... a unique opportunity to learn, to participate, to contribute.

Dayton's Need

A city, like any living thing, needs certain elements in order to flourish and grow. Knowledgeable leaders, at every level of the community, are vitally important resources necessary to achieve the community's goals. Dayton has enjoyed a steady succession of dedicated community leaders and concerned, involved citizens. They sustain the city's long-standing traditions of active neighborhoods, participating citizens, and lively cooperation between government and the community.

The Neighborhood Leadership Institute



The Neighborhood Leadership Institute has played a key role in helping individuals understand and participate in the dynamic process of making Dayton a better place to live.

The Neighborhood Leadership Institute is an educational experience that gives participants insight into Dayton's history,

its governmental process and the inner workings of its neighborhoods. It is a unique partnership project sponsored by the City of Dayton, Sinclair Community College, Greater Dayton RTA and the Neighborhood Leadership Institute Alumni Association.

Program Objectives

The program has four objectives:

- To broaden the participants' understanding of the community;
- To expand the pool of skilled neighborhood leaders;
- To encourage and assist the establishment of networks among neighborhoods and their leaders; and
- To enhance the ability of neighborhoods to resolve problems on their own or in cooperation with other neighborhoods and/or institutions.

... ... solving today's problems and building tomorrow's dream.

Program Results

Each year, as the leadership class graduates, the pool of knowledgeable leaders in the community increases. For Dayton, this means more people with the ability and the drive who understand how to make things happen. For the participants, this means



they have enhanced leadership skills, a better understanding of Dayton and its neighborhoods, and the personal satisfaction of accomplishment.

Eligibility and Application

Any adult resident of the City of Dayton may apply; however, each class is limited to 25 people.

Applications for the Neighborhood Leadership Institute are available from the Department of Planning and Community Development, located on the sixth Floor of Dayton City Hall or the City Commission Office, located on the second floor of Dayton City Hall, 101 W. Third Street and also available on line www.daytonohio.gov. For more information call the Department of Planning and Community Development at 937-333-3670.

Cost: Your Time

There is no charge for participation in the program. Your cost is the time and effort you spend. The program consists of 14 evening and/or Saturday sessions over a three-month period. Classroom and/or workshop sessions are held at various locations related to the session topic. Presenters include current neighborhood, business, and government leaders. Each participant must attend all of the sessions in order to be certified as having completed the program. In addition, outside field assignments are required.

Return on Investment

In addition to the knowledge, skills and experience you gain, the completion of this program qualifies participants for one credit hour (VOL 190) at Sinclair Community College. The real returns, however, are the contributions you make to your neighborhood and to Dayton. Your efforts will make a difference and help our city to grow today and tomorrow. Leadership is, after all, a gift to your community – a gift of your skills and your time.

...the power to make our community the best it can be

The Application and Acceptance Process

Completed applications for the next Neighborhood Leadership Program must be returned to: City Hall, 101 W. Third Street Dayton, Ohio 45402, and email to kathleen.riggs@daytonohio.gov.

The application deadline published on the Application Form is critical. Be sure to review the form and dates and direct questions to the **Department of Planning and Community Development by calling 937-333-3670.**



When all applications have been reviewed, those considered for final selection will be invited to a personal interview with the selection committee. The committee will look for those persons who have demonstrated a personal commitment to the

community or neighborhood and who have the time to give toward neighborhood service.

Committee will seek a group of about 25 people who represent a balance of men and women from different geographic, career, educational, social and cultural backgrounds. The committee is composed of established neighborhood and community leaders.

Along with the application, look for a separate insert which includes this year's program description, dates and times. Locations will be announced and dates are subject to change. You must be a resident of the City of Dayton in order to apply.

The City of Dayton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.







Neighborhood Leadership Institute... developing the strength of our community

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Program Description

City of Dayton, Ohio Neighborhood Leadership Institute

Department of Planning and Community

Development