

For Yesterday is but a Dream,
And Tomorrow is only a Vision;
But Today, Well lived,
Makes every Yesterday
A Dream of Happiness,
And every Tomorrow
A Vision of Hope.



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NEIGHBORHOOD INSTITUTE: LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT COURSE



*People are joining across the region and here
in Virginia Beach to strengthen their
neighborhoods and to reconnect with their
community institutions and their government.*

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the course is to provide current and prospective community leaders with tools and knowledge that will help them more effectively develop and lead neighborhood-based civic organizations. This will help strengthen citizen participation in the development of solutions to neighborhood problems and concerns.

A. Topics addressed by the course include the following:

- City decision making process
- How to develop neighborhood leaders
- How to provide a safe environment
- How to get to know each other
- Partnerships - What are they and how does a community develop them
- How to have effective meetings
- Decision making
- What is leadership
- How to become involved with municipal government
- How to access specific Municipal resources
- The City's budget process

This course provides a forum for discovering answers to these and many other questions in a small group setting. The small group settings provide engagement, involvement, and relationship building.



Spring Graduation Ceremony

B. Course objectives include the following:

- Broaden the participants' understanding of municipal government and the community
- Expand the participants' ability to interact effectively
- Expand the pool of skilled neighborhood leaders
- Encourage more self-help and partnership skills
- Encourage and help the establishment of networks between neighborhoods and their leaders
- Enhance the ability of neighborhoods to resolve problems on their own or in cooperation with other neighborhoods and/or institutions



Andy Friedman, Director of Department of Housing speaks to participants.

II. TARGET AUDIENCE

Any Virginia Beach resident interested in neighborhood improvement and/or leadership is invited to attend. Attendees are sought from all neighborhoods in the City. An important purpose of the institute is to allow people from different neighborhoods to interact in a positive learning environment.

III. INSTRUCTION

Instruction and curriculum have been developed jointly with the Norfolk State University, School of Applied Science, under contract with the City. Classes are taught by faculty members of NSU and City staff.

IV. LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

Classes are held at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center, located on Concert Drive in Virginia Beach. Classes will be taught every Thursday for ten weeks, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Additional hours will include neighborhood tours. Two sessions per year are held.

V. REGISTRATION

To register, please complete the enclosed registration form. For information, please call the Virginia Beach Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation at 757-385-5760.

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