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Save the Date for 2014 Regional Neighborhoods Conference!



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2014 SLACO Regional Neighborhoods Conference Set for November 1

With the 18th annual neighborhoods conference seeming to be not that distant in the rear view mirror, we've already begun planning for 2014. In fact, we set the date for the annual all-day gathering for November 1. Again we'll be at Harris-Stowe State University in the Early Childhood Center, which seemed to be a great right-sized venue for us this past year.

The conference planning committee is forming now, so if you or someone you know wants to participate in the planning or just make a single suggestion, please let us know. When it comes to conference planning, the old adage about many hands making light work certainly applies.

One of the exciting topics at our organizational meeting was how to increase the relevance of the conference to Metro East neighborhoods and associations, as well as build on and expand our usefulness to St. Louis County. For that matter, there are many St. Louis City neighborhoods that haven't figured out that this annual event is a great place to meet and learn

from leaders in other neighborhoods, as well as interact with the movers and shakers.

Placemaking Training Coming Up This Tuesday

When we say it's your very last chance to register for free training in what we call "placemaking," we're aren't kidding. Community Builders Network (CBN) is sponsoring this two-hour training on Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 3-5 p.m. at UMSL at Grand Center.

In describing this event, organizers describe placemaking as the process through which a community collectively shapes public spaces to maximize value for the community. A public space could be your street, sidewalk, median, or park. CBN promises that attendees will leave with resources and contacts they can use to create their own placemaking projects.

So even if you always wait till the last minute, you have to do this right now. Register at

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/reflecting-your-communitys-identity-a-placemaking-workshop-tickets-9901688216>.

Another great opportunity is available to SLACO members and friends through the Community Builders Network.

On Thursday, March 6, the second annual community builders award reception will take place at Missouri Botanical Garden, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Why should you care if you're not one of the lucky award recipients?

For one thing, it's a great opportunity to hear briefly about some of the most inspiring community development work being done in the St. Louis metro area. Secondly, the reception offers plenty of opportunities to meet and greet people who can help your neighborhood not only survive, but also thrive and excel.

This is a free event, but you should register through <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-community-builders-network-awards-reception-tickets-9224259007?aff=eorg>. We'll be looking for you there.

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