



Neighborhood **LEADERSHIP** Institute

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Neighborhood Leadership Institute Commences

Beverly P. Johnson, Administrator, Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development, is pleased to announce the launch of the Neighborhood Leadership Institute. A partnership between the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development and Chattanooga State Technical Community College, the Neighborhood Leadership Institute seeks to strengthen leadership in the community by providing skills training to leaders and potential leaders of neighborhood groups and community organizations.

According to Debbie Adams, Assistant Vice President of Continuing Education and Community Outreach for Chattanooga State, "Chattanooga State is excited to have the opportunity to enter into a training partnership with the City of Chattanooga's Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development. We recognize that by providing quality training to participants in the Neighborhood Leadership Institute it will enhance their existing skills and provide new skills to make them more effective leaders thereby resulting in a positive impact upon the communities where they live and work."

Training sessions planned include Effective Communication, Conflict Resolution, Funding Application and Project Management, among others. Classes will begin with an orientation in April and end with a recognition ceremony at the annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference on October 19, 2007, where a joint certificate from the City of Chattanooga and Chattanooga State Technical Community College will be awarded to those completing the 20 hour course.

Participants in the Neighborhood Leadership Institute must be an active member of a neighborhood association or community organization, or in the process of starting a new group inside the city limits of Chattanooga. Three (3) community members from each council district will be chosen by an independent selection committee, for a total of 27 participants. A required fee of \$35 for each participant will cover instruction for all 8 class sessions and materials needed. Anyone interested in participating should request an application from the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development by calling (423) 425-3700. Applications,

as well as more information, may also be obtained from the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development website
http://www.chattanooga.gov/Neighborhood_Services/86_916.htm.

The deadline to submit an application is March 23, 2007.

For more information about this press release, contact Jill Murphy at (423) 425-3735.

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Executive Summary

The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development seeks to strengthen grassroots leadership in the community by providing skills training to leaders and potential leaders of neighborhood groups and community organizations. In order to meet this need, the Neighborhood Leadership Institute was created as a partnership between the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development and Chattanooga State Technical Community College.

Classes will be on Monday evenings 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. tentatively at City Hall on scheduled days. The Neighborhood Leadership Institute will be 8 sessions, lasting 2 ½ hours each, to make a 20 hour course. The fee for the institute will be \$35 for each participant, to be paid prior to or at orientation. Classes will begin with an orientation April 23, 2007 and end with a recognition ceremony at the annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference on October 19, 2007. Each participant will receive a joint certificate from the City of Chattanooga and Chattanooga State Technical Community College for completing the Neighborhood Leadership Institute.

Participants must be an active member of a neighborhood association or community organization, or in the process of starting a new group inside the city limits of Chattanooga. They must also attend 7 of 8 sessions in order to participate in the recognition ceremony and receive a certificate for the course. Three (3) participants from each council district will be selected; only one (1) participant from a single neighborhood association or community organization will be selected. Those interested in participating in the Neighborhood Leadership Institute will submit an application to be reviewed by an independent selection committee comprised of representatives from Chattanooga State Technical Community College, the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development, and community leaders.



Schedule for Neighborhood Leadership Institute

March 23, 2007 - Deadline for application to the program

April 2007 - Make final selections for participants

April 23, 2007 - Orientation

April 30, 2007 - Session 1: Government and Neighborhoods

May 21, 2007 - Session 2: Effective Meetings

June 18, 2007 - Session 3: Team Building for Success

July 9, 2007 - Session 4: Keeping Neighborhoods Safe

July 30, 2007 - Session 5: Effective Communication (1hr) & Conflict Resolution (1hr)

August 20, 2007 - Session 6: Strategic Planning

September 10, 2007 - Session 7: Basic Funding Application (1hr) & Project Management (1hr)

October 1, 2007 - Session 8: Engaging Stakeholders & Coalition Building

October 19, 2007 - Recognition ceremony and final project presentation at the annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference

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