

**8 neighborhood association meetings**

March was an energizing month of resident involvement in forwarding the neighborhood associations. The following neighborhoods met:

- \* **City Central**
- \* **Historic North**
- \* **Historic South**
- \* **Maxwell Highland (now Castle Heights)**
- \* **South Lake**
- \* **Upper North**
- \* **Upper West**
- \* **Western View (now Western Gardens)**



The neighborhood associations are getting to know their neighbors, discovering common issues, developing project ideas, and planning next steps.



Here is a sampling of project ideas for the neighborhood associations:

- \* Spring clean-up
- \* Surveys
- \* Block/Park parties
- \* City-wide basketball tournament
- \* House plaque campaign
- \* Caroling contest in the park
- \* Expanding Historic Districts
- \* Bulk purchasing for home improvements

**10 pre-applications for the great geneva neighborhood challenge submitted**

10 pre-applications with 77 houses and 95 participants from four neighborhoods were submitted. The breakdown of neighborhood participation includes:

- \* **5 in Washington Park**
- \* **2 in City Central**
- \* **2 in Upper North, and**
- \* **1 in Historic North**

Each group is meeting with the GNRC to work through the next steps of the application, due on April 15th. Using the SmartBoard, participants can see how their homes can be improved. Here is what makes a great application:

1. Participation from 5-15 houses on a street.
2. Physical improvements that can be done within a few weekends.
3. Physical improvements that will make an impact on the street.
4. Having additional volunteers, resources and contributions for the project.
5. Each participant being able to make a financial contribution.
6. Creating a fun, celebratory event.

**residents using architectural and landscape design services**

Our staff architect has had a steady stream of resident requests for assistance with home improvements. Landscape design service requests are also increasing as the warm weather arrives.



**gnrc visitor, volunteer, website & media log**

**384 visitors:**

- 248 residents
- 35 city employees
- 10 partners
- 30 students
- 61 other

- 8 Architectural visits for home improvements
- 2 Neighborhood walking tours with neighborhood organizers

1178 website hits this month

- 40 volunteer hours
- 2 HWS website: Daily News & *This Week in Photos*

**partner collaborations**

**Police Department**

The Police Department has begun to work on a new neighborhood deployment strategy.

**HWS**

HWS committed \$5,000 towards GNRC programs. This summer the funds will support two architectural studies student interns. Each intern will do design-build projects in the neighborhoods and at the Center. Also, an advanced architecture studio "Geneva Studio: Green Building in the Urban Realm" will take place in a downtown storefront this fall.



In collaboration with the GNRC and the Geneva Public Schools, HWS hosted the Design Revolution Road Show exhibit and lecture this month. The road show is designed to connect the power of design to the people who need it most, and the places where it can make a real and lasting difference.