Greetings!


Keynote speaker in Louisville Thursday, May 31

Louisville, KY - The Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) will host their 2018 Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 31 from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at The Olmsted, 3701 Frankfort Ave., in Louisville, KY. The event is the Louisville nonprofit organization's primary annual gathering for conducting coalition business and raising funds to support the organization.

The keynote speaker for this year's event will be Richard Rothstein, the author of *Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, "...the most forceful argument ever published on how federal, state and local governments gave rise to and reinforced neighborhood segregation", William Julius Wilson. Mr. Rothstein was the former National Education Columnist for the *New York Times*, so we asked him to speak on housing policy and education.

As the unified Jefferson County Public School system is involved in a struggle between state and local control, one issue that arises is student assignment. MHC Executive Director, Cathy Hinko asserts, "MHC reports and studies show us that housing is entwined with educational outcomes for our children. We have seen schools in other jurisdictions become re-segregated after the U. S. Supreme Court *McFarland* decision because they did not continue legal student assignment plans despite their segregationist housing history. Louisville had an avowed segregationist, Harlan Bartholomew, involved with our 20th century city planning. The Redlining Project has shown us the legacy of housing segregation left by forgotten policies."

MHC will also be honoring retiring Kentucky Representative Jim Wayne, who, during his tenure, helped establish the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which has created more than 10,000 housing units for low-income families.
since 1994 and now has a steady funding source as a result of advocacy groups and Rep. Wayne's persistent support. To date the fund has invested more than $90,000,000 in housing for the poor of Kentucky. "Representative Wayne has been a voice for social justice in many areas; his work in housing has made him a rock star to MHC members", said Hinko.

The Metropolitan Housing Coalition, a nonprofit coalition made up of over 300 member organizations and individuals, has advocated for fair, safe, and affordable housing for all people in the Louisville MSA, often working closely with many grassroots organizations and direct service providers, for more than two decades.

Tickets to the event are $80 per person and may be purchased online through the donation portal at MHC's Web site (www.metropolitanhousing.org) or at the door the day of the event. In addition to Mr. Rothstein's presentation and honoring retiring Kentucky Representative Jim Wayne, there will be a sit-down dinner, cash bar, and raffle.

MHC wishes to thank our sponsors for the 2018 Annual Meeting, especially Wells Fargo as a Fair Housing Champion Sponsor and PNC as a Foundation Sponsor.

We also wish to thank the following sponsors: Keystone Sponsors include LDG Development and the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association. Groundbreaking Sponsors include BB&T, BIA of Greater Louisville, Develop Louisville Office of Housing & Community Development, Habitat for Humanity, Housing Partnership, Inc., Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA), Louisville Urban League/Rebound, Inc. Metro United Way, River City Housing, and Stites & Harbison PLLC. Advocates include AARP, Craig Henry PLC, findCRA, Jewish Family & Career Services, Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC), Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund (LAHTF), Spalding University School of Social Work, The Weber Group, and Wellspring.

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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 the Western Library 604 South Tenth Street Louisville, KY 40203

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**Spalding University School of Social Work Information Sessions**

Spalding University is holding information sessions for their BSW and MSW programs.

**Tuesday, May 29**

All sessions are 5:00-6:00 pm

Republic Academic Center
4th Floor
981 S. 3rd St.

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**Inclusive Equity (ie) Awards Gala**

Louisville Central Community Center, Inc. (LCCC)

**Tuesday, June 19 @ 6:30PM**

LCCC Headquarters
1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.
Louisville, KY 40213

Contact Debbie Grant
502-583-8821
DGrant@lcccnews.org

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**KY Habitat for Humanity EVENT**
Guest of Honor: Jim Wayne,
Kentucky Representative

Individual Tickets: $80
For more information, contact:
tony@metropolitanhousing.org
or call 502.584.6858

Download and share our Annual Meeting flier below

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"You Don't Have to Live Here": Why Housing Messages are Backfiring And 10 Things We Can Do About It

Tiffany A. Manuel, PhD
Vice President
Knowledge, Impact, & Strategy
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.

August 14
8:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.
Location- KACo (KY Association of Counties)
400 Englewood Dr.
Frankfort KY 40601

$10 PP which includes materials and a light breakfast

Please RSVP to Mary Shearer, KY HFH
502-608-7041
mary@kyhfh.org

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

5/3 Home Owner's Loan Assistance Program (HOLAP)
If you or your organization are prepared to contribute to our efforts, please contact Tonya Montgomery or Christie McCravy at 502-637-5372.

More information available HERE

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***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***
Want to volunteer for the 2018 Annual Meeting? Please email tony@metropolitanhousing.org

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

Meet Thela Elliott and Learn About the Louisville Urban League's Urban Senior Jobs Program
The **Urban Senior Jobs Program (USJP)** is authorized by the Older Americans Act though the U.S. Department of Labor. The USJP is a workforce development program that provides subsidized, service-based training for low-income, unemployed persons 55 or older. The Louisville Urban League's USJP program services Jefferson, Bullitt, Oldham, and Nelson counties.

MHC Executive Director Cathy Hinko stated, "MHC and Jewish Family and Career Services have been very lucky to have Thela Elliott working with us. Tasks we thought would take days only take her hours. In turn Thela is getting training in different office skills - from receptionist and phone system operator, to creating Excel spreadsheets. These are the skills we hope help her get a permanent job, although we would be sad to see her go."

USJP participants work an average of 20 hours a week and are paid the highest of federal, state, or local minimum wage.

USJP Services Include:
* Community Service Training and Placement
* Case Management Support
* Individual Employment Plan
* Workforce Fundamentals Workshop
* Job Placement and Retention
* Wages and Fringe Benefits
* Financial Literacy Training

For more information call the Center for Workforce Development at (502) 566-3371.

**LG&E's application to have customers pay $350 million to replace current meters**

MHC intervened in a case filed by LG&E-KU to replace all their current...
meters, regardless of age, with an Advanced Metering system that will transmit information electronically and frequently to a collector site. MHC is skeptical of the claims by LG&E that there would be savings over 20 years for a system that we must pay for in the first five years. LG&E will not guarantee the savings they claim will accrue, nor guarantee the costs will not exceed what they are currently proposing. The case is proceeding and MHC has just filed its testimony.

It made MHC wonder: If you had $350-380 million dollars to spend on our utility infrastructure, what would you want? Would your first choice be the new meters? Would it be financing for alternative energy? Would it be energy efficient rehab of all housing? Would it be protecting our ever hardening grid? Would it include trees to combat the urban heat islands? We are unempowered and subject to whatever whim LG&E has about how to spend our money (not theirs). The least we can ask for is a public meeting when such a significant amount of money is going to be charged to us.

But what we have not seen from the Public Service Commission is any schedule of a public meeting for your input on this. You can write the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort KY 40601 to ask for a public meeting on case number 2018-00005. After all YOU will be paying for this, not LG&E. Their telephone number in Frankfort is (502) 564-3940.

Have you completed the Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) for Louisville?

Click HERE to complete the survey!

Attend a Community Meeting on the HNA:
Earn money for MHC just by shopping Kroger
Have a Kroger card in your wallet or keychain?
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2) On the Community page, click on "Kroger Community Rewards". This will take you to the Community Rewards page.

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.

That's it! Now every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, you'll be earning rewards for MHC.

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 tony@metropolitanhousing.org to find out how you and your organization can learn more and get active.