



Welcome to Partners for Livable Communities e-Newsletter! This quarterly update on Partners' work and agenda includes new developments, exciting events, and informative reports relating to Partners and others in the livability field. Keep an eye out for more detailed and up-to-date information as our projects progress! And never hesitate to contact us for more details.

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## **EXCITING INITIATIVES & RECENT WORK:**

### **CREATIVE ECONOMY**

#### **Cultivating Creative Communities**

After two years of planning, Partners held the "Cultivating Creative Communities" conference in Charlotte from October 24-27, 2006. Many thanks to the over 300 participants and speakers that were involved, a number of whom were long-term Partners' colleagues! Some of the many highlights included a stirring speech by Manchester Bidwell Corporation's Bill Strickland that brought audience members to tears, instructions on drumming from Logan Leopard's West African Drum & Dance Ensemble's Dr. Chris Lee, and addresses by Charlotte Mayor Patrick McCrory and urban commentator Joel Kotkin! Stay tuned for a follow-up publication, and email [lcrane@livable.com](mailto:lcrane@livable.com) if you would like further information on the conference or access to speaker presentations. Conference website: [www.creativeconf.org](http://www.creativeconf.org).

### **AGING IN PLACE**

Partners for Livable Communities, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and the MetLife Foundation in partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), National Association of Counties (NACo), and the National League of Cities (NLC), presented the results from a survey on Aging in Place that was sent to 10,000 local governments regarding their preparedness for the influx of older adults at a press conference held at the National Press Club.

Partners continues to work with The MetLife Foundation in partnership with the National Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) to prepare a comprehensive **Blueprint** which will be released at the National Press Club in winter 2007. This guide will help communities begin the journey of rethinking their community's livability for their older citizens.

**Contact** Penny Cuff at [pcuff@livable.com](mailto:pcuff@livable.com) for more information on this publication and press conference or visit <http://aipi.n4a.org/> for more information and join our [listserv](#) to receive the quarterly Aging in Place newsletter!

### **NEW CIVICS:**

#### **The Partnership-Partners Membership Consortium & The Bill Reilly Challenge**

#### **Royal Caribbean**

Royal Caribbean Cruises is Partners' newest member of the Partnership and donator to the Bill Reilly Challenge. Royal Caribbean has offered Partners a general operating support grant of \$25,000 in support of the Bill Reilly Challenge, the Partnership, and all of Partners' work in Royal Caribbean communities in places like Florida, Texas, New York, California, Washington, and the Caribbean.

Partners looks forward to continuing its work in Royal Caribbean markets. Please stay tuned to Partners' website [www.livable.com](http://www.livable.com) for highlighted activities from our Partnership communities.

**Contact** Bob McNulty about joining The Partnership today (202) 887-5990 x108, [bmcnulty@livable.com](mailto:bmcnulty@livable.com)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **JANUARY**

#### **January 11, 2007, Willard InterContinental**

#### **A Celebration of Vision & Community Spirit-Awards Program**

Partners is pleased to announce its annual Awards Ceremony for 2007. This intimate celebration will be held in one of Washington, D.C.'s foremost venues, the esteemed Willard Hotel. Partners regularly honors individuals, organizations, and cities for innovation and devotion to furthering the community building values which Partners has advocated for over thirty years. Included in the honorees is the City of Easton, Pennsylvania for the unique steps it has taken in regards of its own quality of life and the formidable R. Phillip Hanes Jr. for his lifelong devotion to philanthropy, small business development and the arts in the Winston-Salem, North Carolina area. Please check our website for announcement of additional honorees for this program: <http://www.livable.com/honors/index.htm>.

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#### **January 17-19, 2007**

Partners for Livable Communities will be convening a peer gathering of members of the Ford Foundation Shifting Sands Initiative. The convening marks the beginning of the second year of efforts in this initiative which was conceived by Ford program officer Miguel Garcia as a pilot demonstration project designed to foster collaboration and equity in neighborhoods around the country contending with the dynamic tensions between newcomers and long-term residents, as well as haves and have-nots. This year's gathering will take place in the downtown/Chinatown area of Honolulu, HI, where Shifting Sands grantee *The ARTS at Marks Garage*, a community project of the Hawai'i Arts Alliance for Education, works to build community cohesion.

### **SPRING 2007**

#### **Bridge Builders Award Ceremony & Dinner**

The Tenth Anniversary celebration of the Bridge Builders Award will be held in Washington DC. Bridge Builders honors and recognizes men and women from America's most innovative communities for their commitment to building bridges of understanding and cooperation across racial, economic, cultural and geographic barriers. See more about this event and past events at: [http://www.livable.com/bridge\\_builders/index.htm](http://www.livable.com/bridge_builders/index.htm)

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## **PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES**

Visit <http://www.livableresource.org/> to purchase all of Partners' publications!

#### **NEW! Cultural Heritage Tourism - \$25.00, 102 pgs ON SALE NOW!**

Partners has recently compiled its thirty years of experience in developing Cultural Heritage Tourism in low-income and minority communities into this one volume that explains the value of Cultural Heritage Tourism, some benefits to consider and pitfalls to avoid, and some strategies for developing Cultural Heritage Tourism in every community. This work also includes insightful newspaper articles on the various topics and best practices that look at Cultural Heritage Tourism in African-American communities in Washington, DC, Chicago, IL, Cleveland, OH, and Kansas City, KS.

**NEW! Creative Industries Districts - \$7.00, 52 pgs ON SALE NOW!**

Partners for Livable Communities and the International Downtown Association partnered together to explore the concept of combining working, living, playing, and learning under a district management team that would serve as a support center for workers and as a district animator. Outlined in this concept paper are our working ideas on the subject, as well as our initial thoughts about how to develop a CID.

**REPORT FROM BOB MCNULTY**

**Presentation to the Asia Cultural Co-Operation Forum**

Bob McNulty traveled to Hong Kong to present at the Asia Cultural Co-Operation Forum this past November. An initiative of the Hong Kong government's Home Affairs Bureau, the forum's mission is, "to foster regional cultural co-operation, share good practices and promote culture, the arts and creative industries." While there, Bob was the lead speaker for a session of the "United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group, together with renown international experts working in various fields of the cultural industries to conduct an open forum entitled Measuring Creativity, Happiness, and Well-Being'.