NAM’s 27th Annual Conference
Neighborhood Imperatives: Creating Healthy Environments

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

8:00am - 11:00am  Conference Registration

8:00am - 9:00am   Continental Breakfast

9:00am - 9:30am   Welcome - Tim Herman, CEO of Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce

9:30am - 10:30am  Plenary Session: Gangs and Drugs-Marian Barrera-Young
This session will focus on gang violence, the new drug scene, and the violence fueled through social media that plays out within the streets of our communities throughout Michigan, and the United States.

10:45am - 11:45am Plenary Session: The Affordable Care Act - Ryan Sullivan, Consumers for Health Care
The Affordable Care Act (ACA), often referred to as "ObamaCare" is now the law of the land. The goal of the ACA is to increase affordability of healthcare while decreasing the number of persons without healthcare in the U.S. This session will provide information on what the ACA is doing for YOU and what the ACA will do for YOU in the months and years to come. The status of Michigan's actions relative to implementing the ACA will be discussed also.

12:00pm - 1:30pm  Lunch

1:30pm - 2:30pm  Plenary Session: The Michigan Youth Leadership Academy(MYLA) - Troopers Sarah Whitman & Thomas Vaughn, Michigan State Police
This session will focus on a week long, free camp for 14 to 16 year old males and females who could be classified as "tipping point youths". They are selected from each of Michigan's Secure Cities - Detroit, Flint, Pontiac and Saginaw. The MYLA mission is "to inspire students to recognize their potential, to be leaders and mentors in their communities, and to develop personal character through partnerships with law enforcement."

3:00pm - 5:00 pm  Flint Tour: Conferences will participate in a rolling tour of Flint to observe the range of neighborhood and community development efforts that are taking place in the city

6:00pm - 7:00pm  NAM Annual Board Meeting

7:30 pm - 9:00pm  Dinner
Continental Breakfast

Plenary Session: Living on Less - Karen Cheatham
This session will help guide you in completing a 30-day spending assessment, provide you with incentives for cost savings, and explain why you should budget. In addition it will provide areas in which you can start saving such as auto, utility, and food cost.

Plenary Session: Flint Neighborhoods United - Officer Tanya Meeks, Flint PD
Flint Neighborhoods United is a coalition of block club, neighborhood association and crime watch captains and presidents who come together each month to share information and leverage their resources to create positive change in the Greater Flint community. The group's focus is from a city-wide perspective versus the focus of the individual members on a specific neighborhood or area within the city.

Best Practices:

Neighborhood Directory – Conferees will learn what is involved in producing a city-wide neighborhood directory.

West Genesee Neighborhood Watch – Information will be shared regarding the organization being the eyes and ears of the neighborhood, networking, and neighbors helping neighbors.

Central Park Neighborhood Association Youth Council – The group will discuss the programs of the youth council: how they were initiated, what they do and how successful they are.

Father & Son Program – Information will be shared regarding the Flint Fathers & Sons Project, a community based participatory research effort.

Lunch program:
NAM MINI-Grant Award presentation
NAM Awards presentation

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