

# COMMON GROUND

A Newsletter Celebrating Neighborhoods

## Living Proof of the American Dream: Councilman Manuel Rico, District 7

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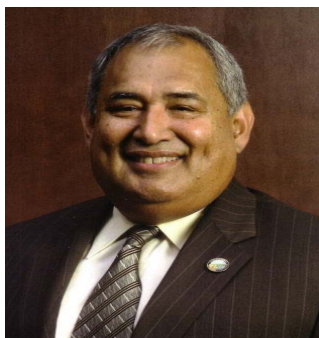
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Councilman Manuel Rico is living proof of what our great country has to offer. He began his working career as a blue collar worker in the 1970's, became a business owner / operator in the 1980's and 90's, and is now a

well respected community leader and City Councilman.

Councilman Rico's background allows him to see life from a uniquely different point of view than most might expect. He sees these viewpoints as a huge advantage, especially in representing and leading the District 7 community. Councilman Rico relates with diverse groups of people, regardless of race or socioeconomic level. He attests to the fact that as a child he was as poor as anyone could be, and now feels as blessed he could possi-

bly be at 60.

For daily guidance, Councilman Rico refers to his principles, values, and answering to a higher power. He carries a sense of duty to the community as well as the need to serve any group or situation needing help. For example, he felt called to run for office, after finding that others wanted him to lead and felt that he could be fair. He wants the community he lives in to be represented in the best possible way.

His strong work  
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## Letter from the Administrator

Dear Neighbor,

This month's Common Ground features City Council District 7 Representative Manuel Rico as well as many exciting upcoming events. Most prominently, I am excited about the 8th Annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference scheduled September 27th through the 29th. If you have not already registered, but would like to attend, please contact us as we are focusing this year's conference workshops on information and activities intended to strengthening communities.



Please feel free to call our office at any time with questions or concerns. We appreciate your interest and involvement.

Sincerely,  
Beverly P. Johnson, Administrator

ethic and habits helped him create a successful business that he has operated since 1986. He started Rico Monuments after the company he worked for over 17 years went out of business. Much of the ability that makes him effective as a councilman was formed as he was transforming from an employee to a business man.

During the years as he operated his business, he reached out to the communities in the city and surrounding areas, making contacts and creating a name for himself in the monuments industry.

After over 15 years of working with various civic groups and establishing his business with his wife Barbara, he found himself more than willing to serve the Chattanooga community in any capacity possible. He believes that anyone in a position to serve the community should whenever possible.

Councilman Rico has a style all his own in politics. He speaks his mind and answers from the heart on every subject. He believes issues should be presented in simple form and they

should be resolved by doing what is right for the community. He also does not believe that you can always be politically correct when the truth needs to be stated.

Councilman Rico keeps a full schedule because he does not turn away any group or situation requiring his support. Councilman Rico also does not believe in retirement, so he intends to serve the community for the rest of his life. Serving others has become his full-time job, and there is no retirement plan for that.

**8th Annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference**

Later this month, the City of Chattanooga's Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development presents the 8th Annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference beginning Wednesday, September 27th through Friday, September 29th at the Chattanooga Convention Center. The conference theme is *"Laying the Foundation for Better Neighborhoods, One Brick at a Time, through Education, Opportunities and Experience."*

Unlike previous years, attendees of this year's conference may enjoy educational workshops **ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE.\***

Keynote speakers will include:

- Dr. Jim Scales, Superintendent, Hamilton County Department of Education
- Mayor Terry Bellamy of Asheville, NC
- Jim Holloway, Air Pollution Bureau, Chattanooga, TN

**Neighborhood Conference Workshops include:**

- "Codes for Dummies" - Basic City Codes Requirements and Enforcement Processes
- Grassroots Fundraising
- "Common Vision" - The Basics of Community Organizing
- Disability Issues in Neighborhoods
- Good Hearted Neighbors Enduring a "Good Time House": Abating Chronic Nuisance Properties
- Landlords and Tenants Both Have Rights—Here's What They Are!
- Lead Based Paint Work Practices (All Day Training)
- Gentrification
- Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Plans
- Conflict Resolution: Respect, Interests, and Opportunity for Growth
- Challenges in Youth Development

**Codes Conference Workshops will include:**

- Nuisance Properties: The Role of Code Enforcement
- Plumbing and Electrical Code Concepts
- Cost Estimating
- Life Safety Code Principles
- Arson Investigation
- Principles of the International Code Council (ICC) Existing Building Code

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2006**

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**For more information on registration and workshops, call us at (423)425-3700 or visit us on the City of Chattanooga website at: [http://www.chattanooga.gov/Neighborhood\\_Services/86\\_3038.htm](http://www.chattanooga.gov/Neighborhood_Services/86_3038.htm).**

## Skateboard Competition at the "Chattown" Skate Park

September 2006

The City of Chattanooga Parks and Recreation Department and the Flamingo Skateshop present the First Annual "Permanent Vacation" Skateboard Contest at the city's "Chattown Skate Park" on Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The competition is open to all ages and will test the skateboarding skills from all levels – beginners, intermediate, and advanced participants.

Event coordinator, Jan Neyman, explains, "having a competition event like this not only increases awareness and knowledge of the sport, it also gives recognition to these awesome athletes." "Skateboarding has become so popular that the Olympics Committee is considering adding it as an event in the 'X-Treme Games'

category because it takes a great deal of precision, coordination, and practice to do what they do!" Ms. Neyman adds, "our city's skate park and programs have attracted the attention of skateboard enthusiasts in Atlanta, Knoxville, and Huntsville and the upcoming event will bring contestants from all over the tri-state area."

Many professional manufacturers and suppliers will provide

prizes for the first, second, and third place winners in each category. Ms. Neyman adds, "we are pleased that the younger aged "beginners" will have a chance to participate because it recognizes them for their interest and encourages them to increase their skills."

There will also be food for sale, door prizes, and give-a-ways. There is a \$10.00 entry fee and pre-registration is encouraged. Interested participants can sign up at the Chattown Skate Park, 757-2076 or the Flamingo Skateshop, 892-9997.

The hours for the Chattown Skate Park are: Monday – Wednesday: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 4:00 – 10:00 p.m., Saturday: Noon to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.



**DISTRICT 7 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**  
 Hosted by Mayor Ron Littlefield and Councilman Manuel Rico  
 Chattanooga Christian School  
 3354 Charger Drive  
 September 14, 2006 — 6:30 PM



## Neighborhood Notes

News from Chattanooga's neighborhood groups



**The Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council (CNAC)** had a great turnout for their annual Fourth of July weekend celebration hosted by the **East Lake Neighborhood Association**.

Local candidates vying for various government posts during the recent August primary and general elections attended as featured guests at this celebration. The candidates addressed and interacted with citizens in attendance, promoting the various qualities that each hoped to offer the Chattanooga community if

elected. CNAC meets every fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the **Community Foundation** offices, located at 1270 Market Street. Representatives of various neighborhood associations comprise CNAC. CNAC believes working with neighborhood associations provides a greater opportunity for success on neighborhood initiatives. It is this notion that is the essence of the creation and development of CNAC, as single entity working in conjunction with all neighborhoods in Chattanooga. CNAC stands firmly behind their mission statement, "To be a unified

community voice promoting a better quality of life for all Chattanooga Neighborhoods."

CNAC continues efforts to fill the remaining 12 seats in its governing body, which has three- (3) representative seats per City Council District. Each of the three- (3) members must be from different geographic parts of their respective City Council Districts. City Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 are currently experiencing the greatest need of representation.

For more information regarding district participation please contact **Charles Payne**, President of CNAC at 899-1748.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Department Neighborhood Services and Community Development, acting on behalf of the City of Chattanooga, is responsible for the administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), the HOME Investment Partnership Act Funds and American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In accordance with the Citizens Participation requirements of Section 104 (a)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and with HUD regulations 24 CFR 91, the City hereby makes available to the public the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2005-2006 program year. Citizens wishing to review the Performance Report may do so at the following location:

Community Development Office  
 100 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Room 201  
 City Hall Annex Building  
 Chattanooga, TN 37402

The report will be available from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday.  
 Comments will be received until Friday, September 22, 2006

## **Community Development Program Calendar**

### **Allocation / Public Process & Workshops**

<b>October 2, 2006</b>	<b>Invitations mailed to Public / Nonprofits Announcing CD of Workshops</b>
<b>October 16, 2006</b>	<b>Workshop: HOME Investment Act (First Floor DRC, 9:00-12 noon)</b>
<b>October 17, 2006</b>	<b>Workshop: CDBG (First Floor DRC, 9:00-12 noon)</b>
<b>October 19, 2006</b>	<b>Workshop: ESG (First Floor DRC-----10:00-12 noon)</b>
<b>November 2, 2006</b>	<b>Application/Allocation Process Workshop (First Floor DRC, 5:00-6:30pm)</b>
<b>December 7, 2006</b>	<b>Technical Assistance Workshop</b>
<b>December 15, 2006</b>	<b>Applications Due: 4:00pm (Community Development Office)</b>



CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT



**Visit the City of Chattanooga on the web at:  
<http://www.chattanooga.gov/>**

- 7—Environmental Court (also to be held on the 14th, 21st, and 28th)**  
**Location:** Courts Building, Division II, 2nd Floor  
**600 Market Street**  
**Time:** 10:00 AM
  
- 11—Regional Planning Agency Meeting**  
**Location:** Hamilton County Courthouse  
**625 Georgia Avenue**  
**Time:** 1:00 PM
  
- 12—Sector 2 Community Policing Interactive Committee (CPIC) - (Echo and Fox zones)**  
**Location:** Parkridge Diagnostic Center  
**2205 McCallie Avenue**  
**Time:** 6:00 PM
  
- 13—Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting**  
**Location:** City Council Building  
**1000 Lindsay Street**  
**Time:** 10:00 AM
  
- 14—Mayor’s Neighborhood Meeting (District 7)**  
**Location:** Chattanooga Christian School  
**3354 Charger Drive**  
**Time:** 6:30 PM
  
- 25—Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council Meeting**  
**Location:** Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga  
**1270 Market Street**  
**Time:** 6:00 PM
  
- 27— Demolition Hearings**  
**Location:** Development Resource Center, Conference Room 1A  
**1250 Market Street**  
**Time:** 10:00 AM
  
- 27—Court Watch**  
**Location:** East Lake Seniors Center  
**3208 15th Avenue**  
**Time:** 11:30 AM
  
- 27 - 29—8th Annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference**  
**Location:** Chattanooga Convention Center  
**1100 Carter Street**  
**Time(s):** 27th— (Wednesday) 4:30 PM—9:00 PM  
 28th— (Thursday) 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM  
 29th— (Friday) 8:00 AM - 12:30PM

**Neighborhood Talk**

Tuesday Mornings, 9:00-9:30am  
**WN00, 1260AM — Heritage Radio**

**TUNE IN!!!**



**Neighborhood Partners Projects for Beautification**

The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development is still accepting applications for the Neighborhood Partners Projects for Beautification. A maximum of \$1,500 will be awarded for landscaping and beautification efforts within Chattanooga's neighborhoods.

**To request guidelines and applications, please contact Darius Swoope at (423) 425-3718.**





- What:** Go!Fest—a festival celebrating how people of all abilities can work, live and play together
- When:** Saturday, October 14, 2006 Noon - 6pm
- Where:** First Tennessee Pavillion - Chattanooga, TN
- Admission:** Free admission - open to the public.
- Entertainment:** Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Shows (3 performances), Music from Overland Express, Tennessee Rounders, Stephen Owen, The Orange Grove Singers, street performers and more.
- Activities:** Arts and Crafts Booths, Job Fair, Children's Activities include pony rides and a petting zoo.  
Athletic events: Wheelchair basketball & soccer.
- Exhibitors:** Over 50 exhibitors will showcase services and products for people of all abilities, in addition to a variety of food & beverage concessions.
- Information:** For more information, call (423) 756-2211  
Sponsorship info: Sallie Beckes [Sallie@riverbendfestival.com](mailto:Sallie@riverbendfestival.com)  
Exhibitor info: Karen Shostak [Karen@riverbend festival.com](mailto:Karen@riverbendfestival.com)
- Transportation:** CARTA Care - A - Van transportation is available to Go!Fest.  
For reservations, call **(423) 698-9083** 24 hours or more in advance.

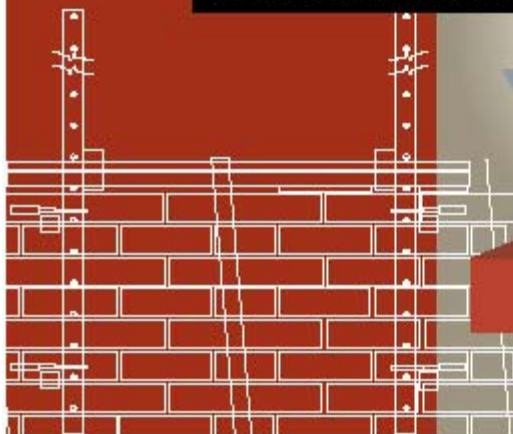
**Go!Fest is presented by UnumProvident and sponsored by BI-LO, HealthSouth, Coca Cola, The Chattanooga Times Free Press, US-101 and Fairway Outdoor.**

**Go!Fest is produced by Friends of the Festival, Inc. in partnership with the Mayor's Office and the City of Chattanooga.**

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SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2006 at the CHATTANOOGA CONVENTION CENTER  
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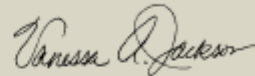
The City of Chattanooga and the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development are proud to present the 2006 Neighborhoods and Codes Conference. This year's theme is *"Laying the Foundation for Better Neighborhoods... One Brick at a Time."* We are sure that issues will be addressed that will be beneficial to you and your community. We look forward seeing you, and are confident that you can put into practice what you learn from the workshops. Start laying the foundation for better neighborhoods...*one brick at a time!*



Ron Littlefield  
Mayor of Chattanooga



Beverly P. Johnson  
Administrator,  
Neighborhood Services Department



Vanessa Jackson  
Program Manager and  
Conference Coordinator

**2006 Neighborhoods Conference**  
**— Limited to 300 attendees —**

**Wednesday, September 27**

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Registration  
 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Opening Session  
 • Codes for Dummies  
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Reception

*This reception promises to be one full of networking opportunities and enjoyment. Come meet new neighbors and colleagues as well as acquaint yourself with others. We're providing the food and entertainment; you bring your business cards and a good neighborhood success story!*

**Thursday, September 28**

7:45 - 8:30 a.m. Registration  
 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. Opening Session and Breakfast  
 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
 • Faith-Based Initiatives  
 • Grassroots Fundraising  
 • Safe Neighborhoods  
 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.  
 • Celebrate Arts, Diversity, and Neighborhoods!  
 • Section 8 Housing Standards  
 • "Common Vision": The Basics of Community Organizing  
 • Disability Issues in Neighborhoods  
 12:00 noon Luncheon  
 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.  
 • Show Me the Money!  
 • Citizen Involvement in Code Enforcement  
 • Good Hearted Neighbors Enduring a "Good Timing House": Abating Chronic Nuisance Properties  
 3:15-4:30 p.m.  
 • Predatory Lending  
 • Landlord Tenant and Tenant Rights  
 • Multiculturalism Bilingual Mingle

**Friday, September 29**

Breakfast on Your Own  
 8:00 - 9:15 a.m.  
 • Lead Paint Work Practices Course (ALL DAY)  
 • Block Captain Training, Part I  
 • Healthy People, Healthy Neighborhoods: Data, Values, Action  
 • Gentrification

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.  
 • Block Captain Training, Part II  
 • Neighborhood Planning  
 • Conflict Resolution  
 11:00 - 12:15 p.m.  
 • Health Alternatives in Urban Neighborhoods  
 • The Greatest Generation, Boomers, GenX, and Millennial: Where are we in the Neighborhood?  
 • Challenges and Opportunities in Youth Development  
 12:30 p.m. Luncheon  
 Conference Adjourns

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 The Role of Code Enforcement  
 10:45 - 12:00 noon Plumbing and Electrical  
 Code Concepts  
 1:45 - 3:00 p.m. Cost Estimating  
 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. Life Safety Code Principles

**Friday, September 29**

8:00 - 9:45 p.m. Arson Investigation  
 10:30 - 12:15 p.m. Principles of I.C.C existing  
 building code  
 12:30 p.m. Closing Luncheon  
 Conference Adjourns

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## Hotel Information

Staybridge Suites  
1300 Carter Street  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402  
Telephone (423) 267-0900  
Fax (423) 267-0945  
www.staybridge.com

*Staybridge Suites are located adjacent to  
Chattanooga Convention Center.*

Hotel Rates: Studio – \$ 89.00 per night  
One Bedroom Suite – \$99.00 per night

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## Conference Registration Information

Conference Fee: *Absolutely FREE for All Attendees\**

Conference Location: Chattanooga Convention Center  
1100 Carter Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402

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### Registration Form should be returned to:

City of Chattanooga Department of Neighborhood Services  
and Community Development  
1110 Market Street • Suite 333B • Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402  
Attn: Elluwead Love • (423) 425-3700 • love\_ellu@mail.chattanooga.gov

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation or Community Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Preference:**  Neighborhoods  Codes  
 Lead Paint Work Practices Course (for remodelers,  
renovators and maintenance workers)

**Meals:** Please check the meal function(s) you plan to attend:

Wednesday, September 27  Reception

Thursday, September 28  Opening Session/Breakfast  Luncheon

Friday, September 29  Luncheon

### Deadlines:

Conference Registration: **September 13, 2006**

Hotel Registration: **September 13, 2006**

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***Guest requiring accessibility accommodations or other  
special needs, please call (423)425-3700 by September 15, 2006.***

## Which workshops are right for you?



Homelessness



Standards



HUD



Diversity



Safety



Communities



Codes Training



Community Organizing

## 2006 Neighborhoods Conference Workshops



### **“Codes for Dummies” - Basic City Codes Requirements and Enforcement Processes**

*Designed for Neighborhoods and Codes Tracks*

If there is one topic that concerns citizens and codes professionals alike, it's the enforcement of the City Code. The good news is that code enforcement can be made simple enough so that it can be communicated and understood by all, thereby yielding more effective results. This forum is designed for neighborhood activists as well as codes professionals. In this opening forum learn what to look for, how to report it, and how citizens and codes professions can work together to help improve the appearance and value of any community.



### **Faith-Based Initiatives: Mustard Seeds, Divinity, and Faith**

If you believe in them, they will come! Faith-based organizations (churches, mosques, temples, etc.) lead more than the spiritual life of their members. Learn practical steps for building partnerships with faith-based groups and learn how they have positively impacted life for neighborhoods.



### **Grassroots Fundraising**

Looking for a way to successfully finance your neighborhood projects? Unfortunately, you must do more than depend on good luck to meet your organization's fundraising goals. Come learn the basic techniques of how to launch a successful fundraising campaign.



### **Safe Neighborhoods**

As one of Project Safe Neighborhoods bumper sticker declares, *“We hope you like prison food - gun crime means hard time!”*. Hear how our federal government is partnering with local law enforcement and prosecutors to take the worst of the worst off the streets for serious neighborhood safety improvements.



### **Celebrate Arts, Celebrate Diversity, Celebrate Neighborhoods!**

Dynamic neighborhoods embrace the importance of educational and cultural opportunities and celebrate the artistic tapestry that is unique to every community. This workshop showcases The City of Chattanooga's Department of Education Arts and Culture and how they mobilize their resources to increase awareness and responsibility in the areas of education, the arts, culture and social issues in your neighborhood.



### **Section 8 Housing Standards, Requirements, and Enforcement**

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 vouchers help ensure safe, decent, affordable housing is available in our neighborhoods. Learn what standards are required for Section 8 properties and how to work with Chattanooga Housing Authority if Section 8 properties in your neighborhood fall below requirements.



### **“Common Vision” - The Basics of Community Organizing**

“Common Vision” is a workbook for starting or re-starting a neighborhood association. This workshop is designed to guide neighbors and neighborhood leaders through topics and techniques that you can employ for your group's growth and development.



### **Disability Issues in Neighborhoods**

Did you know that the disabled community is one the fastest growing populations in our nation today? This workshop is designed to answer questions and to destroy some of the myths concerning people with disabilities in order to create more inclusive and accessible neighborhoods for all.



### Show Me the Money? Show Me the Track Record!

*HUD Community Development Block Grants and Related Funding Overview*

Many times we hear about Community Development Block Grants and organizations interested in applying for CDBG and other HUD program funds. Get the straight skinny on who is eligible (only IRS-designated nonprofit corporations), and what makes a proposed CDBG program fundable.



### Going A Step Further: Citizen Involvement in Code Enforcement

This session will focus on how citizens can get more involved in neighborhood code enforcement. We will review the Fort Worth, Texas Code Rangers Program and how it provides for recruiting, training, and empowering volunteer residents to deal with code violations. The session will also look at other ways that individuals and neighborhoods associations can partner with Codes Enforcement to make a bigger impact in cleaning up and maintaining their neighborhoods.



### Good Hearted Neighbors Enduring a “Good Timing House”: Abating Chronic Nuisance Properties

Do you ever want to just quit calling the police about that house that you know they have to know about with all the loud noise and cars coming and going? Learn why you should NOT quit calling, and how Chattanooga Police Department Civil Enforcement Division can protect neighborhoods from seemingly permanent problems.



### Homeowners Beware! Predatory Lending

*What you need to know to protect your home, your family, your neighbors, and your neighborhood*

Woody Guthrie told us in the 1930s that “...as I’ve wandered through this world, I’ve seen lots of funny men – some will rob you with a six gun and some with a fountain pen...”. Learn how to protect neighbors from some of the ones with fountain pens that can financially destroy a family and take the family home and other assets.



### Landlords and Tenants Both Have Rights – Here’s What They Are!

This workshop outlines the rights and duties of both landlords and tenants. Additionally, participants will explore creative and effective techniques for neighborhood groups, landlords, and renters to work together so that everyone benefits.



### Multiculturalism the Bilingual Mingle – Straight Talk & Street Talk on Neighborhoods

Race/ethnicity, language, disability, gender, and America the Great Melting Pot—language and culture are important elements of families and neighborhoods, and when we better understand and enjoy ours and others, the entire community is enriched and enabled to grow together in friendliness and effectiveness.



### Lead Paint Work Practices Course (All Day Training)

This 8-hour workshop presented by the National Paint and Coatings Association targets contractors and subcontractors who wish to be certified by HUD to work with lead-based paint in renovation or other construction projects.



### Block Captain Training for Neighborhoods – Part I

If you are ready to get organized and maximize the effectiveness of your neighborhood watch program, this workshop provides practical tools and proven strategies to help make your home and neighborhood an environment that deters crime.



### Healthy People, Healthy Neighborhoods: Data, Values, Action

This workshop is designed to examine important issues and indicators that impact the health status of residents of any given community. An interactive discussion will be held with participants regarding the “value of health and “actions” recommended to promote healthy residents and healthy neighborhoods.”



### Gentrification

It’s wonderful when our property increases in value – except when that means our taxes triple and we were already on a “fixed” household budget. Learn how the changes that come with gentrification can be an asset to a community, as well as techniques for minimizing the negative impacts on vulnerable families.



### Block Captain Training for Neighborhoods – Part II

This is the second part to Block Captains Part I.



## Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Plans

*A "Neighborhood Plan": What it is, what it does, and what is left for neighborhoods leadership to accomplish.*

Learn how to review and analyze Neighborhood Plans (comprehensive and land use) and how they can sometimes be powerfully used to support the goals of the neighborhood in very concrete ways.



## Conflict Resolution: Respect, Interests, and Opportunities for Growth

Conflict may sometimes be uncomfortable, but it presents opportunities to clarify our common interests and show respect to one another – especially when we disagree. Learn approaches and tools to help you to work out what you have in common regardless of whether the conflict is within your organization or with other community stakeholders.



## Aging Policy – The Greatest Generation, Boomers, GenX, and Millennials

*Where are we in the neighborhood and where do our paths cross? How can paths between generations walk us to the best possible future?*

Our population, locally and nationally, is changing rapidly and permanently in terms of how generations relate to and care for one another. Opportunities to close the gaps and support the needs of all our generations are near to hand; learn how to implement helpful steps within your neighborhood.



## Challenges and Opportunities in Youth Development

Community Development and Neighborhood Leaders have a responsibility to prepare the next generation to take the reins in the decision making and planning process of revitalizing neighborhoods. This workshop is designed to introduce neighborhood leaders to ways they can ignite energy into young people so that young people can in turn breathe innovative, new life into the community.

## 2006 Codes Conference Workshops



### Nuisance Properties: The Role of Code Enforcement

Topic includes presentation and discussion of the role of the Code Official in obtaining compliance with both residential and commercial properties that are a perpetual nuisance. Areas of discussion will include current ICC property maintenance codes, the role and enforcement of zoning ordinances, the impact of vacant structures and discussion of both legal and illegal non-conforming land use as they pertain to quality of life within a community.



### Plumbing and Electrical Code Concepts

Course provides an overview of plumbing installation concepts as well as an overview of the National Electrical Code (NEC). Basic concepts for construction techniques and procedures, as well as installation and inspection requirements covered.



### Cost Estimating

Course will provide a basic understanding of residential cost planning techniques including labor and material costs, overhead, hidden costs, scheduling to maintain effective spending, bid proposals and profit margins.



### Life Safety Code Principles

Course will provide an overview of the Life Safety Code, cover construction, installation and inspection requirements, and technical knowledge needed to ensure minimum requirements are met. Topics include terminology, plans review, building construction, egress requirements, occupancy classification and building protection systems.



### Arson Investigation

Course is designed to inform and educate participants in fire origin and cause basics. Topics include defining arson, understanding the impact of arson, defining fire, fire ignition and fire patterns and burn indicators and causes.



### Principles of the ICC Existing Building Code

A general overview of current residential building codes as recognized by the International Code Council (ICC). Course will include presentation and discussion of topics including building planning, fire protection, occupancy needs, structural systems, structural materials, building envelope, non-structural materials, and building services and special construction.