

2E. Computerized Community Mapping

In this hands-on computer workshop, attendees will use GIS (Geographical Information System) websites to get crime analysis, emergency preparedness and other community information to aid in increasing community awareness and involvement. *(Participants must have a valid e-mail address and familiarity with the Internet.)*

2F. Alternative Vehicles and Transportation Options

With the price of oil constantly going up, everyone's looking for lower cost options. Choices such as electric and compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles and ride sharing are good for the environment and economical too! Representatives from MLGW and Memphis Area Ride Share will share information on what's available and planned for Memphis.

Session III: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

3A. Addressing Vacant Properties

That vacant lot in your neighborhood could be available for sale to you, your neighbors or free to a nonprofit organization. The Shelby County Land Bank currently has a stock of thousands of properties that it gives away or sells cheaply. Participants will learn about the Shelby County Land Bank and creative community projects for beautifying vacant lots.

3B. Biking in Memphis

Everyone has seen the different striping and symbols on roads for bike lanes but do you know the rules for bikers and drivers? In this session, you will get up to speed on the rules of the road and what's going on with biking in Memphis.



3C. Smart Grid

MLGW launched its Smart Grid Demonstration in 2010 to help customers cut their electricity usage and cost through monitoring, analysis, control and communication capabilities. Electric smart meters have been installed at the homes of 1,200 volunteers to evaluate the operational, customer service and energy conservation impacts. Hear about the initiative and what's in store for the future.

3D. No Space for a Garden

Would you like fresh fruits and vegetables but don't have the space or the time to tend a large garden? Learn about small-space gardening in addition to Community Supported Agriculture that allows you to purchase shares from local farmers to get fresh fruits and vegetables all summer long.



Cost is \$5 person. All attendees will receive the notebook electronically.



2012 Neighborhood Leaders Conference

It's Easy Being Green

Friday,
August 3, 2012



Memphis Light, Gas and Water
Joyce M. Blackmon Training Center
4949 Raleigh-LaGrange Road

IT'S EASY BEING GREEN SCHEDULE

Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Workshop Session I 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

- 1A. Save Energy, Save Money
- 1B. Weeding Neighborhoods of Crime and Blight
- 1C. Organic Gardening
- 1D. Basic Recycling
- 1E. What's New in Code Enforcement?

Break
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Workshop Session II 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- 2A. Caring for Trees
- 2B. Advanced Recycling – Trash to Treasure
- 2C. Water-wise Landscaping
- 2D. Water Conservation and Preservation
- 2E. Computerized Community Mapping
- 2F. Alternative Vehicles and Transportation Options

Lunch
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Speakers

- **Jerry Collins Jr.**,
MLGW President and CEO
- **Paul Young**,
Memphis and Shelby County Office of
Sustainability Administrator

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SESSION I: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

1A. Save Energy, Save Money

You will have the knowledge and tools to reduce your utility usage and bill after attending this EnergySmart workshop on do-it-yourself energy-efficient home improvements. Participants in this workshop will receive a free energy-saving kit valued at \$40.

1B. Weeding Neighborhoods of Crime and Blight

Tall grass, cars parked in yards, vacant homes and suspected drug houses are issues that neighborhoods are either confronting or trying to prevent. Neighborhood Partnerships are collaboratives of residents and police along with other government and nonprofit agencies working to address these community issues. Hear how these groups all over Shelby County are combating crime and blight in their neighborhoods.



1C. Organic Gardening

Organic gardening helps us all by eliminating toxic pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, and also aids in a healthy diet. Want to know how to get started? Attend this session!



1D. Recycling 101

This workshop will look at what trash goes in your regular garbage and what can be recycled, as well as how to dispose of items such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, computers, televisions, batteries and hazardous waste.

1E. What's New in Code Enforcement

For many years, code enforcement was done the same way. Today, local government is using a variety of tools such as Code Enforcement Reserve Officers, the Tennessee Preservation Act and 25-Square to enhance the community. Come listen, learn and act.

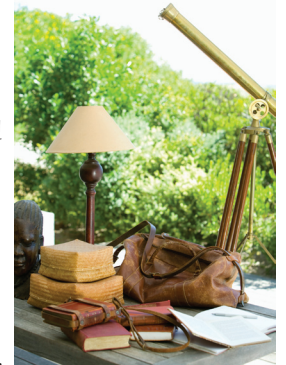
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2A. Caring for Trees

Trees not only provide beauty and shade, they also help moderate the climate, improve air quality, reduce storm water runoff and aid in reducing utility costs. So, it's important to properly care for them. Learn about proper tree selection, pruning and mulching along with avoiding tree and utility conflicts.

2B. Advanced Recycling – Trash to Treasure

One person's trash is another's treasure. Whether you are looking to dispose of items or are in search of hidden treasure, there are several organizations such as the Habitat ReStore, Soles4Soul and others who can assist.



2C. Water-wise Landscaping

Landscaping doesn't have to require a lot of time, effort and resources. With proper planning, designing and plant/grass selection, you can work less, cut water usage and save money.

2D. Water Conservation and Preservation

Our water comes from the sky and goes to the faucet, but what citizens do on the land affects our water quality. Hear from MLGW and the City of Memphis Storm Water program about conserving and protecting one of Memphis' most valuable natural resources.