



10th Annual Neighborhood Leadership Boot Camp
Saturday, August 25, 2007

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Dallas City Hall Council Chambers, 6th Floor

Boot Camp is back, with a Texas-size agenda! Join us for a morning dedicated to empowering our communities and developing leaders all across Big D!

Mayor Tom Leppert will kick off Boot Camp 2007 with his first address to citywide neighborhood leaders. Come hear the Mayor's vision for our communities!

Jim Diers, nationally renowned advocate and innovator of community empowerment programs will share his strategies for success and lead workshops to build a new program for Dallas. Jim is the author of "Neighbor Power" and creates award-winning programs for communities across the nation and around the globe. Read more on the back of this flyer.

Texas Neighborhoods Together Leadership Academy brings the foremost neighborhood development leaders in Texas to lead our breakout sessions.

Boot Camp 2007 will teach, train and motivate Board members, committee chairs and volunteers! Veteran activists will learn fresh, invigorating strategies. Boot Camp is packed with powerful, ready-to-use ideas to help make your neighborhood group effective.

Workshops are hands-on and interactive, and focus on Leadership Skills, Organization Nuts & Bolts, and Community Empowerment. Workshops are simultaneous, so bring several attendees from your neighborhood. (see attached agenda)

Park and enter at City Hall underground parking - access in the median of Young Street headed eastbound.

REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE PRINT

Pre-registration is requested by August 21. Scholarships are available; call 214-220-9899 for information.

REGISTER ON-LINE at www.dallashomeownersleague.org

Registration Fee: [] DHL Members -- \$10 per person [] Non-DHL Members -- \$15 per person

Member of which DHL group? _____

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Attach another page for additional names if needed.

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Jim Diers Biographical Sketch (pronounced 'Deers')

Participatory democracy has been Jim Diers' preoccupation and his career for the past 30 years. In his work with grassroots community organizations, with the nation's largest health care cooperative and with city government, Jim has found ways to get people more involved with their communities and with decisions that affect their lives.

Currently, Jim spends most of his time at the University of Washington, where he teaches courses in architecture and social work and supports community initiatives with faculty and students across all disciplines. Jim also speaks frequently in other cities as a faculty member for the Asset-Based Community Development Institute and as the author of *Neighbor Power: Building Community the Seattle Way*.

In 1988, Mayor Charles Royer appointed Jim to direct Seattle's new Office of Neighborhoods. Jim was reappointed by the subsequent mayors, Norm Rice in 1990 and Paul Schell in 1998. By the end of Jim's 14-year tenure, the four-person Office had grown into a Department of Neighborhoods with 100 staff.

The Department's mission is to decentralize and coordinate city services, strengthen communities and their organizations, and work in partnership with these organizations to preserve and enhance the neighborhoods. The Department manages 13 Little City Halls that provide basic services to citizens and serve as meeting places for neighborhood organizations. It supports about 400 community self-help projects each year through a \$4.5 million Neighborhood Matching Fund that was recognized by the Ford Foundation and Kennedy School of Government as one of the most innovative local government programs in the United States.

Another program of community empowerment involved 30,000 people in the development of 37 neighborhood plans. The Department also manages the City's historic preservation program, a P-Patch Program of 75 community gardens, and a leadership training program. In 2000, the Department received the Full Inclusion Award from the American Association on Mental Retardation for its Involving All Neighbors program and a Best of the Best Award from HUD for its Cultivating Communities program.

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Dallas Homeowners League

10th Annual Neighborhood Leadership Boot Camp AGENDA – SATURDAY AUGUST 25, 2007

7:45 REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

8:30 WELCOMING REMARKS.....JERI ARBUCKLE, President, DHL

NEIGHBORHOODS – AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE GREATEST CITY..... MAYOR TOM LEPPERT

NEIGHBORHOOD POWER: Take It, Create It & Use ItJIM DIERS

Neighborhood empowerment works! Innovative neighborhood programs build community, solve problems and benefit everyone

10:00 SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS BEGIN (50 minute workshops – attend two, one for each time slot)

TRACK I
EMPOWERMENT

TRACK 2
LEADERSHIP

TRACK 3
NUTS & BOLTS

TRACK 4
CREATING A DNMF

10:00 WORKSHOPS

Neighborhood Park Master Plan - Consensus & Support

Brandi Reaves, HNTB Corp;
Kelly Nash, Friends of Tietze Park Foundation President;
Melanie Vanlandingham, DHL
A masterplan is the first step in revitalizing your neighborhood park. A leading landscape architect and a park foundation leader share insights on setting priorities, funding, current trends and successful park plans.

The Big Picture: Creating Visionary Grassroots Leaders

Susan Hill, TNT* Leadership Academy; Patricia Carr, DHL
Experienced neighborhood activists and new leaders will learn specific tools for leading and building strong leaders for your organization.

The Art of the Meeting
Judge Martin Hoffman, former DHL President;
Ruth Steward, DHL

Interactive session on the basics – an effective agenda, how to present information, how to facilitate discussion and decision-making, dealing with difficult personalities, taking good minutes & parliamentary procedures.

Creating a Neighborhood Matching Fund for Dallas Workshop

Jim Diers; Douglas Athas, Mayor Pro Tem of Garland and President of TNT
A working session to create the structure and determine the elements of a Dallas Neighborhood Matching Fund. Write the City ordinance to create it! Roll up your sleeves and make an impact!

11:00 WORKSHOPS

Get it Done – Leveraging City Resources

Dallas Service Area Coordination Team and City Dept Reps; Ruth Steward and Frederic Taggart, DHL
From People Helping People to Police and Fire Citizen Academies - City Experts and experienced neighborhood leaders share new & established City programs and resources & how to use them to benefit your neighborhood.

Friendraising – Finding and Recruiting Great Volunteers and Overcoming Apathy

Jude Wiggins, TNT Leadership Academy; Norma Pankey, DHL
Volunteer recruitment success requires good assignments and an organization to use time and talents effectively. This workshop will help recruiters develop the tools to reach out for new volunteers, and revitalize established organizations.

To Be or Not To Be? Organizing or Reorganizing a Neighborhood Group

Susan Hill, TNT Leadership Academy; Patricia Carr, DHL
Discover the organizational structure that best suits your needs and how to achieve it. Which is better – 501(c)3 or 501(c)4, none or both? Where do you start? Write or update bylaws & keep records - what is required and what's optional?

Strategy Session for Enacting Neighborhood Matching Fund in Dallas

Jim Diers; Jeri Arbuckle, Ed Hickson, Betty Wadkins, DHL
What do we do now? What's next to get a comprehensive Neighborhood Matching Fund established in Dallas? Identify strategies for lobbying, resources needed, & make a plan of action. Be part of the solution!

12:00 WORKSHOP REPORTS AND CLOSING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS..... JIM DIERS & DHL BOARD

12:30 Adjourn

* TNT is Texas Neighborhoods Together, a statewide organization for neighborhood advocacy and training. DHL is a founding member of TNT.