



SAVE THE DATE
May 28-29th, 2026



REGISTRATION

\$125 through April 30
\$175 starting May 1

TOPICS

- **Crime, Safety, Security & Re-entry**—(*Crime, Public Safety and Security*), reducing crime levels are essential to nurturing a safe living environment for residents. Workshops will focus on multiple initiatives, groups, citizens, etc., enacted with the goals of fighting crime and maintaining cities and youth safety. Providing some key support areas (employment, housing, health, education, and empowering).
- **Community Building** - Creating connections, fostering belonging, and nurturing supportive relationships among people with shared interests, goals, or geography—moving beyond mere gathering to cultivate engagement, trust, and collective action for mutual growth and problem-solving. This involves facilitating meaningful interactions, establishing rituals, defining shared values, and building structures where members feel valued and empowered to participate, whether online, in neighborhoods, or within organizations.
- **Connecting through Art**- Art has a remarkable ability to speak across cultural, social, and linguistic boundaries. A painting, song, or dance can stir emotion and spark dialogue without a single word. In community settings, this universal

language becomes a bridge—breaking down barriers and creating common ground where empathy and understanding can grow. Whether it's a mural brightening a busy downtown corridor or a collaborative sculpture rising in a neighborhood park, shared artistic experiences remind us of our collective humanity.

- **Engaging Youth-** Create youth- centric programs, offer leadership roles, use digital platforms for outreach, partner with schools, and provide meaningful volunteer opportunities that align with their interests, while fostering authentic relationships, valuing their input, and ensuring inclusivity and accessibility. As well as creating meaningful opportunities, such as Youth Councils/ Advisory Boards, Volunteer Projects, and Mentorship.

- **Housing Development-** A coordinated process involving financing, construction, and public policy to create housing options beyond market-rate offerings, allowing residents to maintain affordability across other essential needs like food, healthcare, and transportation.

- **Neighborhood Leadership Development**

A process of training residents in community-focused skills—such as communication, organizing, fundraising, and project planning—to empower them to build relationships, address local challenges, and drive positive, sustainable change and collective well-being within their communities. These programs equip grassroots leaders with the tools needed to foster engagement, secure resources, and create stronger, more inclusive neighborhoods for all.

- **Healthy Living for Seniors**

Maintaining overall well-being—physical, mental, and social—as you age by focusing on the functional ability to do the things you value. This includes good nutrition, regular physical activity, mental stimulation, and strong social connections, enabling a full, independent, and enjoyable life, not just a long one. It's about thriving by adapting to change, preventing illness, and staying actively engaged with hobbies, family, and community.

- **Developing Connections in Multicultural Communities**

Understanding cultural norms, values, and communication styles across different groups.

- Award Announcements

- Neighborhood of the Year Presentation