

AGENDA

29th Annual Lapeer County Planning Conference March 14, 2009 Lapeer East High School

7:30—8:00 am. Registration

Spend some time **NETWORKING** while enjoying the **Continental Breakfast**: Coffee Cake, Fresh Fruit, Juice and Coffee,

8:00 am. Opening Remarks by C. Ian Kempf, LCCPC Chairman

8:30—9:30 am 1st Concurrent Session

Blight & Dangerous Buildings Enforcement: Attorney Gary Howell will discuss ordinance provisions, effective enforcement tools, recovery of enforcement costs, and unique issues related to foreclosed and/or abandoned properties.

Wind Energy—Is Your Community Ready? Alan Bean, Spicer Group, will share information on what a community needs to know if wind energy comes to their community. Spicer received National APA Award for wind energy plan for Oliver Township in the Thumb area.

Running an Effective Meeting: Cindy Winland, Crescent Consulting will stress the importance of effective meeting management, records retention, dealing with unhappy attendees, conflicts of interest, and meeting follow up, the crucial missed step.

Michigan's Right-to-Farm Act—What It Is and What It Isn't: Wayne Whitman from the Dept of Ag will provide an overview of the Act and GAAMPs; Help community leaders make decisions based on accurate, credible knowledge; and Discuss preemption of local zoning ordinances.

Training for Planning Commissioners: Attorney Michael Gildner will offer this class at the basic and advanced levels and is a MUST for Planning Commission members.

Training for ZBA: John Jackson from McKenna will offer this class at the basic and advanced levels and is a MUST for all ZBA members. This training will stress the importance of making fair and consistent decisions using appropriate facts and standards.

9:40—10:40 am 2nd Concurrent Session

Home Occupations—The New Frontier: Leslie Meyers, The Planning Team, will offer this class that will cover from Seamstress to Auto Repair and everything in between - How to facilitate, regulate and incorporate small businesses in your community.

Maintaining Small Town & Rural Character: John Jackson, McKenna Associates will explain how best to identify appropriate design and encourage its application during the site plan approval process in order to keep that small town and rural character.

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Municipal Civil Infractions: Attorney Michael Gildner will teach about the underutilized tool for enforcing ordinances, allowing flexibility of pursuing the violation in court, and how to enforce at the violator's expense.

EXHIBIT BOOTHS



10:40 am—11:00 am:

This time has been allocated for attendees to stop and visit the Exhibit Booths!

We greatly appreciate the time our vendors have taken to be at our event, so please be generous with your time and visit their tables!

11:00 A.M. BRUNCH

BRUNCH MENU

(by Lapeer East Catering)

- ◆ Mixed Eggs w/Hash Browns, Cheddar Cheese, Ham and Onions
- ◆ Sausage Links
- ◆ Banana Foster French Toast *(topped with bananas in a buttery-caramel sauce and pecans)*
- ◆ Chicken Ebba & Pasta Dish
- ◆ Homemade Rolls
- ◆ Tossed Salad
- ◆ Asst. Homemade Cookies
- ◆ Coffee, Tea & Lemonade

12:10—1:10 pm: 3rd Concurrent Session

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Form-Based Zoning Ordinances:

John Jackson, McKenna Associates, will explain how Form-Based Zoning Ordinances can help local municipalities promote quality development in their communities.

Training for Planning Commissioners:

Attorney Michael Gildner offer this class at the basic and advanced levels and is a MUST for Planning Commission members. (REPEAT SESSION)

Training for ZBA:

Cindy Winland from Crescent Consulting will offer this class at the basic and advanced levels and will stress the importance of using guided decision formats to help ZBA members make fair and consistent decisions using facts and standards. (REPEAT SESSION—DIFFERENT SPEAKER FROM SESSION #1)

Minutes, FOIA, Legal Notices & Publications:

Attorney Tim Denney will provide information and updates for the Municipal Clerks, Recording Secretaries, etc. and how best to handle Freedom of Information Act requests, legal notices, publications and minutes.

DOOR PRIZE GIVEAWAYS

COURTESY OF THE PARTICIPATING VENDORS!

(Your Registration automatically enters your name for a chance at the door prize giveaways. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!)

**Lapeer East High School
933 S. Saginaw Street
Lapeer, Michigan 48446**



REGISTRATION

GROUP DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

Registration Fee is still just \$25/person before March 13th and \$30/person at the door (Fee includes registration, materials, facility, food and beverages).

A group discount is available this year— for every FIVE paid pre-registered members from an individual municipality, a SIXTH member is FREE.

If you are currently serving on a municipal Board, Planning Commission or ZBA, please be sure to contact your municipal clerk to register for the conference. This may allow them to qualify for the above stated group discount.

You may register online under the “**P l a n n i n g**” link at: www.lapeercountyweb.org (then mail your payment into our office).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Doreen Clark at (810) 667-0201.

LAPEER COUNTY'S

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An educational program hosted by:

Lapeer County Collaborative Planning Commission

Saturday, March 14, 2009

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****NEW GROUP DISCOUNT****

(See back for details)