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NEWSletter

19th Annual Meeting is Tuesday, May 6th!

Home is the Heart of the City

A few tickets are still available for our 19th Annual Meeting! Reserve yours today before they are all gone!

MHC is proud to welcome Bill Purcell, former Mayor of Nashville and current Dean of Public Service and Urban Af-



Bill Purcell, former Mayor of Nashville and current Dean of Public Service and Urban Affairs at Tennessee State University, will be our headliner at MHC's 19th Annual Meeting on Tuesday evening, May 6.

fairs at the Tennessee State University. He served as the fifth Mayor of the metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. His work as Mayor of Nashville in housing, health care and education garnered national attention. You won't want to miss hearing Mr. Purcell's speech *Home is the Heart of the City*.

Also at our 19th Annual Meeting

MHC members will be electing new Board Members. Please attend on May 6th so you can read the nominees' bios and cast your vote!

We will also have some affordable bird-housing available for purchase!

Each birdhouse has been painted by artistic members and friends of MHC and comes with a heart-shaped grapevine wreath! Don't miss the chance to purchase an affordable birdhouse or two from this eclectic collection! For a mere \$25, you will receive a beautiful birdhouse to display indoors or out and a wreath to keep or share with someone else! These really are beautiful pieces of art! Be sure to bring cash or a check to purchase a centerpiece!

Come to the Hyatt Regency on May 6 at 5pm for an hour of good jazz and good company. This networking hour is a favorite of MHC members — you definitely want to be there! At 6pm you'll enjoy a delicious dinner and fascinating program featuring Bill Purcell. We have tickets available for \$35, \$40 and \$50. MHC wants everyone to have the opportunity to attend, so we also offer scholarship tickets.

Visit metropolitanhousing.org for more details or call Kendell at 584-6858 to reserve a ticket or sponsorship today! 🏠

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A big round of applause to MHC's 19th Annual Meeting

Keystone Sponsors — Fifth Third and PNC Bank. We are also grateful to **Groundbreaking Sponsors — BB&T, Kentucky Housing Corporation and National City.**

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New Albany CHDO proudly introduces Linden Meadows!

On Thursday, March 20, John Miller, Executive Director of New Albany Community Housing, along with New Albany Mayor Doug England, State Senator Connie Sipes and a representative from U.S. Congressman Baron Hill's (D-Ind.) office, cut the ribbon on the relocated and sold home at 800 Linden Meadows Court in New Albany. Other homes for sale were open for inspection.

The 25-house Linden Meadows project began when Floyd Memorial Hospital donated over 20 houses from an area needed for an expansion. New Albany Community Housing moved and is renovating the

homes for sale at discounted prices to first-time low- and moderate-income homebuyers. All homes are being completely rehabbed and feature basements, new HVAC, updated electric and plumbing as well as the historic charm of classic houses.

Linden Meadows is a new cul-de-sac subdivision with new roads, sidewalks, sewers, utilities, trees and even includes a small community park.

Three homes have been sold and the next four are ready for sale to qualified buyers. Community Housing is also building new houses in other parts of New Albany, with three more to be completed and sold this year.

New to Community Housing is upcoming HUD-certification as a Homeownership Counseling Agency. Deputy Director Pat Yense-Woosley coordinates free Homebuyer and Financial Education classes and one-on-one counseling sessions, available to clients and the general public. For more information on any of the programs, please call 945-1866, or visit NACommunityHousing.blogspot.com.



"Fair housing is still a goal rather than a reality"

April Fair Housing Month: Examining our past & present and exploring our future

by Cathy Hinko, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition

April was Fair Housing Month and this April was particularly poignant — a reminder that the struggles of the past must translate into lessons for the present and the future.

The unveiling of the **Kentucky Historical Marker at 4403 Virginia Avenue** was the most well attended historical marker event in Kentucky. Even in the rain, over 100 people gathered to celebrate the work of **Anne and Carl Braden** as well as all who passed through their doors in the struggle for freedom. Thanks to all who worked so diligently to make this possible.

Suzy Post was everywhere this month — writing a wonderful piece for the *Courier Journal*, on two WFPL radio shows and organizing the Braden marker event. Please thank her when you see her! Suzy was on *State of Affairs* on April 18 about the 40th anniversary year of the federal Open Housing law. Carolyn Miller-Cooper of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission and Dr. Robert Schwemm of the UK law school, and a national scholar on fair housing, were with Suzy.

The final days of the Kentucky legislature saw the passage of HB 552, a bill to reform mortgage lending practices that have plagued Louisville and

Kentucky. These practices have resulted in the largest loss of African American wealth in modern times, a topic of two events in which MHC participated:

- The Foreclosure Crisis Forum was organized by the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission. MHC served as a panelist and a sponsor of



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the April 8 event.

- MHC was also a panelist at a New Energy To Work Out Racial Kinks, or NETWORK, forum focusing on the impact of foreclosures on African American families. Additionally, MHC had a chance to raise the loss of African American wealth and other housing issues before the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at their April meeting in Whitesburg.

Fair housing is still a goal rather than a reality. While we get weary of the ways in which insidious discriminatory practices are created and then revealed, the struggle to prevent discrimination is critical to our future.



Young Non-profit Professional Network of Metro Louisville holds its inaugural event!

by Kendell Nash, MHC Development Director and YNPN of Metro Louisville Treasurer

The Louisville Metro chapter of the Young Non-profit Professionals Network (YNPN) held its Community Foundation of Southern Indiana and MHC sponsored kick-off event on April 3 at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft. Though the day was rainy and cold, over 200 people came out! There were at least 145 non-profit organizations represented! Unbelievable!

The response exceeded YNPN leadership's expectations making us all realize the overwhelming need for YNPN in Metro Louisville. Now with 10,000 members in over a dozen cities, the YNPN is a powerful, organic vehicle for retaining and strengthening the nonprofit sector's next generation of leaders-led by and directly responsive to the needs of early career nonprofit professionals of any age. From its beginnings in 1997 as a small, informal gathering of peers in San Francisco, YNPN has grown to become one of the nation's largest associations of nonprofit practitioners.

Louisville's chapter began with a meeting of the minds in October of 2007 when approximately 60 people came out to a brainstorming meeting led by Diana Church of the C.E. & S. Foundation and Alina Pabin-Prusak of the Center for Non-Profit Excellence (CNPE). After that meeting, a core group of 10-15 interested individuals met regularly to officially establish the Louisville Metro chapter of YNPN. In six short months, YNPN of Metro Louisville established a board with elected leadership, obtained a fiscal sponsor, secured event sponsors and officially launched the chapter at the incredibly successful event on April 3.

Louisville is fortunate to have such an organization poised to unite non-profit professionals so that the sector is better prepared for the mass retirement of Baby Boomers that will lead to a com-

plete change in leadership within the next 10 to 15 years.

YNPN exists to promote a healthy, viable and inclusive nonprofit sector that supports the growth, learning, and development of young professionals. We engage and support nonprofit professionals and community members in the Metro Louisville/ Kentuckiana area through professional and personal development opportunities.

In keeping with this mission, YNPN

currently has three events scheduled:

- **Peer Group Discussion — Tuesday, May 20,**

5:30-6:30pm at Jewish Family & Vocational Services, 3587 Dutchman's Lane. This opportunity will allow young professionals to have great discussion with others in their field (i.e., Executive Director, Fundraiser, Program Manager, etc.) about challenges and strengths of their respective positions with regard to establishing professional development needs so the YNPN can organize programs accordingly.

- **Fundraising in a Recession Economy — Wednesday, June 18, 8-9:30am, Quills Coffee House, 1220 E. Kentucky Street.** This forum will provide an opportunity to discuss a larger economic history, specific strategies with proven track records, and how to develop strategies in the current economy.

- **Mentoring: YNPN's Role — Thursday, July 24, 6-7pm, Gilda's Club, 633 Baxter Avenue.** This will be the first discussion in determining what you want for short and long term mentoring programs within YNPN.

If you would like to become involved in YNPN, call 315-2673 ext. 336, add YNPN of Metro Louisville as your friend on Facebook, or you can email Angie Ratliff, YNPN's Membership and Nominations Chair, at angie.ratliff@metrounitedway.org with "YNPN" in the subject line.

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Please help MHC help our community today!

Your 2008 donation will help Metropolitan Housing Coalition continue to fight for fair, safe, and affordable housing. This year we will:

-  Host keynote speaker Bill Purcell at the **19th Annual Meeting on May 6.**
-  Release the 2008 **State of Metropolitan Housing Report** that analyzes Metro Louisville's affordable housing status.
-  Continue to update and utilize the **Yes! In My Back Yard** curriculum throughout Metro Louisville.
-  **Coordinate the meeting of neighborhood advocates** to develop a plan for advocating local policymakers on regulatory barriers to community revitalization.
-  **Work with neighborhoods to learn about foreclosures** happening in their neighborhood and how they can help.

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Position available: MHC is hiring

MHC is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant (AA). The AA will work 20 hours per week to support the organization in the following ways: processing membership contributions and other income; making bank deposits; preparing accounts payable and receivable for accountant; taking minutes of Board meetings and other meetings, as needed; answering phones; responding to member requests for information; opening, processing and distributing mail; maintaining office files; preparing mailings for the organization; ordering and keeping office supplies stocked; keeping office files organized; maintaining and updating the database and website for Metropolitan Housing Coalition; and other tasks as assigned.

This position is paid a living wage (minimum of \$12 per hour) and offers fully paid health benefits. If you are interested in applying, please email your letter of interest, a resume, and three references to info@metropolitanhousing.org. 