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Submit an Article!

Send April newsletter submissions by **March 2nd** to stephaniec@nwlansing.org

NorthWest Initiative Proudly Presents: Senior Coffee Hour

Starting on Thursday, March 5th, 2009, from 10:00am - 12:00pm, NorthWest Initiative, (located at 1012 N. Walnut, in Room 107) will be hosting a Senior's Coffee Hour. Come meet your neighbors for coffee and conversation. This first session will also be a chance for our neighbors to get an introduction as to what NorthWest Initiative has to offer. Don't forget to stay after to pick up bread, generously donated by Panera in Frandor! For more information, please contact Q. in the outreach office at (517) 999-2895.



Donate a Few Hours a Month to a Good Cause!

This year the Food Systems Project will be leading 3 school gardens, 2 community gardens and we will be expanding our Corner Store Produce Project to three additional Quality Dairy stores in June. WE NEED YOUR HELP! In the midst of all this expansion, we are looking for community leaders willing to **donate 1-5 hours a month** to be heads and members of sub-committees to ensure the success of our programs. Come to the Food Systems Project retreat on **March 21st from 9:00 am -12:00pm** and help identify the past, present and future of FSP! Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Joy at (517) 999-2894 or E-Mail her at joy@nwlansing.org. (We are still finalizing the location).

March 25 - Westside Business Workshop



“Exploring New Locations on Lansing’s Westside” will showcase property available on Lansing’s Westside, and incentives and support for purchasing and redeveloping property to expand or start your business. Please join us **March 25th, between 2:00pm and 3:00pm**, at the Rathbun Insurance Agency Conference Room, located at **529 W. Saginaw**. Presenters are: Brian Anderson of the Lansing Economic Development Corporation, Pattie Ruedisueli of Michigan Catholic Credit Union, and Jessica Yorke. Register for workshops at nikki@nwlansing.org or call (517) 999-2894.

Youth Gardening Conference - March 14th

Are you interested in starting a garden with children this year and aren't quite sure where to start? The Greater Lansing Area Youth Gardening Coalition is holding their second Youth Gardening Conference on Saturday, **March 14th** at Foster Community Center (**200 North Foster in Lansing**) from **9am to 3 pm**. Come join us and learn more about how to start your garden, what resources are available in your community and much more! Lunch will be provided and goodie buckets will be available for the first 100 who register. Registration is \$5. For more information, please contact Anne Scott at (517) 353-0751 or E-Mail her at scottann@msu.edu.