



# FALL 2010 PROGRAMS

**UPDATED**

*Don't Miss These Exciting Events!*  
*See below for date, time and location changes*

**September 23 ♦ 4:30-6:00 pm**  
**Champps Maplewood**  
**(35E & Larpenteur)**

## **Expanding Partnership Possibilities with Ramsey County Nonprofits: Share Your Ideas!**

Earlier this year RCLLG had a successful meeting on collaboration trends between local governments and nonprofits. Four city and county officials along with a representative of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits met recently to explore what's happening in Ramsey County. An hour discussion produced many examples. But we know there are a lot more out there.

Please join us for an informal discussion to gather more examples and ideas to work together. We'd like to hear from other local governments in our county — **ESPECIALLY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**  
*The more people involved the better!*

We'll brainstorm and then vote on which ones to include in panel discussions for a January or February program.

**October 21 ♦ 7:00-9:00 pm**  
**North St. Paul City Hall**

## **Civil Discourse: Restoring Respect and Order to Difficult Meetings**

**A Skill Session with Karen Ray, Trainer, Consultant, Author**

Polarization, insults, raised voices....the tone of public discussion and political discourse has been rancorous for the past 10 years. The art of civil discourse is the antidote.

Civil discourse is the dialogue that admits differences yet bridges to commonalities. It leads to thoughtful decision making and away from "my way or the highway." It is not compromise. It is not angry silence. It is not dismissive. If there is no argument, there is no civil discourse.

Learn techniques for handling a variety of situations—one on one and in meetings.

**Registration Fee: \$20**

**Flyer with details and registration info coming soon!**

**RCLLG Board meets at 6:00 p.m.**

**NOTE: This program was originally scheduled for September 23.**

**Save the Date: Thursday, November 18, 2010**  
**6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

## **SPECIAL PROGRAM, RECOGNITIONS, REFRESHMENTS AND ANNUAL MEETING**

*If you have any suggested bylaw changes to be considered at this meeting, please send to Helene Johnson at [hjohnson@mngts.org](mailto:hjohnson@mngts.org) by October 1.*