Oak Street Neighborhood Fair invites Pontiac residents to improve their homes and neighborhoods this Saturday

Published: Wednesday, April 25, 2012

By CHRIS LAINE

claine@journalregister.com; Twitter: @topherlaine

Celebrate the character of Oakland County's vintage neighborhoods at the fourth annual Oak Street Home & Neighborhood Fair this Saturday, April 28.

The free fair, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will take place in Pontiac at the Webster School playground, 640 W. Huron St., east of Telegraph Road.

"Our older, established neighborhoods are important to Oakland County's quality of life," County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said. "The Oak Street Fair raises awareness of these neighborhoods and brings resources directly to homeowners."

The Oak Street Neighborhood Fair brings together residents and service providers who can help maintain and improve homes and neighborhoods. Visitors get advice on home repairs and improvement, financial resources and gardening tips.

There is free information on the home improvement loan program, homeowner counseling, homeowner buyer program, winterization techniques, home energy audits and contractor advice. In case of rain, the event will be held May 5.

The event is sponsored by Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services, Oakland County Parks and Recreation, Rebuilding Together Oakland County and the School District of the City of Pontiac.

As part of their county-wide "Rebuild Day," more than 200 volunteers from the non-profit Rebuilding Together Oakland County will provide improvements to 15 homes in the neighborhood.

Rebuilding Together is the nation's leading nonprofit working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize communities by providing free home modifications and repairs, making homes safer, more accessible and more energy efficient.

Other exhibitors include Habitat for Humanity, Transform Pontiac Now, Detroit Edison, Consumers Energy, Murphy and Associates Landscaping, Oakland County Community & Home Improvement, Oakland County Health Division, Adair Restoration, Ron Gay Builder and OLHASA Winterization and Senior Programs. For the kids, there will be several inflatables and a climbing tower, courtesy of Oakland County Parks.

For more information about the Oak Street Fair, contact Ron Campbell, principal planner and preservation architect, at campbellr@oakgov.com or visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar/OakStreetFair2012.pdf.

For more information about Rebuilding Together Oakland County visit http://rebuildingtogether-oaklandcounty.org.

Contact staff writer Chris Laine at 248-745-4673, chris.laine@oakpress.com or follow him on Twitter @topherlaine.