



Plenary : Lavonta Williams, City of Wichita Vice Mayor, District I Council

Vice Mayor and Council Member Lavonta Williams has served in civic responsibility since 1971 when she began as a USD 259 Board of Education member until 2007. She served on the District I Advisory Board from 2002 to 2007. Lavonta has been a council member since 2007. She has also been actively involved as a member of Wichita Independent Neighborhoods since 2002. Lavonta received her Bachelor of Science in education from Emporia State University in 1971. She also spent time in the National Youth Sports Program at Wichita State University from 1991 to 1995. Lavonta has served on many other boards and committees and is a member of Ken Mar & Power Neighborhood Associations.

**10th Anniversary Wichita Neighborhood University Conference
Waves of Change – Oceans of Opportunity
For Good Health, Good Living & Good Relationships
Century II Convention Hall, 225 W. Douglas , Wichita, Kansas (west side)
Saturday, September 17, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

The Wichita Independent Neighborhoods 2011 Neighborhood University Committee hosts an annual conference with its mission for communities throughout the area to have an excellent opportunity to come together and share their knowledge, experience and vision to make Wichita neighborhoods healthy places to live and work. Although each neighborhood is unique, all neighborhoods, not only in Wichita, but statewide face very similar issues and challenges ranging from the basics of organizing to addressing the complicated issues of public safety. Each year the conference is attended by a diverse group of grass roots neighborhood leaders and youth, non-profit and government staff, and others working in the field of neighborhood development.

“While each neighborhood is unique, all face similar issues. From the basics of organizing and conducting meetings to finding resources for needed projects, everyone needs to have the skills to make a difference.”--Estelle H. McCadden

KEYNOTE: Congressman Mike Pompeo

Mike was elected to the 112th Congress on November 2, 2010 – having never held elected office before. Mike has a deep commitment to limited government, freedom, individual responsibility and rewarding hard work and innovation. He serves on the Energy and Commerce committee which oversees federal law and policy relating to healthcare, telecommunications, energy and trade issues.

Mike attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating first in his class. During his time as an officer in the United States Army, Mike served with distinction as a cavalry officer in the U.S. Army, leading troops as they patrolled the Iron Curtain before the fall of the Berlin Wall. He earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

Mike then came back to his family roots in South Central Kansas and founded Thayer Aerospace along with three partners. In less than a decade, the company grew to having over 400 Kansas employees. In 2006, Mike sold his interest in Thayer Aerospace and soon thereafter became President of Sentry International, an independent business that is engaged in the manufacture, distribution and sale of equipment used in oilfield and industrial applications around the globe.

Mike and his wife Susan have been active leaders in the community through teaching Sunday school at their church, serving on charitable boards of directors and cheering on Wichita State in both athletics and academic pursuits that build our community.





The conference provides a great opportunity for attendees to participate in information-packed workshops, listen to thought provoking speakers, view exhibits, and engage in unparalleled networking opportunities with many neighborhood advocates. The one thing all attendees have in common is their interest in improving Wichita neighborhoods. As a part of a community, wherever you work, live, or play, your neighborhood is a central part of your life and deserves your attention.

As we begin another conference, please join us as we work together in realizing that the future of Wichita and Kansas lies in the success of our neighborhoods and in the faith of those who strengthen them. This year we are also including a Youth Summit!!

To learn more about the 2011 — 10th Annual Neighborhood University Conference, exhibitor opportunities, speakers, breakout sessions, volunteering, or sponsorship opportunities, visit our website at <http://www.win-nuconference.com>

“2011 Breakout Sessions”

Wichita Water Quality Concerns, and What You Can Do To Help:

Join Brian Nelson, River City WRAPS and begin to understand and identify the water quality concerns in the Arkansas River Water Shed as it flows through Wichita. The water quality in our lakes and rivers affect us all. This workshop will let the participants know what the water quality issues are facing our community and give them information on how they can help address the problem. There are little things that can be done by each of us every day as well as WRAPS sponsored projects to participate in.

Love Where You Live:

Join Monique M. Coleman, City of Plano, Texas and learn how to plan and implement a multi-dimensional project that is designed to improve and revitalize neighborhoods socially and physically. The presenter will share the challenges as well as benefits of partnerships, volunteerism, housing assessments, and performance measures!

What is Happening in Oklahoma City Neighborhoods?:

Join Georgie Rasco, Executive Director of Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma. Come hear about the Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma and their 400 different neighborhood associations stay safe, attractive and healthy.

Neighborhood Crime and Other Issues:

Join Wichita Police Department’s Deputy Chief Mosley and Captain Easter as they provide an interesting and informative workshop session around the issues that every neighborhood and community person faces in Wichita. They will provide information on the crime trends in Wichita and ways that neighborhoods can work with the police department to address these issues such as neighborhood watches and IM-PACT meetings. They will also cover important information on animal control issues.

Neighborhood Gardens & Tour:

Join Sharon Quincy as she shares how North Riverside Neighborhood Association has utilized flower gardens and community gardens. She will share about the Garden Tour fund raiser that supports the garden and all the wonderful ways that it helps the neighborhood.

Problem Gambling in Kansas:

Join Patricia Fields, Chair of the Sedgwick County Problem Gambling Task Force as she provides the most up-to-date information on problem gambling in Kansas. This information includes the potential impact of the new casino that is coming soon to Sumner County.

Youth Summit — “Louder Than a Bomb” - “Your Neighborhood Poetry” and “Leadership”:

Join Cindy Robinson and Michelle Vann as they begin the first Neighborhood University Youth Summit Session with exciting opportunities for youth involvement activities. This first session kicks off the Youth Summit activities that will be going on at the same time as the breakout sessions for the adults.



❖ **Networking – Exhibits – Tools – Opportunities** ❖





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City of Wichita Public Golf Courses:

Join Douglas R. Kupper, Director of Park and Recreation for the City of Wichita since January 2000 to learn more about the Park and Recreation Department Golf Division. Learn about Wichita’s golf courses and about golf in Wichita and the Nation. Review improvement plans and performance of the golf courses and other important information about Wichita Parks and Recreation.

Community Gardens 101:

Join Evelyn Neier, State 4-H Specialist and Master Gardner as she shares her expertise in gardening. Community gardens help individuals and families come together, learn from each other, and grow fresh produce. Come and see if a community garden may be a great addition for your neighborhood.

Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment (WIRE) and Wichita Neighborhoods:

Join Elizabeth Ablah, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Preventative Medicine & Public Health, University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita and discuss the ways in which community partnerships can be leveraged to enact change in local environmental health, as indicated by the experiences of the Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment.

Bringing Everyone to the Table: Participatory Meeting Method:

Join Georgie D. Rasco, Executive Director, Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma in this fun, hands on example of this very useful meeting management tool. Participants will leave knowing how to lead a successful, well organized meeting.

Bylaws and Operations of 501c3:

Join Dr. Carla A. Lee at this informative table talk session and learn all the ins and outs about writing and implementing bylaws and important operations of 501c3 and the process in obtaining 501c3 status and keeping it.

Including Pets in Your Personal Preparedness Plan:

Join Christen Skaer, DVM, President/Director SCART and Kelly Benton in this very interesting table talk session. This workshop is designed to include their animals in personal preparedness plans and to discuss the importance of including animals in community disaster planning.

Riverbank Stabilization and Monitoring:

Join Hoyt Hillman, Grant Proposal Writer and Arkansas River Coalition member at this table talk session. Learn why riverbank stabilization is important to you as a neighborhood and/or community member and all the interesting things that the Arkansas River Coalition are doing regarding monitoring the river.

Home Energy Improvements—Saving Money & Adding Comfort:

Join Jeff Boone, NorthStar Comfort Service, Inc and Paul Miller in this captivating table talk session. This table talk has a broad home energy improvement theme, addressing all aspects of the home. Participants are encouraged to ask questions about their own homes and issues they have faced.

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Breakout Session Times:

Breakout Session #1: 9:30 am – 10:30 am — Breakout Session #2: 10:40 am – 11:40 am

2011 Wichita Neighborhood of the Year Awards & Recognition

(Categories: Project, Organization, Advocate, Newsletter, Youth Group Effort, Youth Individual Effort, National Night Out Participation, Neighborhood Watch Participation, Green Neighborhood Efforts, Neighborhood Garden Projects) For more information and applications visit: <http://www.win-nuconference.com>



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Neighborhood University Participant Registration Card
 (For Name Tag)

Name: _____

Title and/or Company: _____

(For Contact and Reminder)

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

- \$15.00 if paid when registering. \$25.00 if will pay at the door.
 Checked off preferred Breakouts below

Checks Payable to: **WIN** and Return this portion with payment to:
 WIN NU Committee, 2755 E. 19th St. N., Wichita, KS 67214

(TT) - Table Talk Session

Preferred Breakout Sessions (Check One Box Per Session)

Session #1

- Water Quality Concerns
- Love Where You Live!
- What is Happening in OKC?
- Neighborhood Crime and Other Issues
- Neighborhood Gardens & Tour
- Problem Gambling in Kansas
- Youth Summit — “Louder Than a Bomb”-
“Your Neighborhood Poetry” and
“Leadership”

Session #2

- Wichita Public Golf Courses
- Community Gardens
- Participatory Meeting Method
- Renew the Environment (WIRE)
- (TT) Bylaws & Operations of 501c3
- (TT) Animal Response Team (SCART)
- (TT) Riverbank Stabilization
- (TT) Home Energy Improvements
- (TT) Love Where You Live!

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