NORTH TRENTON
BATTLE MONUMENT
Choice Neighborhood Plan

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP SERIES

When you look around the neighborhood, are there things you want to change? Do you want to be more active in the Choice planning process? Would you like to be more involved with the future of North Trenton?

If so, please join us for an exciting Neighborhood Leadership Series for Donnelly Homes residents and residents of the North Trenton Battle Monument neighborhood. Develop your communication and leadership skills, meet neighbors with similar interests, learn how to take an active part in the Choice and other community development efforts, and have some fun!

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON AT THE DONNELLY HOMES GYMNASIUM
(MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED)
ALL SESSIONS WILL RUN FROM 5:30 – 7:00 PM ON WEDNESDAYS - STARTING MARCH 24

Staying Safe:

Join the meeting online on your own computer or mobile device:
HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/96773364163

Or participate in person at a safe distance in the gymnasium at Donnelly Homes (875 New Willow Street, Trenton, NJ, 08638)

Come early for dinner and conversation at 5:00 pm. The presentation/workshop will begin at 5:30 pm

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WEEK 1: MARCH 24TH, 2021
INTRODUCTION, HISTORY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Speakers: Freedom Green, THA; Algernon Ward, Board Member, Historical Society of Trenton; Karl Flesch, Ellarslie Museum

All cities have their challenges. But often the building blocks of change are right outside the door. During this kick-off session we will begin to explore what makes our neighborhood special — the history, character, parks, a deep sense of community, and you! These are the seeds of change. We will talk about taking the lead in igniting change and explore the neighborhood’s important history, including the background of Junior 1 Middle School.

WEEK 2: MARCH 31ST, 2021
LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Speakers: Caitlin Fair, East Trenton Collaborative; Freedom Green, THA

There is no need to wait. Learn how to take action to improve your community through lessons learned from the East Trenton Collaborative (ETC). Traffic safety, environmental health, and youth employment are just some of the issues the ETC is addressing to bring vitality, economic opportunity, and equitable growth into their community.

WEEK 3: APRIL 7TH, 2021
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING PROCESS

Speakers: Jeffrey Wilkerson and Michael Kolber, Trenton Division of Planning

Why is planning important for our community? How is a community-driven plan developed? How does the community make sure what’s built follows the plan? This session will explore these questions and provide insight on the process of how new buildings and proposed changes to buildings get approved in accordance with a Plan. You will also learn about Trenton 250, the master plan guiding development in the city from now until 2042.

WEEK 4: APRIL 14TH, 2021
TRAUMA & RESILIENCE

Speakers: Kimme Carlos, Founder of Urban Mental Health Alliance

Ms. Carlos strives to help people be their best selves by drawing upon her own personal journey. She has been a force behind mental health awareness in Trenton and honored by numerous awards for her efforts. She is CEO and Founder of a motivational consulting firm and Co-Founder of Sister Wellness Retreats.

WEEK 5: APRIL 21ST, 2021
TEAM BUILDING

Speaker: Bruce Boyd, Jr., B.O.Y.D;

This interactive session will include several activities to explore personal values. What is important to you and at what cost are you willing to pay to for those values? It will also consider the importance of building “bridges” or relationships and nurturing those relationships regularly to keep them standing and strong.

WEEK 6: APRIL 28TH, 2021
HOW TO START A SMALL BUSINESS OR NON-PROFIT

Speakers: Dominique J. Carroll, Esq., Fox Rothschild and Member of Board, Capital Region Minority Chamber of Commerce

Do you have an idea for a small business or organization but wonder where to start? This session will provide the basics such as what is required to do business in the city, how to find funding, how to create a business plan, and how to register to apply for contracts with the city.

WEEK 7: MAY 5TH, 2021
VIRTUAL TOUR OF TRANSFORMED CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS & GRADUATION

Speakers: Woo Kim, Principal and Stacey Blankin, Associate, WRT

Sometimes it is hard to imagine what neighborhood change might look like. Come take a “virtual” tour with us of neighborhoods that were very similar to North Trenton and Battle Monument not long ago. Today, they are undergoing substantial transformation through large and small investments in new housing, childcare facilities, job training programs, and creative placemaking.