



Press Release

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4th Annual City Expo, May 17, 2011

Bentonville, AR...The 4th Annual City Expo will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Bentonville's Public Library in the Wal-Mart and Rotary Rooms. The Library is located at 405 South Main.

Mayor McCaslin is pleased to invite the entire community to this free event. As in the past, City Council aldermen and key City staff from every department will be on hand to answer questions and to talk about current and future programs. Come out and meet the City's new Chief of Police, Jon Simpson. Talk with David Wright, Parks and Recreation Director, about summer and fall recreational programs and learn what's in store once the Downtown Activity Center opens. This year, the Bentonville Library has put together a special craft event for the kids. The Library will offer a special craft activity in the Children's Department during the City Expo. Children and caregivers are invited to drop in and create paper airplane crafts celebrating Louise M. Thaden. Three craft skill levels, from basic to advanced, will capture children's creative imagination. Hadi Dudley, Bentonville Public Library's Director said, "Children of all ages respond to stories about flight and flying. Both fun and educational, our library craft pays homage to Bentonville's pioneer aviator, Louise M. Thaden."

Of special interest at this 2011 City Expo, representatives from Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville/Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce, Bentonville Convention and Visitors Bureau, Downtown Bentonville, Inc., will provide an insider's look at everything that's happening in and around the City as preparations are finalized for the grand opening of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art on November 11, 2011.

Staff executives from Northwest Arkansas Community College will be present to talk about summer and fall enrollment and curriculum offerings. Susanne Watson, Ozark Regional Transit will attend and answer questions about public transportation availability and scheduling.

Mayor McCaslin said, "We've held several neighborhood meetings this year. The City Expo takes these small gatherings to the next level. It is designed to offer local businesses as well as citizens an opportunity to better understand what it takes to grow our City in a way that embodies the beauty of a small community while supporting sustained growth for a thriving business community. "

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