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Notes

to Neighborhood Leaders

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Quote



"The work an unknown good person has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green"

- Thomas Carlyle -

**NEIGHBORHOOD
RESOURCES**



**Call for Presentations
for the 2002
Neighborhoods, USA
National Conference in
Houston, Texas**

Do you have an interested story to tell? We're looking for the following:

Good stories about successful community-based projects or programs

Interactive workshops with lots of meaningful audience participation

Stimulating discussions about interesting neighborhoods issues

Workshops take place Thursday and Friday, May 23 & 24. They are 1-1/2 hours in length. Please note that we request each session provide 15-minute question/answer period.

This is your opportunity to share your message with more than 1,500 neighborhood and Civic Club leaders as they travel from all over the United States to Houston for NUSA 2002. For a copy of the proposal, please contact the Neighborhood Connections Office. Hurry, proposals are due by October 15, 2001.



Violence & Crime in California

There will be a groundbreaking symposium, Violence & Crime in California: From Evidence to Policy - *Why Violence and Crime Dropped in the 90s*. The Symposium will be held September 19-20 at the Pasadena Hilton. This unique event is sponsored jointly by the California Attorney General's Office and the Health and Human Services Agency.

For the first time, law enforcement has partnered with public health at the state level to provide the latest research and practice in violence and crime prevention. By examining the

evidence and using the public health approach to violence, we hope to strengthen violence reduction and prevention efforts in California, especially youth violence.

Joint sponsorship of this Evidence to Policy symposium also demonstrate the commitment that the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services made in 1999 to support a movement throughout the state to nurture safe and sustainable communities.

At this symposium, well-known and respected researchers and community leaders provide a broad range of scientific research and practitioner experience to help participants develop an understanding of the factors behind the decline in violence and crime in California in the 1990s.

To register, visit the website at www.evidencetopolicy.org or call 916-925-4097.



Before the Last Straw: Peacefully Solving Problems With Neighbors

You've had a long hard day and you're ready to relax and enjoy a nice iced soda. You recline in your lawn chair and begin to drift off...then the

neighbor's new puppy begins barking, just like it has every evening for the past two weeks. Whether it's a loud pup, noisy kids, invasive plants or wayward lawn sprinklers, tensions between neighbors can increase this time of year because everyone is spending a lot more time outside. In the heat of summer, small things can turn into big problems if concerns are not discussed and resolved. If you're facing such problem and you've have tried talking it out with your neighbor, you've tried coming up with positives solutions, and even counting to 10 isn't working anymore, consider an option that works more often than not with everyone satisfied. It's called mediation, and it's an effective and inexpensive alternative to a court of law or gritting your teeth when facing tough problem in the neighborhood.

In mediation a neutral person called "mediator" helps two or more people involved in a dispute try to find a solution to their problem. Unlike a judge or an arbitrator, the mediator does not take sides or make decisions. With training or experience in how to resolve conflicts, the mediator's job is to help people with the disagreement evaluate their goals and options in order to find their own solution.

Where to find a mediator? Start with the L.A. County Bar Association. Their program coordinator, Phillip Oh, is working with the City of Pasadena to bring a consistent mediation program to our community. He can be reached at 213-833-6737.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Smart Growth for Neighborhoods: Affordable Housing and Regional Vision

Sprawl and smart growth have become increasingly common topics of discussion and debate at the local, state and national levels. There is a growing consensus that our communities and regions cannot continue to grow the way they have during the past 50 years. Americans have voiced their frustration with traffic congestion, loss of open space, the rising price of housing, and other costs associated with sprawl. The question is no longer whether to pursue smarter growth, but how.

Affordability is a problem in every U.S. metropolitan area and affects a growing segment of the US population, including working families, students, seniors, and lower income households. Smart growth presents an opportunity to bring the issues of affordability and the importance of housing into the broader public discussion under way about land use, traffic congestion and mass transit, and preservation of farmland and open space.

The challenge of smart growth and affordable housing advocates is how to protect these residents in the face of this progression back to urban areas, older suburbs and small town centers. How do we assure that affordable housing is preserved, current neighborhood residents are not displaced, and comprehensive growth strategies provide an adequate supply of affordable housing throughout a region so stable, mixed income communities are created and all residents enjoy

a better quality of life and greater access to economic opportunities?

Excerpted from: Smart Growth for Neighborhoods: Affordable Housing Regional Vision

National Neighborhood Coalition

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Sept 8 CCIS Health Fair at Victory
10:00 a.m. -3p.m.

Sept 15 Dia de Independencia
Villa Parke 5-9 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meetings



Monday, September 3:

Canceled Labor Day

Monday, September 10:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Session 5:00 a.m.

Public Meeting 6:30 p.m.

P.H.-Live Entertainment at City Hall

Complete agendas of all City meetings as well as other important documents are available at the Pasadena Central and Branch Libraries. In addition, City Council Agendas can be found on the City's World Wide Web Page <http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us> and on the Community Bulletin Board broadcast on KPAS Channel 55.

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Estimados Vecinos

Si alguien necesita que esta información esté presentada en español, por favor llame a la oficina de Neighborhood Connections al 626-744-7290 para pedir una interpretación.