



Welcome to Partners for Livable Communities e-Newsletter! This quarterly update on Partners' work and agenda will include new developments, exciting events, and informative reports relating to Partners and others in the livability field. Also, 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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OUR INITIATIVES:

Aging In Place

For the last several years, Partners has worked with 8 communities and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) to develop strategies to ensure that the older adult population can maintain a healthy lifestyle in today's communities. The communities range in size, economic makeup, and critical issues including mobility, health and vitality, smart growth, and new housing options. Recently, we worked with n4a, International City/County Management Association (ICMA), National Association of Counties (NACo), and the National League of Cities (NLC) on a survey that was sent to 10,000 local governments regarding their preparedness for the influx of older adults.

Visit <http://aipi.n4a.org/> for more information and join our listserv to receive the quarterly Aging in Place newsletter!

Culture Builds Community

Partners is now heading towards the 2nd year of managing "Shifting Sands – Art, Culture, and Neighborhood Change," a multi-million dollar initiative funded by the Ford Foundation. Grants are awarded to arts and cultural organizations located in distressed neighborhoods, that can address the issues brought about by demographic, socioeconomic shifts.

Visit www.cultureshapescommunity.org for more information.

Creative Economy

As a culmination of the three year Creative City program, Partners is holding a conference titled "Cultivating Creative Communities: Local Solutions for Global Success." This 'invite-only' event held in Charlotte, North Carolina will gather an exclusive group of civic and community leaders to discuss the four themes of Amenities, Creativity, Equity, and Sustainability.

Visit <http://www.creativeconf.org> for more information.

New Civics and Leadership

Partners is developing "A Blueprint for Change: Diversity as a Civic Asset," a local leader's guide to addressing Asian American and Pacific Islander issues. This document was created from research and planning for the Cities in Transition forum.

Visit <http://www.citiesintransition.org> for more information.

Bill Reilly Challenge

In 2005, longtime Partners trustee Bill Reilly offered a \$25,000 contribution from himself and his wife with the proviso that current and past Board members of Partners, and friends and colleagues, match the contribution 2:1 with an additional \$50,000. Now, after 3 short months of intense fundraising, Partners raised \$57,459- more than enough to meet the Bill Reilly Challenge!

RECENT EVENTS:

DECEMBER

December 1, 2005

Partners honored seven unique partnerships from across the country at our Ninth Annual Bridge Builders Award Dinner on December 1, 2005 at The Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. http://www.livable.com/bridge_builders/9.htm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH

March 9, 2006

Partners Honors program, A Celebration of Vision and Community Spirit, at the Mayflower in Washington, DC http://www.livable.com/honors/honorees_2006.htm

March 22-24, 2006

Arts, Culture and Community: Building Bridges for Equity in Houston, TX. Hosted by Partners and the Ford Foundation. www.cultureshapescommunity.org

APRIL

April 4, 2006

Premiere of "A Blueprint for Change: Diversity as a Civic Asset" at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. <http://www.citiesintransition.org>

MAY

May 16-17, 2006

Restoration 2006: Community and Economic Recovery after a Disaster
A new conference focused on community and economic recovery in the wake of a natural or man-made disaster in New Orleans, LA. Partners for Livable Communities is proud to be a co-sponsor of the event. <http://www.restoration2006.org>

May 18-20, 2006

Annual Convention for the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development in Houston, TX. Hosted by National CAPACD in collaboration with the City of Houston and Partners for Livable Communities. <http://www.nationalcapacd.org>

JUNE

June 14-16, 2006

The Partnership Annual Retreat at the luxurious Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. The retreat will be an opportunity for Partnership members to network and share ideas with new members and colleagues in a brilliant setting. Contact igarnett@livable.com about becoming a member of The Partnership.

OCTOBER

October 24-27, 2006

Cultivating Creative Communities in Charlotte, NC. Hosted by Partners and the City of Charlotte. <http://www.creativeconf.org/about.shtml>

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES:

ArtShow 2 Grow DVD; \$15.00; by Shirley Brice Heath and distributed by Partners for Livable Communities. ON SALE NOW! <http://www.store.yahoo.com/plcstore>

Aging in Place: Making Communities More Livable for Older Adults; \$25.00; by Partners for Livable Communities. ON SALE NOW! <http://www.store.yahoo.com/plcstore>

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD:

Civic Tourism

On March 16-18 of 2006, the Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott, Arizona, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Tourism Cares for Tomorrow are putting on a national forum “for communities to decide if and how the individual ingredients of ‘place’ (cultural, built, and natural) can be integrated to create an appealing, dynamic, and distinctive community identity.” Bob McNulty, Partners President, will give a unique presentation on “Urban Tourism and the Community Voice” with Neal Shoemaker, president of Harlem Heritage Tours. Visit <http://www.civictourism.org> for more information.

For any questions on the above please email newsletter@livable.com or call 202-887-5990. One of our staff members will be happy to assist!