive way to get your neighbors' opinions. Here you will learn about one free online survey tool, how to design a survey, and the tools available to help you analyze your survey. **(REQUIRES BASIC COMPUTER AND INTERNET SKILLS)**

1F. Future Leadership - Generation X, Y and Next

As Baby Boomer members of your organization get older, do you have younger individuals involved who can assume leadership positions? Hear and discuss strategies for involving future generations in the work of your association from organizations that are engaging young professionals in civic activities.

Session II: 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.



2G. Avoiding Foreclosure

The increasing number of home foreclosures is having a major impact on Memphis neighborhoods, but sometimes foreclosures can be avoided. In this workshop you will learn about the foreclosure trends in Memphis and Shelby County. Help your neighbors avoid foreclosure and avoid having a vacant house on your street.

2H. Using Technology

What happens when technology meets crime prevention? For one neighborhood, the answer was an online neighborhood watch. In this workshop, participants will discuss how technology can be used to enhance the work of neighborhood associations.



2I. Not in My Neighborhood

A sign is posted in a vacant storefront announcing that the owner has applied for a permit to sell beer or alcohol. The business is not violating any law or zoning ordinance but your neighborhood has had enough. Hear from organizations that have been successful in halting the start of these types of business in their neighborhood.

2J. Get EnergySmart

MLGW and the Tennessee Valley Authority recently joined together to launch the EnergySmart initiative. In this shortened EnergySmart workshop, you will learn about energy saving improvements that you can make to your home, and about local weatherization and home improvement programs that can assist in making your home more energy efficient.