


gnrc staff moves in and develops resources


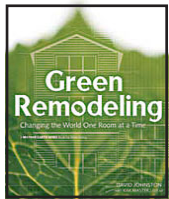
The Guidebook, a resident resource guide for home renovations and improvements, became available.



GENEVA, NY
Guidebook for Improvement Projects

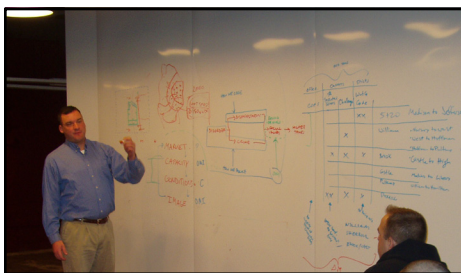
A resource guide for residents in Geneva looking to start a new renovation project, add some curb appeal, improve previous projects or make their home investment last.

Use the guidebook as your source for renovation and improvement information or come visit the Neighborhood Resource Center for a personal walk-through of the guidebook and our complimentary services.

Over 50 books and many magazines donated or loaned to the GNRC library. Books range from how to's for home improvements, landscape design, home buying information to sustainable design ideas. Comfy lounge chairs arranged as a good reading spot.

A SMART Board and walls of white board space installed for brainstorming, mapping and communication tools.



Mobile tables and chairs arrived for impromptu meeting spaces or trainings.

Brochures for Neighborhood Association recruitment and GNRC resources are being designed and will be ready in February.

neighborhood associations organize

Over 50 residents attended neighborhood assoc. organizer meetings.



8 out of the 11 neighborhoods have residents interested in starting their neighborhood association.



partner collaborations

The GNRC is working with local banks to provide general loan information at the GNRC and to establish the Great Geneva Loan Program for income-qualifying, credit-worthy residents.

The GNRC welcomed HWS urban studies intern, Jessica Thompson.

Multiple collaborations planned with HWS' architectural studies program, such as a film series, house vernacular student design project, and planning lectures for architectural studies students.

Historical fact-finding exercises planned for neighborhoods with the Geneva Historical Society.

Community mediation pilot program discussed with the Center for Dispute Settlement.

City administration and the police department continue discussing community policing strategies.

gnrc visitor & media log

82 visitors before the doors were officially open:

- 41 residents
- 17 city employees
- 10 partners
- 3 students
- 11 other

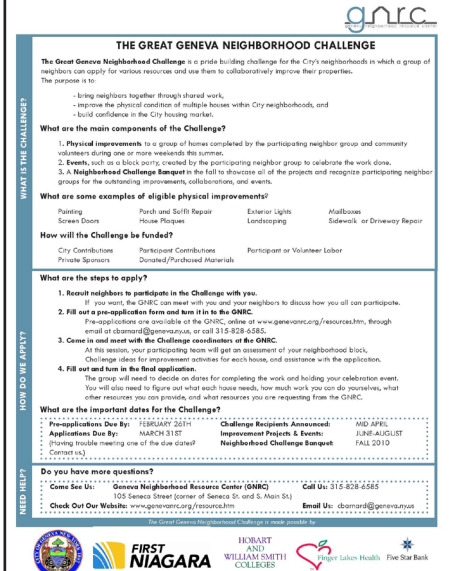
1 Finger Lakes Times article

gnrc website launches

www.genevanrc.org

great geneva neighborhood challenge advances

Pre-applications in progress and will be available early February. Resident organizers expressed interest in participating and five sponsors signed on for the Challenge so far.



THE GREAT GENEVA NEIGHBORHOOD CHALLENGE

The Great Geneva Neighborhood Challenge is a pride building challenge for the City's neighborhoods in which a group of neighbors can apply for various resources and use them to collaboratively improve their properties. The purpose is to:

- bring neighbors together through shared work,
- improve the physical condition of multiple houses within City neighborhoods, and
- build confidence in the City housing market.

What are the main components of the Challenge?

1. Physical improvements to a group of homes completed by the participating neighbor group and community volunteers during one or more weekends this summer.
2. Events, such as a block party, created by the participating neighbor group to celebrate the work done.
3. A Neighborhood Challenge Banquet to be held to honor all of the program and recognize participating neighbor groups for the outstanding improvement, collaborations, and events.

What are some examples of eligible physical improvements?

Painting	Porch and Soffit Repair	Exterior Lights	Mailboxes
Screens Doors	Stove Repairs	Landscaping	Sidewalk or Driveway Repair

How will the Challenge be funded?

City Contributions	Participant Contributions	Participant or Volunteer Labor
Private Sponsors	Donated/Purchased Materials	

What are the steps to apply?

1. Recruit neighbors to participate in the Challenge with you.
2. Fill out a pre-application form and turn it in to the GNRC.
3. Come in and meet with the Challenge coordinators at the GNRC.
4. Fill out and turn in the final application.

What are the important dates for the Challenge?


Pre-applications Due By:	FEBRUARY 2010	Challenge Recipients Announced:	MID-APRIL
Applications Due By:	MARCH 31 ST	Improvement Projects & Events:	JUNE-AUGUST
Working trouble meeting one of the date dates?	Contact us!	Neighborhood Challenge Banquet:	FALL 2010

Do you have more questions?

Come See Us! Geneva Neighborhood Resource Center (GNRC) • Call Us! 315-828-6585
102 Seneca Street (corner of Seneca St. and S. Main St.)

Check Out Our Website: www.genevanrc.org/resources • Email Us! donard@genevanrc.org

NEED HELP?



city council neighborhood revitalization committee meet

