

you're invited

The 2015 Neighborhood Summit is a gathering of civically engaged residents that recognize the value of working together to make all our neighborhoods stronger, more welcoming places to live! The theme of the Neighborhood Summit is Collaboration Erases Boundaries. This year, the planning team was deliberate about creating workshops that feature best practices from various communities and we've asked each team of presenters to draw attention to the benefits of collaboration and the lessons they learned along the way.



kick-off dinner

Friday, March 6th at the Cintas Center | Xavier University
6:30pm – 8:00pm, \$25 per person

City Manager Harry Black

Harry Black is City Manager of the City of Cincinnati. Black took office Sept. 8, 2014, and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of City Government. Black is committed to building a customer-centric workforce and responsible and effective economic development policies and practices that support the growth of jobs and economic opportunity for all Cincinnatians.

Who should attend?

If you care about your community, and the future of Cincinnati, you should attend the 2015 Neighborhood Summit.

2015 neighborhood summit

Saturday, March 7th at the Cintas Center | Xavier University from 8:00am - 4pm

Morning Keynote Speaker

Kathy Merchant, CEO/President, Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Kathryn E. Merchant is President/CEO of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1997, Ms. Merchant was the director of The Pew Charitable Trusts' Neighborhood Preservation Initiative and a partner in the New Haven-based consulting firm Holt, Wexler & Merchant. She has also served as the director of planning for the United Way of Greater New Haven and as planner/grants manager for the South Central Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

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Friday, March 6th

6:00 – 6:30pm | Registration and networking

6:30 – 8:00pm | Dinner and Presentation

KEYNOTE

City Manager Harry Black

Saturday, March 7th

8-9am Registration & Breakfast

9-9:45am Welcome and introductions

Dr. John Kucia, Administrative Vice President, Xavier University

Mayor Cranley, City of Cincinnati

Kathy Merchant, President / CEO, Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Concurrent Sessions

10:00am – 10:45am

A1 | Lights! Camera! Community Action!

In this session, the Cincinnati Police Department and community members will answer these tough questions through an interactive workshop, the ABCs of Policing followed by an open Town Hall Forum.

A2 | What's old is new again: University Community Collaboration

Traditionally, University Community Partnerships help strengthen the fabric of local neighborhoods by providing support in the areas of education, economic development, and civic engagement.

A3 | Making Money Work for Your Community: How to Leverage Public Dollars

Leveraging can be a useful strategy to support community-based initiatives. Panelists will share best practices to help your neighborhood leverage resources and accomplish goals.

A4 | Who's Next Door? Emerging Populations in Cincinnati

As new ethnic populations move into local neighborhoods, opportunities exist to build new relationships.

Concurrent Sessions

10:55am – 11:40am

B1 | Lights! Camera! Community Action! (continued)

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B2 | Millcreek Watershed Project

This session explores the successful collaborations throughout the communities along the Millcreek and how these efforts can work for the broader community.

B3 | Bikes, Buses, and Bunions

Intermodal transportation is changing the way we all move around the City and experience the economic and social changes taking place.

B4 | Urban Gardening: Eat Where You Live

Urban gardens are HOT! Join us for a discussion on how to integrate urban agriculture into the urban fabric.

B5 | The Neighborhood Games

The excitement of the Olympics can happen more than once every four-years if they're done at the neighborhood level!

11:50am – 12:35pm

C1 | Lights! Camera! Community Action! (continued)

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C2 | Creating Healthy Communities

As our neighborhoods continue to grow more and more dynamic, the question is how we improve the health and environmental sustainability of our neighborhoods.

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11:50am – 12:35pm

C3 | Skills + Jobs + Opportunities = Independence

Connecting job training and career opportunities makes us more competitive. This conversation goes beyond workforce development.

C4 | Food desert to food oasis: making the urban grocery work

Simple solutions to food deserts are brewing in our area. Learn more about the strategies being considered.

C5 | Grand City Experiment

The Grand City Experiment (GCE) is an initiative started by 15 members of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber's young professional leadership development program C-Change.

12:35pm – 1:35pm

Lunch and Community Awards

Join us for the Inaugural Neighborhood Summit Awards

1:45pm – 2:30pm

D1 | Collaboration on the Hill: Lower + East + West = Priceless

A collaboration of seismic proportion is taking place on the West Side resulting in transformative change!

D2 | Evanston: No Child Left Inside

Through the launch of a Safe Routes to School program and broad-based community collaboration, the Evanston is working to make children happier, healthier and smarter by ensuring that they are able to safely play and learn outdoors.

D3 | Successfully engaging our youth

Engaging youth and young adults in a meaningful way requires us all to think about the importance of succession planning and intentional youth development.

D4 | Mediation Moves Mountains

Can we all just get along? The tools of transformative mediation not only help resolve conflict, but also equip us with better communication skills.

Saturday, March 7th

Concurrent Sessions

2:35pm - 3:20pm

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E2 | Volunteers: Beyond the Block

Recruiting and retaining volunteers isn't easy. This session is an opportunity to learn volunteer management best practices from organizations that have done this successfully for years.

E3 | Urban Vibrancy: Integrative Development for Growth

The future of our city rests on an urban mix that encompasses all ages, incomes, races and ethnicities, at different life stages and with different needs. Learn how to sustain a vibrant urban mix for successful neighborhood growth.

E4 | Making citizen engagement work: updates and next steps

Creating a welcoming environment for civic engagement supports the notion that getting involved in community life builds relationships.

Registration ends February 26th.

Register now for the Neighborhood Summit