



PLAN-IT NEWBURGH: PLANNING TOMORROW IN THE CITY OF NEWBURGH

“Blast-Off to Plan-It Newburgh!” March 18 & 19

Family-oriented events to help focus attention on City Master Plan process

Helping to shape the future of the City of Newburgh can be as simple as answering five easy questions on a Plan-It Newburgh! questionnaire. Responses will be used to help draft the Sustainable Master Plan for the City of Newburgh.

More than 1,000 questionnaires have been collected toward the minimum goal of 3,000, but more community participation is needed. With this in mind, the Master Plan Key Stakeholder Committee has planned a “Blast-Off to Plan-It Newburgh!” weekend March 18-19. Stakeholders will be on hand at several special events to answer questions about the Sustainable Master Plan and help complete questionnaires if necessary.

The “Blast Off to Plan-It Newburgh!” schedule is as follows:

Saturday, March 18:

- 1 p.m.:** **First United Methodist Church, 241 Liberty Street**
"Hear Our Hope: Home is Where the Heart Is" – *3rd Annual City of Newburgh Prayer Service*, sponsored by the Greater Newburgh Ministerial Association. Keynote Speaker: Jim McElhinney, Newburgh Ministries. Performances by Claudia Cummings, Joyce Hoffman, Consuela Hill and the Temple Airs and Step Squad, Bishop Dunn Troubadours, the Anointed Voices of God and Church of God by Faith Praise Dancers.
- 2-4:30 p.m.:** *Mini fair* with booths and food, and performances by Millennium Choir and other groups
- 4:30 p.m.** **North Junior High School – 301 Robinson Avenue.**
Mad Science, an interactive family education event
- 5:30-6 p.m.** *Free throw basketball*
- 6 p.m.** *First Annual Police/Newburgh Youth Basketball Game*, with trophies for 1st and 2nd place winners

Sunday, March 19:

- 1 p.m.** **Washington’s Headquarters – 84 Liberty Street.** “*The General’s Lady*,” celebration of Martha Washington and other prominent women of the Revolutionary Era.
- 3 p.m.** **Newburgh Free Library – 124 Grand Street.**
Meet Sherlock Holmes, a one-man play on the literary origins of the famous detective.

The Master Plan process was launched last summer by City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane, with the support of Mayor Nick Valentine and the City Council. More than 150 “key stakeholders,” including community leaders and individual citizens were trained to facilitate focus groups and public forums on important issues, gather community input, and build a final version of the Master Plan.

“The public is invited and encouraged to be a part of the Sustainable Master Plan process,” said City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane. “Whether you participate by filling out the questionnaire, or you wish to be even more involved, your input is welcome and necessary.”

Questionnaires in English and Spanish are available through March 30 at City Hall Executive Office, 83 Broadway, the Newburgh Free Library, 124 Grand Street, Family Health Center, 3 Washington Center, 100 Broadway, and 136 Lake Street, and at the City of Newburgh Activity Center, 401 Washington Street. You can find them on-line at the City website, www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov and at www.earthcat.org. The City website also provides additional information on the Master Planning process and ways to become involved.

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