

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to participate?

Any South Bend resident age 18 or over may apply. The 2017 Academy is perfect for aspiring organizers as well as members of existing neighborhood associations.

**Apply by
July 29**

What sort of issues will the Academy help me address?

Many Academy alumni are active members in neighborhood associations or other community organizations. These individuals have a variety of goals — from improving neighborhood safety, to repurposing vacant lots, to organizing a block party or promoting neighborhood service projects. All of them started with a vision of a stronger community, joined forces with others, and then took action to realize their shared vision.

Do I have to be part of a neighborhood association (or start one)?

No. While the Academy is valuable for those who will be involved in a neighborhood association, we know most community organizations don't start out so... organized! Rather, they often evolve from a core group of issue-minded leaders like you. If you want to make positive change in your community, we encourage you to apply.

How will applicants be selected?

Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. Applicants who are selected to participate will be notified beginning in July. In the event the number of applicants exceeds available seats, preference will be given to applicants:

- who have identified issues, ideas, or opportunities to make positive change within their community and are interested in taking action to address them,
- who demonstrate interest in developing or participating in an ongoing organization or neighborhood association, and
- whose community-organizing visions align with the neighborhood-strengthening mission of the NRC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Follow the Neighborhood Resources Connection on Facebook at #SBNRC or Twitter at @NRCNeighbors. Or, contact us at 574.287.0425 or nrcneighbors@gmail.com. To apply, visit nrc4neighborhoods.org. Need help? Call us at 574-287-0425.



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2017 Neighborhood Leadership Academy

SEPT. 21 - DEC. 14, 2017

TAKE YOUR COMMUNITY HIGHER

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy is a **free**, eight-session program that empowers South Bend residents to make positive change in their communities.

**SEATS ARE LIMITED. APPLY BY JULY 29 AT
NRC4NEIGHBORHOODS.ORG**

ABOUT THE ACADEMY

We're looking for a few good neighbors! Do you have ideas about how to improve your community? Put them into action with the Neighborhood Leadership Academy.

Redesigned for 2017, the Academy curriculum is based on NeighborWorks America's *Building Leaders, Building Communities* program, tailored for South Bend, and presented by community experts.

This **free**, eight-session program will help you explore your ideas, create a plan, get local officials on your side, and build a valuable network.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Topics include:

- Recruiting & Building a Team
- Influencing Local Officials
- Planning Your Campaign
- Communicating Your Message
- Setting Goals & Taking Action
- Leading Great Meetings
- Finding and Using Your Community's Assets
- ...and more!



Co-founded by Academy graduate Kim Clowers (left of center, in yellow), the Fremont Youth Foundation advocated for the city's investment of over \$200,000 in a new splash pad for Fremont Park. The splash pad opened on June 17, 2017.
Photo: @PeteButtigieg.

WHEN IT MEETS

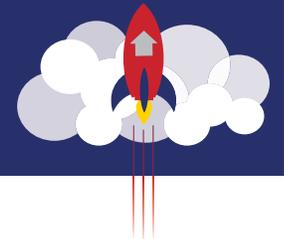
The Academy launches Thursday, September 21 and meets eight Thursday evenings over three months. All sessions are 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. (except as noted).

- **Thursday, Sept. 21**
- **Thursday, Sept. 28**
- **Thursday, Oct. 12**
- **Thursday, Oct. 19**
- **Thursday, Nov. 2**
- **Thursday, Nov. 16**
- **Thursday, Nov. 30**
- **Thursday, Dec. 14, (6-9:00 p.m.)**

Participants will be asked to attend scheduled sessions and take part in a final presentation of a team project. See nrc4neighborhoods.org for a complete schedule. Please note: schedule is subject to change.

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The countdown is on, so apply now! Have your ideas for a better community ready and visit nrc4neighborhoods.org.
Need help? Call us at 574-287-0425.



Academy graduate Consuela Hopkins leads an annual "Community Cleanup" in the Lincolnway West corridor.

