

Lapeer Neighborhoods, Inc.

2018

Neighborhood Improvement Contest

“Building better neighborhoods with .. and for .. City of Lapeer residents”



INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR PARTICIPANTS

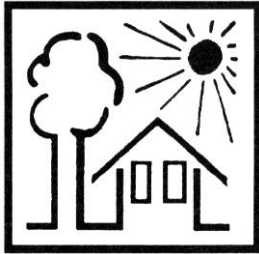
CASH PRIZES for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place

**to be awarded to
City of Lapeer Residents
by**

Lapeer Neighborhoods, Inc.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

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Dear City of Lapeer Resident:

Welcome to the Neighborhood Improvement Contest and thank you for your commitment to improving your home, neighborhood and the City of Lapeer.

You will find the following information in this packet:

- Information on participant requirements
- Information on Property Improvement Program loan
- Application

To be eligible for cash prizes you must:

1. Complete the Resident Application.
2. Submit a “before” picture taken at the time of your application. (This picture will not be returned.)
3. Obtain proper permits from the Building Department before renovations begin

We will accept applications beginning June 1, 2018. The contest closes September 30, 2018. “After” pictures will be taken by Lapeer Neighborhoods, Inc., staff on or after October 1, 2018. The photos are taken randomly and no appointments are made.

Review the enclosed ***Merchant Discount Information Sheet*** for a listing of participating merchants and the discounts they are offering to registered Neighborhood Improvement Contest participants. You must present your participation card to receive the listed discount. It is not mandatory you use the participating merchants to be eligible for the Neighborhood Improvement Contest.

Cash prizes are awarded before November 30, 2018 at a City Commission meeting and displayed on the City of Lapeer website. First place \$500, Second \$300, and Third \$100. Prizes are awarded to the homes displaying the most dramatic improvements, based on the “before” and “after” photos. The Judging panel selects finalists.

Contest rules are described below (as detailed on your application):

- ❖ I attest that I own the above-stated property and that the owner of the property occupies this residence.
- ❖ I attest that this property is being used as a residence and not a business property.
- ❖ I understand that only the improvements made between June 1, 2018, and September 30, 2018, to the **EXTERIOR** of my home and property (including landscaping) are eligible for consideration in the Awards Program.
- ❖ I verify that the **BEFORE** photo submitted was taken at the time of my application to the program.
- ❖ I understand that the **BEFORE** photo of my home, submitted at the time of application, becomes the property of "Lapeer Neighborhoods, Inc." and will not be returned to me.
- ❖ I understand that the **AFTER** photo of my home is taken at random on or after October 1, 2018, by a member of Lapeer Neighborhoods, Inc.
- ❖ I understand that Lapeer Neighborhoods, Inc. will oversee a promotional media campaign before, during and after the program, which may include photographs of my home.
- ❖ I agree to obtain all required city permits and inspections in relation to the improvements planned as part of this program.

Financing options may be available to income-eligible residents through the City of Lapeer's Housing Improvement Division and include:

Property Improvement Loans: Available to income eligible homeowners with a sliding interest scale based on household income.

If you are interested in learning more about the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program or the Property Improvement Program, please contact Shelley Lincoln at 810-245-4212.

Residents seeking more information on the **Neighborhood Improvement Contest** can contact: Denise Soldenski or Shelley Lincoln 810-664-0591.

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