Greetings!

2017 Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 30th
5:15 pm - 7:15 pm
The Olmsted
3701 Frankfort Ave
Louisville, KY 40206

Keynote Speaker: Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer

Individual Tickets: $70
For more information, contact:
michael@metropolitanhousing.org
or call 502.584.6858
Download and share our Annual Meeting flier below

MHC needs YOU!
Your membership advances safe, fair, and affordable housing for our community!

Join MHC or Renew Your Membership Today!

Each new member and every donation makes possible MHC's critical work for our community.

Become a recurring monthly donor for as little as $1 per month to provide ongoing support of MHC's work or consider gift to MHC in the name of a loved one.

Contact Michael Kolodziej at michael@metropolitanhousing.org or 502 584-6858 regarding donations & gifts.

To make an online donation, visit us on the web at www.metropolitanhousing.org or Mail your donation to: Metropolitan Housing Coalition P.O. Box 4533 Louisville, KY 40204-4533
Sponsorship opportunities available starting at $500. Click the form below for more information on being an Annual Meeting sponsor.

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Community Calendar
Fair Housing Coalition meets 2pm each 2nd TUE at New Directions, 1000 E. Liberty
Louisville Vacant Property Campaign meets 5:30pm each 3rd Tuesday at Shelby Park Community Center 600 E. Oak St.

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The Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research is Turning 10!
"You've been part of our community-building, now let's celebrate together! We hope you will join us for an open house celebrating our 10th Anniversary! On April 4, 2007, Julian Bond cut the ribbon opening our space at Ekstrom Library Room 258, and we welcome all to join us here for food, drink, and celebration of a decade of bridging the gap between campus research and community activism."

Tuesday, April 4
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Eckstrom Library, Room 258
UofL Belknap Campus
2215 S 3rd St
(Parking available in the Speed Museum garage and Floyd St garage)
Click here for a flyer

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Free Fair Housing Training Topics to be covered are:
Working with tenants who live with mental illness; understanding implicit bias & associations; issues specific to
If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Michael.

If you're willing to volunteer for the 2017 Annual Meeting, please email michael@metropolitanhousing.org

Volunteers needed for check-in, raffle ticket sales, and other tasks the day of the event.

MHC Made a Fair Housing Claim on LG&E/KU Double Meter Charge Proposal Case

Kentucky’s LGBTQ community; implications of fair housing law for housing providers.

Thursday, April 6
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Kentucky State University
Harold R. Benson Research & Demonstration Farm
1525 Mills Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601
To register, click here
Certificate of participation will be provided upon completion of training
Click here for a flyer.

TEDxUofL
UofL’s Masters of Public Administration Society and the Planning Student Organization have organized a TEDx Event. The theme is Growth. How cultural competency, creation and community help us grow our understanding of those around us and our surroundings will be explored. The purpose is to explore, explain, and expose the importance of growth through a series of short presentations by speakers from many different fields of study.

Friday, April 7
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Red Barn
2011 S Brook St
Flyer for the event
Facebook link for event.
To register click the links below:
Session 1: Growth through Cultural Competency
Session 2: Growth through Community
Session 3: Growth through Creation

Sowing the Seeds of Peace
Parkhill Community Spring Resource Fair
A great day of CommUNITY building.
There will be agencies on hand to discuss: Employment, Education, Childcare, Housing, Legal Issues,
MHC is once again serving as an intervener this time on the LG&E/KU case Double Meter Charge Proposal case and has made a Fair Housing claim. It is public record so you can click on the following link to read Cathy’s testimony on behalf of MHC. You can also view all other case filings by clicking here. Both links are now available on our website: www.metropolitanhousing.org/resources/policy-library/.

The Comprehensive Plan: Stay Vigilant and Ensure Your Voice Is Heard Throughout the Process!

The Comprehensive Plan work groups (Mobility, Community Form, Community Facilities, Livability & Environment, Housing, and Marketplace) continue to meet monthly and have made great progress as groups are beginning to work on policies. Throughout the process, the Advisory Committee continues to hold meetings approximately once a month. As a reminder, the Advisory Committee acts as a "guide" for the Comprehensive Plan and is made up of 36 individuals from "neighborhood and community organizations as well as development and business interests." (click here for a list of the committee members).

All Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and take place at 6 pm at the Department of Health & Wellness at 400 E. Gray Street. Here are the dates for the next Advisory Committee Meetings:

- March 28
- April 25
- May 23
- June 27
- July 25
- August 22
- September 26

You can also find previous meetings' agendas, presentations, and minutes by clicking here.

When the work groups are finished, it is not the end of the process. The Advisory Committee will continue to "guide" the Comprehensive Plan which will then go to the Planning Commission and then to Metro Council. If we want to ensure the Comprehensive Plan reflects a diverse community’s vision of the twenty year environment and not just the vision of a select few, we must remain vigilant by showing up to the Advisory Committee meetings and in the future, to Planning and Metro Council meetings. Accountability is paramount.

Southern Indiana Governments to Low-Income Workers "Don't Go Away Mad, Just go Away."
by Cathy Hinko (a letter to the Courier Journal)

What is this new trend in Southern Indiana? Southern Indiana...
governments are kicking out low-wage workers, the elderly and people with disabilities. In both New Albany and Charlestown, the Mayors are making it impossible for low-wage workers to remain. In both instances the government wants to tear down housing occupied by lower-income persons and in both instances the government expresses little or no support for decades-long residents being exiled. In fact, in both instances, the officials' statements basically say "don't go away mad, just go away".

New Albany is planning to tear down 635 units of public housing, capable of being rehabilitated, without guaranteeing any replacement units. In a city where 45% of the residents rent and where there is only a 4% vacancy rate in rental housing, tearing down 600 units is a de facto diaspora. As for the Charlestown neighborhood of Pleasant Ridge, the Mayor apparently considered the people living there to be an inconvenience and is working to raze a whole neighborhood (not public housing, but privately owned).

So, who do they despise? In the Louisville Metropolitan Statistical Area, 269,170 jobs do not pay a wage that would allow a person to rent a two-bedroom unit in the lower 40% of the market. That is 43% of the workforce. And in the next 20 years the number and percent of people over the age of 65 will double from the current 14%. These are the people that are inconvenient to these policy makers. Um... most of us.

This affects all of us in the region and we will all bear the fallout of these callous maneuvers. Speak out.

Redlining Louisville:
The History of Race, Class, & Real Estate

On Tuesday, February 14th, Louisville Forward released an interactive map "examining the historical impacts of redline policies and recent trends in segregation, wealth creation, property abandonment, and development." Louisville Metro government along with community partners will be holding three community dialogues. The purpose of the dialogues is to analyze how redlining still impacts current Louisville residents and how local government can alleviate these problems. The dates for the upcoming meetings are:

**Tuesday, March 28th 5:30 - 7:00 pm**
New Directions, 1000 E. Liberty St.

**Wednesday, April 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm**
YouthBuild Louisville, 800 S Preston St.

Here is a link to the flyer for the event: [Redlining Flyer](#)

And a link to the website with the interactive redlining map: [Redlining Louisville: The History of Race, Class, and Real Estate interactive map](#)

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**2017 Worksite Wellness Council of Louisville Annual Conference and Awards**
The awards are open to all local employers that have a worksite wellness program. Awards will be presented at the Annual Worksite Wellness Council of Louisville conference.

**Thursday, May 18**
3:30 pm
Gheens Foundation Lodge in Beckley Creek Park in Louisville part of the Parklands at Floyd Fork
1411 Beckley Creek Pkwy
Early Bird registration is $75. After April 30, price is $90. [Click here to register](#)

Sponsorships and vendor booths are available! Contact Wendy Hall, wendy.hall@BHSI.COM.

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**Start Fresh**
Bank on Louisville's Start Fresh is a FREE workshop for people with negative (non-fraud) banking histories, are in ChexSystems, or are banking for the 1st time. It will help you gain new info & tools to use 2nd-chance or new checking accounts. This workshop will help you think about your relationship with money and plan how you will make mainstream financial services work for you. Upon completion, you will get a certificate you can use to open a new account with Bank on Louisville's bank or credit union partners.

There are two locations for the workshops:

Louisville Urban League hosts the workshop from 5:30-7:30 pm on the following Thursdays:

May 11th
Comprehensive Plan: Meeting in a Box

By law, Louisville must have a 20 year plan for the built environment. Our current plan, Cornerstone 2020, is expiring. Cornerstone 2020 did not pay attention to good growth, only to growth. It has left us a legacy of a reduction of our tree canopy, urban heat islands, single occupancy vehicle focus, endangered waterways, housing segregation, and a lack of affordable housing for workers and people on fixed incomes.

With the expiration of Cornerstone 2020, we have a chance to set new goals that bring Louisville forward, but this will only happen with your participation. You can be a part of making sure our next 20 years of growth are healthy for everyone.

You can still join a work group (visit here). If you're unable to attend nightly meetings, your group or organization can give input into the plan in as little as 20 minutes. Approved by Metro government, MHC has a Meeting in a Box. MHC can meet with your group and facilitate the Meeting in a Box. It is a quick and easy way for your group to get engaged with the Comprehensive Plan!

For more information and to schedule call 584-6858.

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3) At the bottom of the Kroger Community Rewards page, you will see a box for "ENROLL NOW". Click on the box.

4) On the next page, you can find MHC by typing our name, "Metropolitan Housing Coalition", in the search box.

5) When Metropolitan Housing Coalition appears on the list, select us by clicking the circle next to our name. Then click "Save".

6) Confirm that MHC is selected as your Community Rewards organization by checking your account profile.

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If you DO NOT have a Kroger.com account, click the "Register" button at the top right of Kroger.com. Simply follow the instructions on the website to set up your account & then follow the above instructions.

Want to get involved but need more knowledge on the issues? MHC will come to you!

We're happy to present on the issues and our work to your group, whatever the size and wherever the location.

Contact MHC at (502) 584-6858 or michael@metropolitanhousing.org to find out how you and your organization can learn more and get active.