

FAIR WILL EXPLAIN AREA'S SERVICES TO IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES; REAL ESTATE FIRMS, BANKS, CITY AGENCIES WILL SHOW THEIR WARES

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Refugees and other newcomers to the United States can learn about the services and opportunities in St. Louis at a daylong fair next month.

City agencies, banks and real estate companies are among the groups that will explain what they can do for refugees and immigrants.

Sponsors of the first Better City Living Fair are the International Institute of St. Louis, the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations and the city.

"This has to do with helping new Americans live better in our neighborhoods," said Ann M. Rynearson of the International Institute. "It will offer a bird's-eye view of the city - all the stuff the rest of us take for granted, like police service or parks, trash collection or dealing with a problem property."

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 18 at Carpenters Hall, 1401 Hampton Avenue. The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement is helping to pay for the fair, Rynearson said.

The institute will provide interpreters to help people talk with local representatives.

The fair is open to anyone who has come here from another country but primarily is geared toward refugees. People are considered refugees if the U.S. government grants them residence because of conditions in their own countries. Usually, that means war.

In the past five years, the International Institute has settled about 6,000 refugees, most of them from Bosnia. The institute estimates that about 30,000 refugees and family members live in the St. Louis area.

Organizations or businesses that want to participate in the fair may call Karen Heitzman of the Association of Community Organizations at 314-533-9104.

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