

# 2013 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference

## Workshop Sessions

### Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – **Session I** – (1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)

- SI-A The Home Fit Workshop:** This workshop provides education to participants on the type of home modifications needed to stay in their home as they age and home updates that can make it easier for them to go about daily activities while staying comfortable, independent, and injury-free in their home.
- SI-B Grant Writing:** Learn the basis on where to start and what you need to know to successfully write grant applications.
- SI-C Create a Business Plan:** This workshop will guide participants through the steps needed to qualify for tax deductible contributions to carry out their mission.
- SI-D Residential Fire Safety:** This workshop will test your skills regarding fire safety. Learn about fire safety devices and behaviors to ensure fire safety in your home.

### Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – **Session II** – (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

- SII-A Work, Strategy and Vision: Fulfilling Neighborhood Roles:** Learn the five elements of vision and strategy needed for neighborhood organizations to thrive.
- SII-B Utilizing Technology to Restore Neighborhood Sociability, Prevent Crime and Engage Residents:** This workshop will focus on how to make connections with your neighborhoods. Learn about Next-door and how this networking site can benefit your neighborhood.
- SII-C Research-based knowledge for strengthening Neighborhoods:** This workshop provides an overview of current research that works for strengthening neighborhoods and community groups. Learn about three large-scale research projects on urban neighborhoods and gain information on neighborhood development research.
- SII-D Putting Your Neighborhood in the Driver's Seat: Effective Community Interaction with City Government:** This workshop will discuss how neighborhood civic groups find solutions to neighborhood issues through education and neighborhood projects by working with city staff; effectively interact and create viable local government interactions.

### Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – **Session III** – (9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

#### **SIII-A (Mobile) Seatack Community**

Tour the Seatack Community, the oldest African American Community in Virginia Beach. Learn about the many firsts and contributions the community has made to the history of the Hampton Roads region through the years.

#### **SIII-B (Mobile) South Beach Neighborhood**

Tour the South End of the beach's residential neighborhood to see how the City of Virginia Beach invested in streetscapes and traffic modifications; as well as establish design guidelines.

#### **SIII-C (Mobile) NAS Oceana Residential Area:**

Up close tour of neighborhoods affected by the "base realignment & closure" (BRAC) acquisition. Hear about the many programs the City of Virginia Beach has in place for residents affected by this acquisition.

#### **SIII-D (Mobile) Virginia Beach Town Center (Youth Café)**

Tour the top of the "Westin", the tallest building in the state of Virginia standing 500 feet high. Learn the history and vision on how and why the Town Center was created.

### **SIII-E (On-Site)**

- ♦ **9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Wells Fargo-Get Smart About Credit:** Participants will explore how to make the most of their money by creating a spending, saving more, and setting financial goals. This seminar will help you improve and manage your credit and reduce your debt.
- ♦ **11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The Aging Population:** This workshop will explore who makes up the “Aging Populations” and the potential impacts.

### **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Session IV – (2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.)**

#### **SIV-A High Tech and High Touch Methods of Civic Engagement to Help Empower Citizens:**

Participants will learn the spectrum and methods to engage citizens. Citizens will be better equipped to know what to ask for and how to work with their local government to solve issues.

**SIV-B Community Policing:** This workshop will explore the purpose of community policing and how it works to improve neighborhoods; reducing crime, connecting with the youth and identifying problem spots.

**SIV-C Youth Civic Engagement:** Participants will begin to develop a working knowledge of the youth civic engagement process and the framework for success which includes setting, structure, strategy and support.

**SIV-D Something Old/Something New: Living in a Mixed-Used Neighborhood:** Participants will learn how historic building/businesses co-exist with new residential development.