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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's Exterior Repairs Soon to Take Place

In the past few months, those living in the Vision 2020 area may have been presented with an exterior home repair list. After reviewing the requested repairs, homes were selected based on need. We are happy to announce that the dates for construction have been set. These dates are **Saturday, June 20th, August 15th & September 26th**. Fortunately, we have enough volunteers for the construction itself, but are in need of assistance, in keeping the volunteers fed & hydrated during these events. If you are interested in helping, please contact Janine at **(517) 999-2894** or e-mail her at janine@nwlansing.org.



Vision 2020 would also like to inform you that the next monthly resident steering committee meeting is **Thursday, June 18th** at the Letts Community Center, located at **1220 W. Kalamazoo St.** in Lansing. Don't forget, community resource information from the Greater Lansing area is tabled monthly. Once again, if you would like more information on this program, please feel free to contact Janine. We hope to see you there!

Westside Summer Fest Volunteers Needed!



Come one, Come all!!! On July 25th, The Westside Summer Fest will entertain the senses with a wide genre of music, delicious food, information on health and other services, shopping, 3 on 3 basketball and several other activities. Each year, this festival has grown and has become a staple of the community. However, that would not have been made possible without wonderful

volunteers who selflessly gave a few hours of their time. In order for us to successfully run this festival, we need approximately 30 volunteers every two hours, between the hours of 9:00am - 10:00pm. Whew, that's a ton of volunteers! This is why we need your help. With several individuals devoting such a small amount of time, we can once again make this festival a huge success! If you would like to join in the fun by volunteering, please contact Stephanie C. at (517) 999-2894 or e-mail her at stephaniec@nwlansing.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank You So Much!

Thanks cannot be said enough for all of the volunteers that helped with the 2008 tax season! These individuals dedicated their time and energy to the betterment of the community. Not only did these volunteers' help over 260 individuals understand their tax returns, they also saved the community thousands of dollars in tax preparation fees and made sure they received all of the credits they were entitled to. All we can say is, "You guys are awesome!" If any member of the community is interested in learning more about VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program), feel free to check out the videos at www.nwlansing.org. Check it out and let us know what you think. We'd love to hear from you!

