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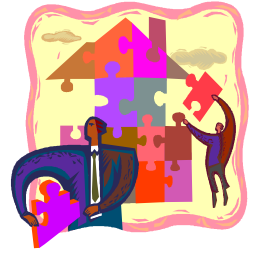
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The Mission

The NorthWest Initiative is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to strengthen and sustain healthy communities in Lansing's 'grand neighborhoods' - the City area bounded by the Grand River on the north, east, and south. The Ingham County Health Department and the City of Lansing sponsors the Initiative. Program partners include residents, neighborhood organizations, local nonprofit organizations, human service agencies, and units of Michigan State University.

Vision 2020 - Residents Exterior Repairs have Begun

On June 20th, Vision 2020 hosted a "Day of Caring", which took place at the Letts Community Center in Lansing. NorthWest Initiative's youth groups challenged each other on how much debris they could collect in half an hour. They talked about teamwork and the winners shared their prize with the entire team. All the while, exterior repairs were being done on the next block over. The necessary repairs were taken from a resident exterior home repair list that was put together so that the residents, H.E.R.O. Tool Truck, youth groups, volunteers and Tuesday Toolman could complete the job. Hands on experience was shared on lawn mowing, power washing, edging and spreading grass seed. Future "Fix-it" dates are set for August 15th and September 26th. Stop by the next Vision 2020 Resident meeting August 27th from 4:00 - 5:30pm at the Letts Community Center, located at 1220 W. Kalamazoo St. in Lansing.



We also wanted to remind you that Lansing's Vision 2020 Coordinator facilitates a monthly meeting in the targeted area, located between MLK, Jenison, Saginaw and Olds Ave. Information to assist residents with issues such as credit repair, home ownership, weatherization assistance, computer classes, employment opportunities and low interest loan programs for home repairs is always available. Contact Janine for more information at (517) 999-2894 or janine@nwlansing.org.

Thank You!



NorthWest Initiative and the Westside Commercial Association would like to send a special "THANK YOU" out to all of the businesses and organizations that donated money or supplies and volunteers that donated their time! We cannot tell you how much we appreciate you making the Westside Summer Fest a success! We couldn't have done it without you!

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