



News You Can Use Newsletter

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) – Students from OSU's Fisher College of Business and Moritz College of Law, IRS certified volunteers, will be offering free tax preparation services at Godman Guild on January 22, 2013 through April 15, 2013. This fast, free and confidential service helps residents avoid predatory income tax preparers and costly refund anticipation loans. Income eligible, working individuals, who earn less than \$ 50,270 may qualify to claim and receive a refund of up \$5,891 in tax credits! For more information or to locate the nearest VITA site, call **2-1-1 (or 614-221-2255)**.

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, **February 10, 2013**. Students and parents will receive FREE assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms and information about financial aid, Higher Education in Ohio and other financial aid resources! For locations, times and registration, call **1-800-233-6734** or visit: **www.collegegoalsunday.org**

MOMS-2-B PROGRAM – If you want a happy & healthy pregnancy, delivery and baby, join the M2B program on Wednesdays at Grace Baptist Church, located at 1182 N.6th St., Columbus, OH 43201 between the hours of 11AM-1PM, lunch included. For details, call **614-307-6709**.

BASIC COMPUTER/INTERNET AND ADVANCE COMPUTER CLASSES offered at various locations in the City. Therefore, if you live on the west, east, south or north sides of Columbus, no problem! Participants, who successfully complete the six hour Free Basic Computer/Internet training, are eligible to purchase discounted, high-speed internet (minimum \$10.00 a month) or a refurbished laptop or desktop computer for as little as \$120.00! This program is sponsored by Connect Ohio and Every Citizen Online. Affordable Advance Computer Classes in Microsoft Word, Access, Excel and Power Point will be available as well. To register, call **614-292-7196**.

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS including counseling, programs and training will soon be available to residents of Weinland Park. If interested, call (614) 247-1983.

HOME BUYER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS offered bi-monthly at no extra charge to participants. *Why rent, when you can own a home for less!* OSU Extension offers an 8 hour HUD approved Home Buyer Education program for prospective home buyers. Talk with real estate professionals such as realtors, lenders, home inspectors, insurance agents, closing agents and others. Income eligible graduates of the program are eligible to apply for the City of Columbus Down Payment Assistance Program (up to \$5,000). To register, call **614-299-2915**.

MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS offered bi-monthly for families, who want to take control of their finances. Stop *working for your money and let your money work for you!* Participants will learn the importance of budgeting, savings, credit, banking, identity theft and much more! For details, call **614-299-2915**.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS (IDA). OSU Extension administers an IDA program for income eligible, working individuals, who are interested in buying a home; pursuing post-secondary education or starting/expanding a business! Participants will be required to attend a money management classes; asset specific training (homeownership; microenterprise or college preparation workshops) and maintain a dedicated Savings account (up to 1 year). Upon successful completion, you will receive a match of 2:1 (up to \$1,000) towards your asset goal. For details, call **614-247-1983**.

GROW YOUR OWN GARDENING WORKSHOPS. OSU Extension and Local Matters will be co-sponsoring FREE Gardening workshops for area residents. Topics include: Aquaponics and Aquaculture in Urban Settings; The Future of Producing Food in Urban Areas in Ohio and Planning the Vegetable Garden & Starting Seeds Indoors. Workshops will be held at Godman Guild, 303 E. 6th St., Cos, OH 43201 on Sat., 01/19/13, 3/2/13 and 3/16/13 respectively. Limited seats, so don't delay and register today: call, **614-407-4769** or visit, <http://bit.ly/growyourown2013>.

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Community Outreach Center	1427 N. Grant Ave.	Cos, OH 43201	614-299-2915
Schoenbaum Family Center	175 E. 7TH Ave.	Cos, OH 43201	614-247-1983

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