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Housing and Resource Conference Scheduled Next Month

SPRINGFIELD, OH (Oct. 24, 2019) — The City of Springfield Community Development Department will host Raise The Roof: Springfield Housing and Resource Conference on Nov 8, to discuss housing solutions in the region.

“We have completed two major housing and neighborhood studies that have given us a solid roadmap to follow in housing investment and legacy neighborhood engagement. ” said Shannon Meadows, City of Springfield Director of Community Development. “The partnerships we have with community leaders and stakeholders is the foundation of all of this. We are building on those strengths to help lead our community forward.”

The conference will begin with a keynote address, “Housing in the Champion City – A Comprehensive Analysis Of Markets,” presented by Alison Gobel of the Greater Ohio Policy Center. The organization produced a citywide analysis of the housing market in Springfield, complete with suggestions for moving the community forward.

The keynote address will be followed by a workshop, “Engaged Neighborhood Planning and Reinvestment in the Champion City: First Steps toward Empowerment and Hope.” The City of Springfield and the Springfield Housing Solutions Consortium recently funded an engaged neighborhood plan focused on residential neighborhoods between Limestone and Center streets, and Pleasant Street and Perrin Avenue.

Conference participants will be able to choose from two different tracks: Redevelopment and Resources. The following breakout sessions will be available throughout the afternoon:

Housing and Neighborhood Redevelopment in the Champion City

- **2 to 2:45 p.m.** - From Abandoned to Attractive: Turning vacant lots into useful resources for homeowners and neighbors. Presented by:
 - Steve Thompson, City of Springfield Planning Zoning and Code Administrator
 - Ethan Harris, Clark County Community Development Director
 - Terry Fredrich, Jefferson Street Oasis
- **3 to 3:45 p.m.** - It Takes How Long?: The Ins and Outs of Code Enforcement authority in Springfield. Presented by:
 - Steve Thompson, City of Springfield Planning Zoning and Code Administrator

- Kim Fultz, City of Springfield Code Enforcement Coordinator
- Jeremy Leist, City of Springfield Code Enforcement Officer
- **4 to 4:45 p.m.** - There's a Permit for That: Balancing Building Regulations with Housing Rehabilitation. Presented by:
 - Shannon Meadows, City of Springfield Community Development Director
 - Jene Gaver, City of Springfield Chief Building Official
 - Brandon Gill, City of Springfield, Certified Building Official
 - City of Springfield Building Regulations Team members

Resources for Residential Redevelopment in the Champion City

- **2 to 2:45 p.m.** - Service is our Name: Resources from the City Service Department. Presented by:
 - Chris Moore, City of Springfield Service Director
 - Leslie McDermott, City of Springfield Deputy Service Director
- **3 to 3:45 p.m.** - What they Don't Show on HGTV: Housing Rehabilitation Programs in the City of Springfield. Presented by:
 - Jackie Sudhoff, City of Springfield Development Programs Administrator
 - City of Springfield Housing Rehabilitation Team
 - Brandon Gill, Certified Building Official
- **4 to 4:45 p.m.** - Resources Education and Mediation, Oh My: Resources and Outreach available to tenants and landlords in the City of Springfield. Presented by:
 - Nancy Flinchbaugh, City of Springfield Fair Housing and Mediation Coordinator
 - Jeremy Leist, Code Enforcement Officer
- **5 p.m.** - Selfie Guided Tour Through Downtown to the Mother Stewart's After Hours Table Top Conversation Event. Locations will include Madonna of the Trail, Simms Townhomes, Central Community Church, Heritage Center, and Delscamp Lofts.

The conference will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Clark State Brinkman Center, 100 S. Limestone St. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. To register for the conference, call the Community Development Department at 937-324-7380. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and must be purchased by November 1, 2019. An after-hours engagement event will be held for registered participants at Mother Stewart's Brewery following the conclusion of the conference at 5 p.m.