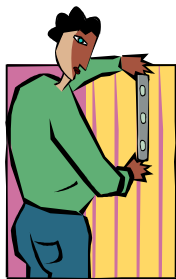


## Vision 2020 Supports Habitat For Humanity



Habitat For Humanity will now be accepting applications for home repairs and home ownership. Information will be available at the next NorthWest Initiative Vision 2020 residence meeting on **March 24<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm**, at the Letts Community Center, located at **1220 Kalamazoo in Lansing**. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Janine at (517) 999-2894 or E-mail her at [janine@nwlansing.org](mailto:janine@nwlansing.org). Also, don't forget there is now a drop off box at The Letts Community Center for your convenience.

## Youth Program Updates

- **Young Phoenix Program** - a program designed for young men, ages 10-15 years old. Please join us on Saturday mornings from 9am- 1pm. Come and enjoy the fun and activities! We are also seeking male volunteers to work with our youth program. If you are interested, please contact Lori at (517) 999-2894 or E-mail her at [lori@nwlansing.org](mailto:lori@nwlansing.org).
- **Young Athena Program** - a program designed for young girls, ages 9 - 14 years old. The Young Athena Program has **changed its program dates from Mondays to Saturdays, between 2:00 - 4:00 pm, starting February 21, 2009**. For more information, please contact Barbara at (517) 999-2894 or E-mail her at [barbara@nwlansing.org](mailto:barbara@nwlansing.org).
- **Young Parent Program** - a program designed for young parents, ages 13 - 25. Come learn life skills with the Young Parent Program. We will be running four, ten week sessions on healthy relationships and building your future. We will have one presentation per session and two field trips per session. This year we will focus on: equipping young parents with the ability to become resourceful and learning how to network with community services.

## NWI's Tax Season Going Strong



We are now half way through our VITA tax season and it is going great! Individuals who are considered **low to moderate income - who use the 1040, 1040EZ and the 1040A forms**, are receiving **FREE** tax preparation by certified IRS volunteers. If your taxes are not completed yet, we'd love to take that weight off your mind! Just call **2-1-1** and set up an appointment to do so. We are located in the old Walnut school (**1012 N. Walnut St., in Lansing**). All services are confidential and all returns are electronically filed, which means you will have your refund within ten days. Don't forget, **the end of the tax season is April 15<sup>th</sup>!**

## Design Lansing's Walking & Bicycling Network

We invite you to attend one of these sessions in order to help design Lansing's sidewalk, trail, bike lane and crosswalk improvements.

- Tues, March 3, 6pm-8pm, North Precinct Gym, 740 May St.
- Wed, March 4, 6pm-8pm, Gier Center Gym, 2400 Hall St.
- Thurs, March 5, 6pm-8pm, Hill Center Maples Room, 5815 Wise Rd.
- Sat, March 7, 1pm-3pm, Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd.

Please RSVP with Jessica at [jessica@nwlansing.org](mailto:jessica@nwlansing.org) or (517) 999-2894.

## Upcoming Events

### Lansing Home & Garden Show

3/19/2009 - 3/21/2009;  
MSU Pavilion  
Adults - \$8, Children (6-14) - \$4,  
5 & Under - Free;  
Call (517) 432-5566 for more  
details

### "Speak Your Mind"

Open to high school age teens  
who have been involved in  
Mental Health, Special Ed.,  
Juvenile Justice or  
Child Welfare Services  
March 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>; 4:00 - 6:00pm  
St. Vincent Catholic Charities  
(2800 W. Willow St. in Lansing)  
RSVP by calling  
Katie Van Dorn at (517) 346-8006

### Do You Have or Know of an Upcoming Event?

If so, contact  
Stephanie Campbell at  
(517) 999-2894 or E-Mail her at  
[stephaniec@nwlansing.org](mailto:stephaniec@nwlansing.org)

### March Food Resource Dates

**Angel Food Ministries**  
For March deadline and distribution  
dates; Call Jack at (517) 374-2650  
(Must enroll prior to distribution)

**Food Movers Distribution**  
March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, from 11 -12 pm  
Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy  
(Must enroll prior to distribution)  
730 W. Maple St. Lansing,  
(517) 482-1270

**NorthWest Initiative**  
(Panera supplemental Bread Location)  
Thursdays; 12:00-4:00 pm,  
1012 N. Walnut St. Lansing,  
(517) 999-2894

**Letts Community Center**  
(Supplemental Bread Location)  
Monday-Thursday; 12:00-6:00 pm,  
Letts Community Center  
1220 West Kalamazoo, 483-4311

