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McHenry County Housing Crisis Forum

McHenry County Government is sponsoring a forum for community leaders to discuss the housing crisis. The forum is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2009 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am in the McHenry County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock. Attendees will be provided with information on services and opportunities are available to help families and individuals in the current housing crisis. Speakers include:

Elise Livingston, President-Elect of the McHenry County Association of REALTORS
Greg Grojean, Home State Bank
Virginia Peschke, Executive Director of Consumer Credit Counseling Services of McHenry County
Sue Rose, McHenry County Housing Authority/McHenry County Continuum of Care
Donna Schaefer, McHenry Township
Julie Biel Claussen, Executive Director, McHenry County Housing Authority
Mike Iwanicki, Director, Veterans' Assistance Commission
Linda Rothnagel, Director of Advocacy Training, Prairie State Legal Services
Mary Lu Seidel, Executive Director, Corporation for Affordable Homes of McHenry County
Jean Niemann, McHenry County Dept. of Planning and Development
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There will also be a discussion of long-term solutions that can be applied to avoid a similar situation. Resource materials will be available to help people working on the front lines provide the best information to the people they serve. McHenry County Board Chairman Ken Koehler stated, "With the recent Federal money that became available and the McHenry County Housing Study, the County recognized a need to establish a forum to bring people together and connect the those in need with the agencies that can provide relief and services."

Reservations are required by calling the McHenry County Planning and Development Office at (815)334-4560 or emailing them at plandev@co.mchenry.il.us.

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