

# NEWSletter

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OCTOBER 2005

## Save the date: Community Leaders Breakfast on Nov. 10!

**M**HC will have its first issue breakfast at 9am on Thursday, Nov. 10. Community and foundation leaders will be invited to hear about MHC's exciting projects, especially the work of the Nonprofit Housing Alliance. Mark the date in your calendar and call Nancy for more information. Details will be included on the invitation. 

## October Meetings

**10/13 — Fair Housing Coalition**  
1pm, Louisville Urban League, 1535 W. Broadway

**10/19 — Advocacy and Education Committee**, 3:30pm, New Directions Housing Corporation, 1000 E. Liberty

**10/25 — 2005 State of Metropolitan Housing Report Release/General Membership Meeting**, noon, Louisville Urban League

**10/26 — MHC Board Meeting**  
noon, Jewish Family and Vocational Services  
3587 Dutchmans Lane

## State of the Metropolitan Housing Release

**O**n Tuesday, Oct. 25, MHC will release its *2005 State of Metropolitan Housing Report* at a General Membership meeting at noon at the Louisville Urban League, 1535 W. Broadway.

The report focuses on the role of non-profit affordable housing developers in creating affordable housing and revitalizing neighborhoods, with government cooperation. MHC now staffs the Non-profit Housing Alliance and MHC's role in facilitating the creation of affordable housing is well underway.

The report also includes one new indicator to measure our community's ability to provide fair and affordable housing throughout our region. We have included gender in our study of segregation, as women head 35% of all households.

The analysis of where female heads of households live reveals

that these families are mostly concentrated in lower income neighborhoods. We are creating new ghettos for a rising household composition. And, sadly, children make up almost 20% of the homeless population.

The lessons of Hurricane Katrina compel our community to discuss how we treat the most fragile of our residents and the importance of lessening economic, racial and gender segregation.

**Bring a brown bag lunch to the Louisville Urban League on Tuesday, Oct. 25 and don't miss the release of our third *State of Metropolitan Housing Report*.** 

## October is Affordable Housing Month!

Calling all affordable housing advocates — October is *our* month! For a listing of events, turn to page 3 of this newsletter, or you can visit [www.metropolitanhousing.org](http://www.metropolitanhousing.org). 

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# MHC Member News

## Here's what some of our member organizations are doing!

**Habitat for Humanity's** ReStore sells donated building materials, tools, furniture, and appliances to the general public in order to create a sustainable income for our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. We're currently looking for donation pickup assistants, warehouse volunteers, customer service volunteers, and cashiers. Call 583-6599, ext. 30. 🏠

**Allstate Builders, Inc.** and developer **Housing Partnership, Inc.** are constructing three model homes and four model duplex patio homes in the brand new Fawn Lakes subdivision located off of Watson Lane in southwest Jefferson County. These homes will be affordable to individuals under area median income. Call Gabe Fritz at 636-5214 for more information. 🏠

The **Nurses Professional Organization** presents singer, songwriter Anne Feeney, Friday, October 28, 7:30pm, Chapel of St. Philip, 236 Woodbine at Floyd. Benefit for Kentuckians for Single Payer Healthcare & Physicians for a National Health Program—Kentucky. Suggested donation is \$8. For tickets, call 636-1551. 🏠

The **Center for Women and Families** and Domestic Violence Awareness Month partner organizations invite you to participate in one or many of the regional events scheduled during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. Visit [www.thecenteronline.org](http://www.thecenteronline.org) for ways to participate, including specific event information. 🏠

On Wednesday, November 30, **House of Ruth** will sponsor their ninth annual *Dining Out For Life*. Dine at one of the participating local restaurants and a generous portion of your bill will benefit HIV/AIDS services for Glade House managed by House of Ruth. Call House of Ruth at 587-5080 or visit [www.diningoutforlife.com](http://www.diningoutforlife.com) for a list of the participating restaurants. 🏠

The **Louisville Community Design Center** is pleased to announce a new name and a new look for the organization that has been helping Louisville neighborhoods for more than 30 years. The group is now known as **Center for Neighborhoods**. The new address is 610 S. Fourth, Louisville, KY 40202. Phone 589-0343, fax 589-9616, and email [info@centerforneighborhoods.org](mailto:info@centerforneighborhoods.org). 🏠

Rowan Place, **Legacy Homes'** 42-unit affordable housing senior apartment building in Portland, has reached full occupancy. Thanks go to **Neighborhood Development Corporation**, Carroll Schempp and Stephanie Vest for their fine work. To get on the waiting list, call Stephanie Vest at 562-0016. 🏠

The **Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission** is having its 10th Annual Race and Relations Conference, entitled *A Decade of Diversity*, on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at the Muhammad Ali Center from 9am–2pm. The key-

note luncheon speaker is Harvard Law professor, legal theorist, and author Charles Ogletree. Registration deadline is January 4, 2006. For more information on pricing and details, please call 574-3631. 🏠

The **Louisville Community Action Partnership** will offer the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) from November 1 — December 9. This program assists low income residents with high utility bills. Last year over 10,000 Louisville Metro residents received financial assistance and emergency services from the LIHEAP. For more information, contact Latoscia Mason at 574-1157, ext. 327. 🏠

The **Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis, Louisville Branch**, and the Enterprise Corporation have partnered to compile *The Entrepreneur's Ultimate Directory* containing a range of information on locating financing, venture capital, training and other resources for new and expanding business owners. To celebrate the launch of the directory, author Barry Moltz will speak at the Hyatt Regency on November 1 from 7:30–9:30am. For information, call Lisa Locke at 568-9292. 🏠

The **U of L School of Urban and Public Affairs**, in cooperation with MHC's **Nonprofit Housing Alliance** and the **Center for Neighborhoods**, will offer three training programs from October, 2005 through May, 2006. The 8-week courses, including topics such as *Management of Nonprofit Housing Organizations* and *How to Do Nonprofit Housing Development*, are free of charge as space permits. For registration information, call Patty Sarley at 852-7914 or you can email [plclea01@gwise.louisville.edu](mailto:plclea01@gwise.louisville.edu). 🏠



# October *Affordable* Housing Month

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Come and see *Close to Home*, a photo exhibit coordinated by the Coalition for the Homeless. It will feature the faces and stories of Louisville homeless individuals and opens at the Kentucky Center for the Arts. Photographers Ross Gordon and Bill Sheets worked with area shelters to take portraits and snapshots that communicate the struggles, joys, and dignity of homeless men, women, and children. The public is invited to an opening reception from 2–5pm at the Kentucky Center lobby. Donations will support this year-long outreach project.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Kentuckiana Interfaith Community will host the 27th Annual Hunger Walk at Waterfront Park. Call 587-6265 for more information.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

The Housing Partnership will hold its annual meeting at Glassworks starting at 5pm. Paul Poston, District Director for NeighborWorks America and Mayor Jerry Abramson will speak at the event. For further information, call 585-5451.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VIEW THE **COMPLETE**  
**CALENDAR ON MHC'S**  
**WEB SITE!**

[www.metropolitanhousing.org](http://www.metropolitanhousing.org)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Don't forget the St. John's Center Annual Fundraiser *BaseBall* which starts at 6pm! There will be great food and friends and fun. The event ends when you can't dance one more step! This is a casual event. Attire is your favorite baseball jersey or shirt with the name of your favorite team. Tickets are \$125 each; a table for 10 is \$1,250. We hope you can join us — we had a blast last year! Call 568-6758 if you have any questions.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

The Cherokee Triangle Association is sponsoring the 4th Annual Cherokee Triangle Tour of Home and English Tea from 1–5 pm. This fun event benefits the Coalition for the Homeless. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Call Maria at 589-0190 for information.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Project Women, Inc., which provides housing for single mothers experiencing homelessness and supports them as they obtain a college education, will hold its 8th Annual Luncheon and Silent Auction from 11am–1pm, at the Galt House Hotel. Debra J. Dickerson, journalist and author, will be the featured speaker. Individual tickets are \$50; sponsored tables for eight are \$400. Call 584-8090 for more information.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

**The Metropolitan Housing Coalition will release its 2005 State of Metropolitan Housing Report at noon at the Louisville Urban League, 1535 W. Broadway.**

## THURSDAY & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27-28

The Kentucky Housing Corporation will host an Affordable Housing Conference, *Spirit of Unity*, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and the Convention Center in Lexington, Kentucky. This conference will focus on various aspects of the affordable housing industry. Registration is \$100 per person. Call Helen Morrow at (502) 564-7630, ext. 349 or visit [www.kyhousing.com](http://www.kyhousing.com) for more information.



### COMMENT ON LMHA'S NEW HOUSING GUIDELINES

Louisville Metro Housing Authority has published new rules guiding Section 8 and Public Housing and released its plan for demolition of more public housing. Many areas are problematic and if you would like an analysis by MHC, call or e-mail [cathy@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:cathy@metropolitanhousing.org). The Housing Authority seems to be moving away from serving those most in need. **The comment period ends October 13.**



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Comment on LMHA's New Housing Guidelines/  
Doug Magee's Vision for NHA/Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Needs Your Help

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## ***Other news of interest to affordable housing advocates***

### **A note from Doug Magee**

The affordable housing movement in Metro Louisville got a much needed shot in the arm with the exciting development of the Non-profit Housing Alliance (NHA). In conjunction with NHA members, Cathy Hinko, the first program director, worked to define its membership, business plan and long- and short-term goals.

As you know, I am the new NHA Program Director. First, I must thank Cathy, consultants and members of NHA for their hard work building NHA during its initial stages. Second, it is my hope to continue to build and harness the energy and dedication of the NHA for increasing the development of safe, decent and affordable housing.

By participating in this partnership, individual non-profit housing developers have taken a huge step toward meeting their collective mission of producing more affordable housing units.

By working together, NHA members will become even more proficient and cost effective, while continuing to serve the community by addressing the affordable housing needs of our most vulnerable neighbors.

If you are more interested in the NHA and its work, call me at 584-6858. 📞

### **The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights needs your support**

The original and current structure of Kentucky Commission on Human Rights — with its 11 volunteer Commissioners representing each Supreme Court district and 4 at-large — is under review by a Blue Ribbon Panel appointed by Governor Fletcher. He appointed the panel after his administration suggested replacing its 11 volunteer members with three paid appointees.

Under the leadership of its new executive director, Linda Strite Murnane,

KCHR has introduced new initiatives such as *The Color of Justice* program. This national program reaches out to minority youth to interest them in pursuing careers in the legal field as lawyers and judges. KCHR will expand its MLK Day of Service programs to include all regions, and conduct town forums throughout the state. The next year should prove to be truly exciting as Ms. Murnane's leadership furthers KCHR's mission: to eradicate discrimination in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Please protect KCHR, by expressing your support to members of the Blue Ribbon Panel: Sharon Fields, Kentucky Disabilities Coalition; Rev. David Sanchez, Church of the Holy Spirit; Rev. Raynarldo Henderson, Washington St. Baptist Church; Marcia Milby Ridings, Kentucky Bar Association, Hamm, Milby & Ridings; David Alan Friedman, ALCU of Kentucky, Fernandez Friedman Grossman Kohn & Son PLLC. 📞