

October 2018 - Neighborhood Toolkit and Certification Program

Description: Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Program staff will take County residents through a four-week course on establishing a plan for their neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Toolkit will be utilized to guide residents through the process of creating bylaws, a vision, mission, goals and objectives for their community and neighborhood-scale projects they can implement. The course will culminate in a Spirit Week event where participants will be asked to share what they learned about Neighborhood Planning and how they will apply that knowledge to improve where they live. Registration will be capped at 30 participants. The registration cutoff date is Monday October 1, 2018.

Registration: <https://niptoolkit.eventbrite.com>

Date: Every Thursday in October (4, 11, 18, 25)

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Venue: 4th Floor Conference Room, 2020 Hampton Street

Host(s): Richland County Planning Services Division

October 22-26, 2018 – Spirit Week to Celebrate National Community Planning Month

Description: Community Planning Month seeks to raise the visibility of the Planning profession and showcase the positive impact it has on our communities. Planning month is a way for citizens to learn more about local Planning initiatives, meet their planners and attend Planning related meetings and events that will help directly shape the communities in which they live. Richland County's Planning and Development Services Division will celebrate Community Planning Month by hosting various activities, events and trainings throughout October. *Connections Make Community* is the theme for this year's Spirit Week highlighting the importance of relationships, linkages and networks in supporting sustainable, engaged communities. For detailed Spirit Week information, please click [here](#).

November 2018 – Richland County Grant Training

Description: Grant Training sessions provide an opportunity for Richland County residents interested in grants applicable to their community to learn more about available grants and application processes. Neighborhood Improvement Program staff will provide an overview of the Neighborhood Matching Grant, what it can be used for and what all is needed in order to submit a successful application.

Date + Time: 1st Session – November 15, 2018

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

2nd Session – November 20, 2018

10:00am – 11:30 am

3rd Session – November 27, 2018

10:00am – 11:30 am

4th Session – November 29, 2018

6:00pm – 7:30 pm

Venue: 4th Floor Conference Room, 2020 Hampton Street

Host(s): Richland County Planning Services Division in partnership with Richland County Office of Budget and Grants Management

February 2019 – Making Government Work for You

Description: *Making Government Work for You* is envisioned as a panel discussion around government processes and the various citizen-centric Divisions and Departments that exist to aid County residents in navigating local government. This panel will aid in clarifying the role of each Division and Department while presenting residents of unincorporated Richland County with information about the various initiatives, events and trainings that are ongoing. Finally, as a newer Division, this panel will allow Community and Government Services to introduce themselves to the public and explain the services it provides.

Date: February 21, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Venue: Decker Center, Sheriff's Annex, 2500 Decker Boulevard

Host(s): Richland County Community & Government Services in partnership with Richland County Planning Services Division

April 2019 – Exploring your Earth Day

Description: Exploring Your Earth Day will highlight greenspaces in unincorporated Richland County, encouraging citizens to get outside in observation of Earth Day. This event will include an educational scavenger hunt highlighting local plants and animals. Participants will also be given information about other Richland County parks they can explore.

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Venue: Pinewood Lake Park, 1151 Old Garners Ferry Road

Host(s): Richland County Planning Services Division and Richland County Conservation

May 2019 – Getting to Know your Budget

Description: *Getting to Know Your Budget* gives Richland County citizens a better understanding of the budget process with the ultimate goal of understanding where their tax dollars end up. The municipal budgeting process is often employs methods people do not understand. This event gives citizens an overview of the total budgeting process from who and what tax dollars fund to the decision-making processes along the way. *Getting to Know Your Budget* will entail an overview session leading up to Richland County Council Budget work sessions.

Date: May 9, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Venue: Richland County Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 2020 Hampton Street

Host(s): Richland County Office of Budget and Grants Management in partnership with Richland County Planning Services Division

June 2019 – Richland County Neighborhood Block Party

Description: The annual neighborhood Block Party provides Richland County neighborhoods with an opportunity to showcase activities, events and accomplishments. Neighbors from across the County join together to celebrate all of the past year's successes.

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Venue: Decker Center, Sheriff's Annex, 2500 Decker Boulevard

Host(s): Richland County Planning Services Division