



Wayne County

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NAP Newsletter

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NAP Team Prepares for RAP with NAP 2: Building Opportunities for Success & Wayne County Community Renaissance Awards

Wayne County's Nuisance Abatement Program (NAP) is eagerly preparing for its second annual community forum, entitled "Rap with NAP 2: Building Opportunities for Success" which will be held on November 13, at 5:30 pm in the Atrium of the Wayne County Building located at 600 Randolph in downtown Detroit.

While this will be NAP's second year of hosting the community event that shares information about the NAP process, it will mark the first time that they will be presenting the Wayne County Community Renaissance Awards, which will be given to individuals that have made outstanding renovations and repairs on properties that were targeted by NAP lawsuits because they were in a terrible nuisance condition.

"We want to commend our residents for turning blight into beauty," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "We have several success stories and important information for community members concerned about abandoned homes and blighted areas."

NAP has been working feverishly to get a full compliment of information and speakers to help answer questions regarding property issues in the community. Included on the program will be Detroit Police Lieutenant Leslie Montgomery with tips on how to

prevent vacant homes from becoming blighted. Ms. Regina Strong, Executive Director of Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD) will talk about some of the successes of local development initiatives

Many elected officials have planned to be in attendance and a "question and answer" session will allow for citizens to get information particular to their areas. Refreshments will be provided.

"I am excited about the evening," said Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel, Eric Sabree, "Even during these tough times there are some really positive things happening in Wayne County."

REPORT NUISANCE PROPERTY!

If you see abandoned, blighted property call the Nuisance Abatement Program Hotline at: (313) 224-5757.

Properties seized through NAP can be viewed and bought on the Wayne County NAP website www.waynecounty.com/WCAuctions

NAP Attorneys Take NAP to Western Michigan County

NAP Attorneys recently were asked to attend a Commissioner's planning meeting in Barry County to discuss the benefits of the Wayne County Nuisance Abatement Program for smaller rural communities.

Attorneys Joe Rogalski and Mike Russell were warmly received by the Commission members and residents alike, as they provided insight into

NAP, one of Michigan's best tools for dealing with blighted properties.

The NAP team was initially contacted by a citizen from Barry County after she heard about the NAP successes on a National Public Radio (NPR) program. The Barry County Administrator then contacted NAP and invited them to attend the Commissioner's planning meeting.



NAP Attys. Russell & Rogalski attend a Barry County meeting to discuss NAP

"NAP TALK"

Each issue we interview a member of the NAP team. We call this section "Nap Talk." This month we talk with NAP support staffer,

Wendy Kibat

NT: How long have you been with NAP? And what do you most enjoy?

W.K.; In the eight months I've been with NAP I most enjoy being a part of something positive happening in our community.

NT: Why do you think NAP works so well?

W.K.; We have lots of dedicated people, including property owners, investors, community groups, block clubs and NAP staffers that are committed to make things better.