



2012 MHC Annual Meeting "Rebuilding for Our Future"

Tuesday, June 26

Kentucky Center for African American Heritage

1701 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard

Social Hour- 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Dinner and Presentation- 6:15 p.m.

Join us for the 23rd MHC Annual Meeting! Dory Rand, President of the Woodstock Institute will be the Keynote Speaker. Her presentation, called "Preserving Communities in the Wake of the Foreclosure Crisis," will focus on the disproportionate impact of foreclosures on minority communities and how foreclosures and the vacant property crisis are entwined. She will discuss strategies for addressing foreclosures and vacant properties and their impacts on neighborhoods. She will also discuss foreclosures' impacts on people and how we can work to preserve low-income residents' access to credit and their ability to build wealth.

Mayor Greg Fischer will also be speaking at the dinner!

We'd like to thank everyone who has already purchased tickets to the 23rd MHC Annual Meeting. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, you can do so online at www.metropolitanhousing.org or use the form on page 4.

Thanks to the organizations who have sponsored the 2012 Annual Meeting!

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- The Dental Care Plus Group- 1/2- page program ad
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Tell Your Fair Housing Story

Have you faced housing discrimination in Louisville Metro? Maybe in your search for housing you found it hard to find accommodations because of the number of people in your family, or an accessible neighborhood for a disabled loved one. If your right to fair housing choice was illegally limited because of race, color, national origin, sex, familial status, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity-we want to hear your story. The University of Louisville Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research is preparing a 20-year action plan to affirmatively further fair housing in Louisville. The report is being prepared in consultation with the Metropolitan Housing Coalition and the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission and is funded by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Hearing your story will help us identify existing barriers to fair housing choice in Louisville and inform our proposals to remove them for the future. To tell your story, contact Amber Duke at the Anne Braden Institute by email at AGDUKE01@louisville.edu. If you have additional questions, please call 852-6142.

The Coalition for the Homeless & Metropolitan Housing Coalition Fundraising Night at Taco Punk

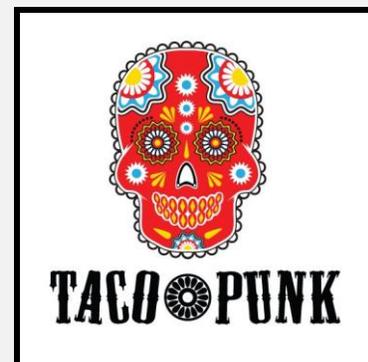
Wednesday, June 20

5:00 - 10:00 PM

736 East Market Street

Taco Punk, the new restaurant on East Market Street, is generously donating 15% of the evening's proceeds to The Coalition for the Homeless and Metropolitan Housing Coalition. The more the merrier, so come support Louisville's housing and homeless service needs by simply enjoying some delicious, locally sourced tacos.

For more information about Taco Punk and to check out their menu, go to www.tacopunk.com.



Land Development Code Review- More Opportunities to Participate

MHC will keep writing about the review of the Land Development Code (LDC), a.k.a. zoning, because this is a great opportunity to bring change to Louisville in fair and affordable housing. Those of you who were intimidated by the LDC Review Committee- take heart! There are now sub-committees of the LDC review focused on specific topics and ANYONE may participate.

Land Development Code Review Subcommittees

- Permitted Conditional Use
- Form Districts
- Infill Development Standards
- Landscaping/Tree Canopy Requirements
- Development Review Process
- Fair & Affordable Housing
- Major/Minor Subdivisions
- Transportation/Mobility/Parking
- Miscellaneous Research

If you are interested in any of these sub-committees, do not hesitate to let Michael Hill of Louisville Metro Planning and Design know and he will add you to the e-mail list. Even if you miss a meeting (and this will come to you after the first meetings were held in the first two weeks of June), you can keep up and start attending later.

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Mr. Hill also wants you to let him know if you have any ideas or concerns you would like one of these sub-committees to discuss.

This is the way to get your voice heard. We hope you participate and show the support for fair and affordable housing opportunities throughout our city.

Information about the LDC Committee and the various sub-committees, *including upcoming meeting dates and times*, can be found at: www.louisvilleky.gov/PlanningDesign/Land+Development+Code+Improvement+Committee.htm.

The next meetings of the Fair & Affordable Housing Subcommittee will be on July 10, August 15, September 5, and September 19. These meetings will be held at 3:00 p.m. at 444 South 5th Street in the 1st floor conference room.

The main LDC Improvement Committee- the group that will incorporate the work of the subcommittees- meets the third Tuesday of each month at 444 South 5th Street in the 1st floor conference room.

The LDC can be read at www.louisvilleky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/A1B34A2C-20A0-4296-9E20 DA676AEFF8BC/0/LDC2012C.pdf.

Join Local Options for Kentucky Liens (LOKL)

Go to <http://lokcoalition.org>

Local Options Kentucky Liens (LOKL) is a coalition formed to combat the growing blight of vacant and abandoned properties in both urban and rural counties by advocating for legislation that will give local governments the ability to use a best practices approach to land banking, tax-delinquent properties, and tax foreclosure. LOKL also advocates for reforms that will protect vulnerable homeowners from the high costs of tax lien sales and foreclosure.

Here's the problem:

- Many communities across Kentucky face a rapid increase in vacant and abandoned properties. Local governments don't have adequate tools to gain control of these properties and return them to productive use.
- Homeowners are vulnerable to the high fees charged by third-party tax lien speculators. Other homeowners face deteriorating home value as vacant and abandoned properties increase in their neighborhoods. We need a new system that ensures equal treatment for all tax payers.

LOKL supports the passage of state legislation that: 1) allows local governments to retain control over the future of taxable properties; 2) modernizes the tax foreclosure law to enable local governments to gain control abandoned property; and 3) updates the land bank statutes in Kentucky to allow local governments to efficiently return tax-delinquent properties to productive use.

Join LOKL's efforts to provide Kentucky's communities with the tools they need to fight the blight! Sign on as a LOKL member at <http://lokcoalition.org>.

For more information or to schedule a LOKL member to speak to your community group, contact Jane Walsh of the Network Center for Community Change at jane.walsh@gmail.com or 618-5997.

LOKL Clinics on Unpaid Property Taxes

LOKL will be hosting two more clinics that will help homeowners address their unpaid property taxes before they are offered to sale to third-party speculators on July 18. At the clinics, homeowners will be able to talk with the County Attorney about their delinquent property taxes and establishing payment plans. The clinics will also offer a variety of other resources to help homeowners. The free clinics will be held on:

- June 28 at Shively Community Center, 1902 Park Road (off Dixie Highway), 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- July 5 at Northwest Neighborhood Place, Shawnee High School, 4018 W. Market Street, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call George Eklund at 618-5892.

Schedule of Events

June 20- Fundraiser Night at Taco Punk for MHC and the Coalition for the Homeless. Taco Punk is generously donating 15% of the evening's proceeds to The Coalition for the Homeless and MHC. Support Louisville's housing and homeless service needs by simply enjoying some delicious, locally sourced tacos. Taco Punk, 736 E. Market Street, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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July 10- Fair Housing Coalition Meeting. New Directions, 1000 E. Liberty Street, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

July 10- Education & Advocacy Committee Meeting. New Directions, 1000 E. Liberty Street, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

July 17- Louisville Vacant Properties Campaign. LVPC members who attended the National Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference in New Orleans will report back on what they learned. Presbyterian Community Center, 701 S. Hancock Street, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

June 16- New Directions Louisville Metro Repair Affair. New Directions' Repair Affair mobilizes community-wide resources and volunteers to support the home repair needs of elderly and disabled homeowners of low income in Louisville and Southern Indiana. To volunteer, call 719-7130 or email volunteer@ndhc.org.

June 19- "Providing a Voice: Inequalities in School Discipline Practice In Jefferson County Public Schools." A community forum where parents and students can express their concerns about: high rates of out-of-school suspensions for minority students and students with disabilities; unfair and unnecessary referral to alternative schools, unfair discipline practices; and unnecessary reliance on juvenile court prosecution. Hosted by the Children's Law Center and Kentucky Protection & Advocacy. For more information, contact Rita Ward at 614-3131 or RWard@laslou.org. Jefferson Community & Technical College, Hartford Auditorium, Room 204, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

June 20- Center for Nonprofit Excellence Lunch and Learning: How to Create Collaborative Relationships. Join the CNPE and Polarity Human Relationships for an open discussion and an interactive exercise that will help you think about and work through conflict issues. For more information or to register, go to www.cnpe.org, call 315-2673, or email membershiplarning@cnpe.org. Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 323 W. Broadway, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

June 21- Network Center for Community Change Network Nite. Enjoy a family dinner while networking with your community and learning about events and opportunities. For more information, call 583-1426 or email jpotish@makechangetogether.org. Shawnee Boys & Girls Club, 317 N. 38th Street, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

June 21- "All About Children" Clinic. This forum features Legal Aid Society attorney Rita Ward discussing parental rights in Jefferson County Public Schools. Email ask@allaboutchildren.info for more information. Catholic Enrichment Center, 32nd & Broadway, 6:30 p.m.

June 27- Urban League Community Career Expo. For more information, contact Tina Woods at 566-3371 or ewoods@lul.org. Jeffersontown Community Center, 10617 Taylorsville Road, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

June 28 & July 5- LOKL Clinics on Unpaid Property Taxes. At the free clinics you will be able to: work with the County Attorney and arrange a plan for your property taxes; consult an attorney about past taxes that have been sold; apply for a Homestead or Disability Exemption; and learn about other services that may be available. For more information, email george.eklund@makechangetogether.org or call 618-5892. **June 28-** Shively Community Center, 1902 Park Road (off Dixie Highway), 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. **July 5-** Northwest Neighborhood Place 4018 W. Market Street, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

June 28, Neighborhood Place Snack and Learn About Social Security Disability. Attorneys with McDowell, Stromatt and Associates will provide information and answer questions about Social Security Disability. For more information, call 485-6710. 3610 Bohne Avenue, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

June 30- Center for Nonprofit Excellence Nonprofit Startup Clinic. Meet with the CNPE staff to review the important factors in making decisions you need to navigate the process successfully. They will address fundamental steps involved in forming a nonprofit organization, warn you about pitfalls to avoid, and dispel some common myths. For more information or to register, go to www.cnpe.org, call 315-2673, or email membershiplarning@cnpe.org. Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 323 W. Broadway, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

July 14- Bank On Louisville Start Fresh Class. Completion of this free course provides a Start Fresh Certificate. Present your Start Fresh Certificate to Bank On participating banks or credit unions. This will get you on your way to establishing a bank account and on a pathway of improved financial success. Please RSVP to attend by calling 458-8840 x1384. NIA Center, 2900 W. Broadway, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Start Fresh classes will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

September 11-12. Kentucky Housing Corporation Affordable Housing Conference. For more information go to <http://www.kyhousing.org/conference/kahc2012.aspx>. Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport, 830 Phillips Lane.

Until October 8- Sign Up for 2012 Project Warm Weatherization Blitz. This is a free service for senior citizens or people with disabilities on fixed incomes. Volunteers will install clear, interior window covers on Saturday, November 3rd and Saturday, November 10th, 2012. There's still time and space on the calendar to get on the list for Project Warm's 2012 Blitz. Don't delay. This program depends on volunteers so there's no guarantee that everyone will be served although every effort will be made to do so. Apply online at www.projectwarm.org. For more information, call Project Warm at 636-9276, or email info@projectwarm.org

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Topic: Preserving Communities in the Wake of the Foreclosure Crisis

Tickets- \$60

Purchase your tickets online at www.metropolitanhousing.org or
mail this form to MHC, P.O. Box 4533, Louisville, KY 40204-4533.

Scholarships and event sponsorships are still available.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

- I would like _____ individual tickets - \$60 each
- I would like _____ tables of eight - \$500 each
- I would like to donate _____ tickets for low-income attendees - \$60 each
- I cannot attend, but wish to make a contribution of \$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____ **Number of Vegan Meals Required** _____

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