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One Day Conference

9/18/15

Morning Agenda

8:00AM **Registration and Breakfast**

8:45AM **Welcome and Introduction**

Roger Gibson, City Manager
City of Bedford

Samantha Dean
2015 UMANT President

9:00AM **“Gird Up”**

Chris Hillman, City Manager
City of Irving

At some point in your career, you will be challenged. Circumstances will conspire to throw you off, build barriers in your way, and make a difficult job seemingly impossible. This opening discussion will provide insight on how you can harness your own personal resiliency and employ your strengths in times of change and crisis.

9:45AM **“Managing Up”**

Mark Israelson, Assistant City Manager
City of Plano

Many in local government must constantly accomplish tasks by working with seasoned organizational leaders whom they have no direct authority over. Learn from a local government veteran on how you can manage up – influencing, guiding, and leading your superiors –whether you’re leading a project team or positioning yourself as a valuable advisor to your boss.

10:45AM **“Tech.gov”**

Shahrzad Rizvi, Budget & Policy Analyst
Dallas County

Today’s tech is already old news. This session will put you ahead of the curve in day-to-day tech that will help ‘govies’ GTD (get things done) and then explore the future role of tech in local government. Discover these critical technologies before they ever hit your IT department’s radar.

11:30AM **“Beyond the Leading Edge”**

Kirsten and Kent Wyatt, Founders,
Engaging Local Government Leaders

Continuing the theme of staying ahead of the curve, this session will drive home what burgeoning local government trends are going to make the leap to reality in 2016. Learn what challenges the next year will bring, what new services will be demanded, and how you need to prepare your city.

12:15PM

Lunch

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Afternoon Agenda

12:15PM **Lunch**

1:30PM **“Connecting the Community”**
Katie Edwards, Assistant Director
Will Stacy, Programs Executive
The Big Event at Texas A&M University

A national movement is growing to create compassionate cities where communities can be united through service regardless of need. The Big Event at Texas A&M University will illustrate the impact of one-day, large-scale service events. Learn how to get your community onboard, organize resources, market, and execute an ambitious community-wide service event in your city.

2:15PM **“Guerilla Community Development”**
Dr. Colleen Casey, Assistant Professor
University of Texas - Arlington

While community development initiatives are key to fostering a thriving city, it is often the case that the only projects we hear about are grand in scale and budget. This interactive session will focus on guerilla style tactics to foster a sense of community - simple and unique ideas, acts, projects, and initiatives that produce big community development impacts. The aim of the session is to help participants identify one idea that they would like to implement in their own community.

3:15PM **“Ground Up Branding”**
Jimmy Stathatos, Town Manager
Town of Flower Mound

Many future and current managers may find themselves in a position where they have to create an identity or brand for their community, district, or neighborhood without the aid of professional consultants. Town Manager Jimmy Stathatos draws on his experience to lend practical advice on how managers can effectively cultivate an identity from the ground-up and the activities, resources, and challenges involved.

4:00PM **Closing Remarks: “Cultivating Friendly Rivalries”**
Samantha Dean, Workforce Services Manager
City of Carrollton

Ryan Adams, Assistant to the City Manager
City of Irving

The conference will close with a commentary from UMANT on the importance of not only building your personal and professional network, but leveraging that network in a bit of a different way.

Post-Conference Networking Mixer

BoomerJack’s Grill and Bar

2300 Airport Freeway, Suite 222
Bedford, TX 76022

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