



Greater Alton United meeting set for April 15th at Wellspring Resources

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(10 April 2014 – ALTON, IL) Members of a diverse list of groups interested in improving the quality of life in the Alton area are meeting on Tuesday, April 15th to discuss progress of an initiative named “Greater Alton United”. The meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m., at Wellspring Resources, located at 2615 Edwards Street.



Attendees of the meeting will learn of many upcoming opportunities that will empower them to improve life in our community, including: the "Youth Speak Out" where young people will present potential solutions to underage substance abuse, expansion plans for Senior Services Plus, news on the revitalization of Rock Spring Park, updates on a Neighborhood Cooperative grocery store in Hunterstown focused on locally-grown food, Litter Clean-Ups (City-wide on April 26 & on the River Road on May 31st), a Green Business Alliance breakfast to coach business owners on how to make their practices eco-friendly while saving money, and many more.

The quarterly discussions revolve around promoting positive activities that community groups are currently engaged in, while exploring opportunities for organizations to

partner and share resources in order to be most effective. The format of Tuesday's meeting will be a roundtable discussion to identify ways that the public can make positive changes in the following areas: Youth & Education, Environment & Sustainability, Health & Social Services, Beautification, Economic & Community Development, and Policies & Ordinances/Community Oriented Policing.

The public is invited to participate in mapping out a strategy to accomplish goals such as beautifying the area, supporting the local economy, strengthening families, improving health, reducing crime and drug use, and so forth. Citizens will find countless ways to engage in the grassroots movement and connect with the cause of their choice; the group has compiled a directory of over 100 local non-profits and social services in the area in order to aid potential volunteers in their search for the perfect fit based on shared interests and concerns.

The vision of Greater Alton United is to improve the greater Alton area through the creation of healthy, safe, drug-free communities by weeding out crime, general disorder and sub-standard housing, and seeding these areas through social and economic revitalization. Meetings are open to the public, to be added to the e-mail list in order to receive reminders and updates on progress please send an email to: sara@altonmainstreet.org.

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