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Comprehensive Plan Update

Comprehensive Plan work groups are meeting again. There will be at least one more meeting for each group to review the policy lists. Then there will be a close out meeting where all goals, objectives, and policies for all six groups will be presented – similar to the kick off meeting in last November. Work groups should receive a list of policies one week before their scheduled meeting. Here are the upcoming dates and meeting locations for all six workgroups:

- **Livability** (Main Library Classroom #1 - 301 York St.)
Tuesday, August 15th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- **Community Facilities** (Neighborhood House 201 N 25th St.)
Friday, August 18th, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- **Community Form** (South Central Regional Library, 7300 Jefferson Blvd)
Tuesday, August 22nd, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Housing** (Edison Center - 701 W Ormsby Ave)
Thursday, August 24th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Mobility** (Urban League - 1535 W Broadway)
Tuesday, August 29th, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- **Marketplace** (Edison Center - 701 W Ormsby Ave)
Thursday, August 31st
- **Work Group Close Out** (Memorial Auditorium 2nd Floor Ballroom - 970 4th St) - Saturday, September 16, 9:00 am - 11:00 am



2017 Give for Good Louisville

Give for Good Louisville (formerly Give Local Louisville) is less than a month away! The biggest day of local giving takes place from 12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, September 14th.

Last year was a success as we had our most amount of unique donors ever. MHC's goal this year is to raise more \$4,500, and to also have at least 50 unique donors. However, it's good to have different sized goals so the ultimate goal is to raise +\$7,500 and have 75 unique donors! Organizations are rewarded extra money through shared prize pools (3 pools each worth \$60,000) by reaching unique donor milestones of 25, 50, and 75. Last year we were just short of 50 so by reaching those two milestones of 50 and 75, we'd be even closer to the larger goal!

Please consider giving to us on September 14th. You can help even further by becoming a Peer-To-Peer Fundraiser! If you already plan on giving to MHC this year, sign up to become a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser and help us cultivate more donors. You can sign up by contacting Michael at michael@metropolitanhousing.org or 502.584.6858. The advantage of this approach is each peer-to-peer fundraiser gets a unique page representing MHC where you share your own story on why you support MHC and can set your own fundraising goal. Then you receive a weblink that you can share via email or social media to individuals from your own selected list of contacts. This is a new feature to Give for Good Louisville and could make a large impact! Help MHC achieve our ultimate fundraising goal and become a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser!

In the mean time, keep a look out in your emails, e-blasts, and on social media for updates on Give for Good Louisville and spread the word to your friends and family. Our unique Give for Good Louisville webpage is below. There are a lot of great organizations that you can support during the biggest day of local giving. Let's make this year even more successful than the last!

<https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organizations/metropolitan-housing-coalition-58c45041-3cc3-42f0-a274-cdfd93d4bd20>

Download all of our State of Metropolitan Housing Reports and other reports for FREE at our Website:
www.metropolitanhousing.org/resources/mhc-reports

Get the Lead Out

With the help of great volunteers, MHC handed out lead dust test kits at the JCPS Clothing Assistance event. Since the kickoff of our Get the Lead Out campaign, we've handed out over 2,000 free kits! Thank you to all of our volunteers, JCPS, Mayor's Healthy Hometown Grant, Louisville Metro Department of Health and Wellness, Lead Safe Over Louisville, and Louisville Metro Department of Housing!



NEW LANDLORD/TENANT LAW

**Are you a housing provider?
Do you own rental properties?**

**If so, you should know about the new legal
protections for survivors of domestic violence and
sexual assault AND the landlords who rent to them.**

The Lexington Fair Housing Council and the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence are offering 3 free webinars about the new state law and existing federal protections.



To register & receive updates
about this training, visit:
<https://kcadv.clickmeeting.com>



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Another Great Annual Meeting!

Mayor Fischer delivered a rousing speech committing to a future with fair and affordable housing to a packed audience of supporters from all parts and professions of Louisville. MHC asked Mayor Fischer to speak because of all that his administration has done for both fair housing and affordable housing; including it in the Comprehensive Plan, implementing the Redlining Project, completing the Fair Housing Assessment to be used by Louisville Metro Government, and funding both the Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Louisville CARES.

Mayor Fischer informally met with the Teen Leadership Council students who had helped produce the first of several Public Service Announcements on fair housing through an MHC program funded by a HUD grant that was secured by the late Carolyn Miller-Cooper. We all paused to honor Carolyn, who is sorely missed.

The Comprehensive Plan

We are in the final phases of the Comprehensive Plan- although it will still be a year before this is completed, so plenty of time to get involved. The Comprehensive Plan is the 20 year Action Plan for all aspects of our built environment, from transportation and community facilities to trees and clean air, water, and soil. MHC has been focused on fair and affordable housing, but there may be some aspect of our future that you may want to protect or improve.

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<http://www.metropolitanhousing.org/resources/newsletters/newsletter-archive/>

Annual Meeting (Cont..)

Fair Housing Assessment

The Fair Housing Assessment is an instrument to keep Louisville Metro Government cognizant of how major decisions can affect the availability of fair housing opportunities. This instrument is part of the 20-year Action Steps for Fair Housing of Louisville Metro Government. Imagine this being used by thousands of people over several years- to a point where people automatically think about the impact of a decision on fair housing.

This is the kind of action that brings long-term permanent change. It is a wonderful response to the legacy of segregation that we can still evident from redlining in the 1930's through the 1980's. How can you help? Support the use of the Fair Housing Assessment, Congratulate Metro government, including Mayor Fischer, Ask about the results of the FHA when discussing development in Louisville.



Mayor Fischer says yes in my backyard

Thank you once again to Mayor Fischer, representatives of Louisville Metro Government, all of our sponsors and coalition members, attendees, volunteers, and to the Olmsted and Mastersons catering staff for making this another great Annual Meeting!

To read Mayor Fisher's full speech in our last electronic newsletter, Visit the link below and download the 05 - May/June 2017 PDF.
<http://www.metropolitanhousing.org/resources/newsletters/>

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Honoring David Armstrong



David Armstrong, former Mayor, Kentucky Attorney General, chair of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), and MHC board member passed away in June. Dave was the person who recommended that I be the Executive Director of the Jefferson County Housing Authority because our staff thought to have the appointments at the home location of people who were being relocated from a complex that was deteriorated. He also took the risk of letting us begin the Section 8 for home ownership program even before HUD created rules. Then County Judge Armstrong had that commitment to people.

It was Chair Armstrong who institutionalized local outreach meetings of the PSC for significant changes to LG&E rate cases. MHC and others worked to ensure that local voices came and presented when these opportunities arose.

MHC was thrilled when Dave agreed to serve on the MHC board, and he only left because his new job at the PSC presented a conflict when MHC started to Intervene in cases before the PSC. His legacy, just in in our one area of advocacy, was tremendous.

And a big thank you to our volunteers and in-kind sponsors:

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Community Calendar

Louisville Fair Housing Coalition

Meets each 2nd Tuesday at 2pm at New Directions 1000 E. Liberty

Louisville Vacant Property Campaign

Meets each 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm, now at **a new location**: the Western Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library at 10th and Chestnut (604 S 10th St).

Free Tax Preparation

Free tax preparation May 15 - October 13, 2017. By appointment only: Call LABC (502) 814-2715

Appointments are for times between 10 am and 4 pm at first two locations.

Tuesdays:

Louisville Asset Building Coalition
1126 Berry Blvd

Wednesdays:

Louisville Urban League
1535 W Broadway

Thursdays:

(Every other week 10 am - 2 pm):
Sun Valley Community Center
6505 Bethany LN
United Crescent Hill Ministries
150 State St.

Thursday Evenings (5 pm - 8pm)
Americana Community Center 4801 Southside Dr

*For taxpayers with Household Income of \$65,000 or less.
Visit <https://labcservices.org> for more information and on what to bring.*

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. 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 2 locations for the workshops
Louisville Urban League hosts the last workshop from 5:30-7:30 pm on:
Thursday, November 9th

NIA Center hosts the workshop from 10am-12pm on the following dates:
Tuesday, September 12th;
Tuesday, October 10th;
Tuesday, December 12th

To register for any of these workshops or get more info, call Bank on Louisville at 574.5156.

4th Annual Smoketown GetDown for Democracy

Jefferson County Chapter of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth presents the 4th Annual Smoketown GetDown for Democracy! Smoketown GetDown is a FREE block party powered by the people and open to the public with live entertainment and local food & beer.

Featuring voter registration, Smoketown organizations, family-friendly activities, food trucks, and a West Sixth Brewing beer garden. Smoketown GetDown is co-hosted by the Jefferson County Chapter of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth and Kertis Creative.

GetDown Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/337425413379876/>

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