

Neighborhood News

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Connecting Circles in Manassas/Prince William

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This is the final issue of Neighborhood News for Summer 2009. For information about the Fall Study Circles go to www.pwsc.org.

Now Recruiting Facilitators for Fall Circles!

General Information Meeting
Friday, Sept. 11 from 7 to 8 p.m.
in the Council Chambers
of City Hall, 9027 Center Street,
City of Manassas

Learn about this grassroots neighborhood project. Volunteer to train as a facilitator or join a circle as a member.

Participation Pays Off!

Congratulations to two study circle participants who won instant grants for their neighborhoods at the City of Manassas HOA President's Breakfast on Aug 29!

Michael Sensale of Cannon Ridge won First Place (\$500) for conservation efforts to control creek run-off.

Pam Weinlein of Point of Woods 3 won Second Place (\$300) to go towards their area beautification plan.



Study Circle Facilitator Training

Saturday, September 26 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

George Mason University's Prince William Campus

Led by John Landesman of the MCPS Study Circles Program

Fall Circles Begin October – November 2009

Westgate and Irongate Neighborhood Improvement Circles each will target residents of these neighborhoods. Objective: bring together diverse neighbors. Expected outcome: at least one action plan to build community.

Women's Circle for Mothers-to-Be will target low-income pregnant women in Georgetown South and Wellington. Two midwives will help facilitate. Objective: for women to connect and learn with each other. Expected outcome: healthier babies and one action plan to build community.

The HOA Leadership Tune-up Circle will target battle-weary HOA board members in problem-plagued neighborhoods. Objective: network and explore, along with two HOA advisors, how to break through obstacles to solving chronic problems. Expected outcome: one action plan for each HOA to build community.

Each circle is six weekly sessions, two hours each, led by two facilitators. Dates and times of circles to be determined. Circles will be held in local churches or community centers. All circle participants will be invited to report back at an Action Forum (Spring 2010).