

**Rebuilding Our Community:  
You Count!**

Raising the floor beneath our communities has had a significant impact on how we come together, share ideas and participate in open forums and discussions.

By touching more lives positively, we are able to develop a stronger hold on the energy we generate to sustain our communities and neighborhoods. As we learn to be more active citizens and community leaders, we must rediscover ourselves as leading forces in the community.

Come to share and enjoy conversations and provocative questions in small interactive sessions. Don't miss out on playing a role in this revival movement that is taking place across America and in our own backyard. Remember, you, the citizen, count in rebuilding our community!

**CityLinks2010**

Friday, April 9, 2010  
University of Dayton Kennedy Union  
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Schedule: Friday, April 9, 2010  
University of Dayton-Kennedy Union**

- 8:00—8:40 a.m. Registration  
Kennedy Union Torch Lounge, 1st Floor
- 8:45—9:00 a.m. Welcome  
Kennedy Union Boll Theater, 1st Floor
- 9:15—10:40 a.m. Workshop Session A
- 10:40—10:50 a.m. Break
- 10:50—12:15 p.m. Workshop Session B
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch, Community Builders Award and Guest Speaker: Lavea Brachman

**Registration**

To register for the CityLinks Neighborhood Conference, return the enclosed form to the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community, attention Char Cook Robinson. The cost of the conference is \$20 per person. The cost for University of Dayton students is \$5 per student. Pre-registration is required. The registration deadline is **Wednesday, March 31, 2010.**

**2010 CityLinks Planning Committee**

- Char Cook Robinson ..... Fitz Center for Leadership in Community
- Don Vermillion. .... Fitz Center for Leadership in Community
- Tim Donnellan. .... Community Action Partnership
- Erin Jefferies. .... City of Dayton
- Bernard Jones ..... Intern, University of Dayton
- Kevin Jones ..... Fair River Oaks Council Priority Board
- Karen Manovich ..... South Park Historic Association
- Judy Martinson. .... City of Dayton
- Joyce Price. .... Community Action Partnership
- Ginny Strausburg. .... Dayton Power & Light Foundation
- Ivy Williams ..... Community Action Partnership
- Sean Walton. .... Community Action Partnership
- Judy Zimmerman. .... Grafton Hills CDC

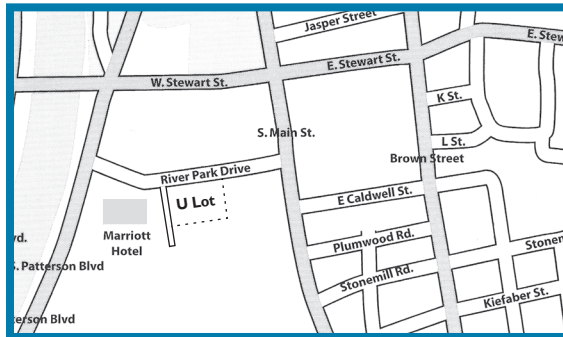
**Questions**

Please call Char Cook Robinson at the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community at the University of Dayton at (937) 229-4641.

**Parking**

CityLinks guests will be parking in UD's U lot, which is located next to the Marriott Hotel. A shuttle bus will be running from U lot to the University of Dayton's Kennedy Union every 15 minutes.

Special provisions have been made for the disabled. Please call Char Cook Robinson at (937) 229-4641 by March 24 if you require special provisions.



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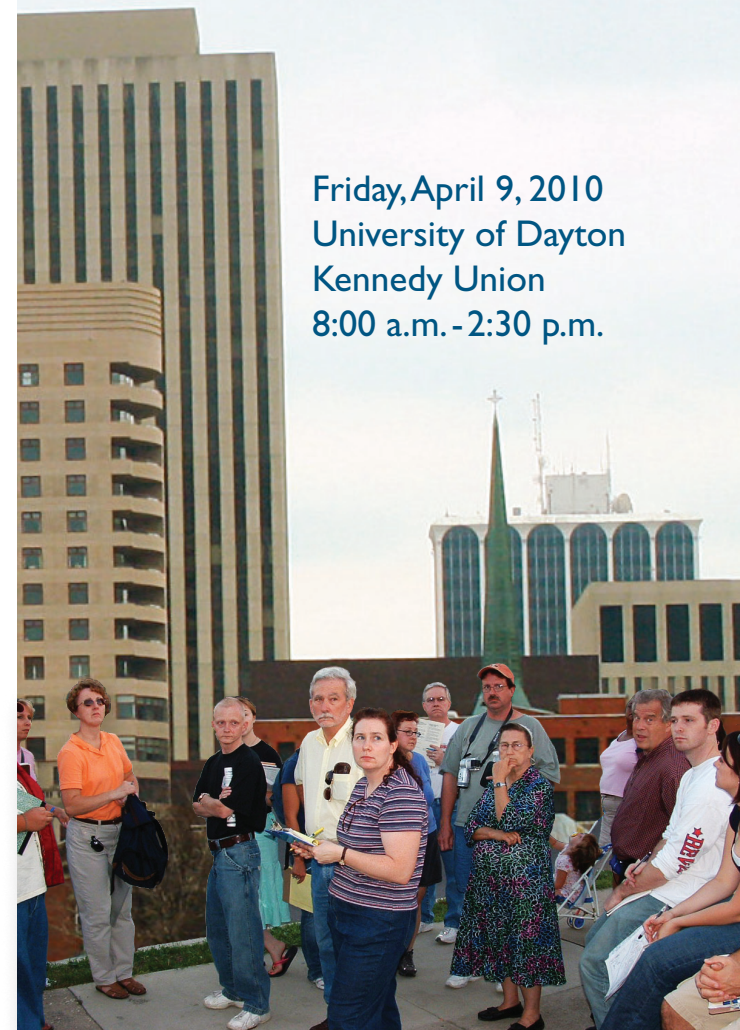


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**Lavea Brachman**  
Co-Director, Greater Ohio Policy Center & Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

Lavea Brachman is co-director and a founder of the Greater Ohio Policy Center, the state's "smart growth" non-profit organization promoting quality land use and revitalization of Ohio's cities and towns. As Non-

Resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, Lavea leads the Greater Ohio/Brookings Institution's Restoring Prosperity to Ohio Initiative. Lavea also serves on the National Vacant Property Campaign Advisory Committee. Lavea has worked as an environmental lawyer and on community and neighborhood planning and

redevelopment issues throughout the Northeast and Midwest. After practicing environmental law at a Washington, D.C. law firm, Lavea was a partner with a Cambridge, Massachusetts consulting firm advising Fortune 500 companies on brownfield redevelopment strategies and then worked at the Department of Energy (DOE) advising an undersecretary in the Clinton Administration on redevelopment and community involvement strategies for decommissioned DOE sites. Before returning to Ohio, Lavea was a Visiting Fellow at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and taught in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT in Cambridge, MA, where she developed, taught workshops and wrote about the role of community development organizations in brownfields development and neighborhood revitalization efforts. She is a governor-appointed member of the Clean Ohio Council that selects the state's grants for brownfield projects and serves on several local non-profit organization boards in Columbus. Lavea graduated from Harvard College and received her law degree from The University of Chicago Law School and her master's in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Mattie Davis & Joe Kanak**  
Community Builders Award

Building community is easier said than done. Dayton has been very fortunate to have a wealth of neighborhood and community leaders who have spent their lives organizing and advocating for their respective communities. Mattie Davis and Joe Kanak were two such leaders who made Dayton a better place to work and raise children.



**Mattie Davis** had a major role in the organization of the Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition. In 1978, she invited the University of Dayton to join in an effort that began the award-winning Edgemont Solar Garden. Her example of hard work and dedication continues to inspire volunteers throughout the community.



**Joe Kanak** was an inspiration to his community of Old North Dayton, where he was born and raised. For over twenty years, Joe was involved in virtually every initiative sponsored by the Northeast Priority Board and the Old North Dayton Development Corporation.

**WORKSHOPS**

**NOTE:** All four workshops will run concurrently for Session A 9:15 a.m.— 10:40 a.m. and will repeat for Session B 10:50 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Please choose one workshop per session.

**Community Safety: Getting More for Less**

"Crime prevention" and "community safety" are at the forefront of their fields. These ideas aim to facilitate the exchange of expertise and experience, to help promote good practice and the ability to identify successful strategies for addressing issues of various crimes. Economic hardships have found their way into many city, state and local agencies. At this session, hear the City of Dayton Chief of Police and powerful, dynamic neighborhood leaders share their strategies for the roles citizens can plan in "getting more for less."

**Networking: Re-evaluating Your Resources**

There has never been a more important time than now to take networking to the next level. Whether in businesses or personal relationships, it's often not just what you know, but also who you know and how you connect with them that has a lasting impact. Some resources may be in short supply, but the opportunity to build relationships is in abundance. In this session, panelists will share traditional and innovative networking strategies, provide resources for networking throughout the Greater Dayton area, and discuss ways to make your network work for you.

**Planning Our Neighborhood Future**

As more and more emphasis is placed on the future of Dayton neighborhoods, we must take an active role in redeveloping, revamping and planning for the next generations. Planning Dayton's future allows for growth, stability and security within neighborhoods. This session is an opportunity for voices to join together to be part of change that is making a difference. This dialogue and presentation will be a powerful opportunity for citizens to engage with the future of Dayton.

**Youth Count, Too!**

This session will explore ways of engaging youth as a resource in the rebuilding process right where they live. Using the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets as a platform to discuss "what kids need to succeed," the audience will gain information from panelists who have successfully involved youth in initiatives to restore and rebuild their communities. This session will highlight Asset 7 (Community Values Youth) as it involves the audience in identifying what the community needs are and exploring ways of mobilizing youth to meet those needs. In a U.S. Census year, it is fitting that the 25th anniversary of the CityLinks Neighborhood Conference has dedicated a session to emphasizing the fact that "youth count, too!"

**Community Builders Award: Past Recipients**

Each year, the University of Dayton gives the Mattie Davis and Joe Kanak Community Builders Award. It honors a person in the Dayton community who exemplifies vision and compassion toward neighborhood or community. The twelfth annual award will be presented at the CityLinks conference on Friday, April 9, 2010. Past recipients of the award are:

- 2009. . . . . Dean Lovelace
- 2008. . . . . Honorable Bill C. Littlejohn, Judge
- 2007. . . . . Sr. Rose Wildenhaus & Dick McBride
- 2006. . . . . Juan Urbieto & Carmen Guerrero-Urbieto
- 2005. . . . . Annie Bonaparte
- 2004. . . . . Luong Vo
- 2003. . . . . Joan Means
- 2002. . . . . Diana Watkins
- 2001. . . . . Hazetta Sargent
- 2000. . . . . Joseph Kanak
- 1999. . . . . Ann Cummings