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## Greetings!

### **Mark your calendars! SMHR to be released Tuesday, December 12th by Michael Kolodziej**

**What:** Official release of 2017 SMHR

**When:** Tuesday, December 12th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Metro United Way, 334. E. Broadway

MHC has been hard at work with University of Louisville's Center for Environmental Policy and Management (CEPM) and the school of Urban and Public Affairs working on the 2017 State of Metropolitan Housing Report. This year the report will focus on Affordable Rental Housing in the Louisville region and will look at the benefits, barriers, policies and programs affecting affordable housing. Click the image below for a flyer. No RSVP is required. If you have any questions or would like to sponsor the release and/or report please contact Michael

[michael@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:michael@metropolitanhousing.org) or 502.584.6858

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Your membership advances safe, fair, and affordable housing for our community!

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Contact Michael Kolodziej at [michael@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:michael@metropolitanhousing.org)

or

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or

Mail your donation to:  
Metropolitan Housing Coalition  
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Please join us for the release of the  
**2017 State of Metropolitan Housing Report**

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Metro United Way  
334 E. Broadway Louisville, KY 40202

This year's focus is on the Current State of Affordable Rental Housing in the Louisville MSA. The report will analyze benefits, barriers, policies and programs affecting affordable rental housing.

For more information, call MHC at 584-6858 or email  
[michael@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:michael@metropolitanhousing.org).

You can download all of MHC's previous reports at  
<http://www.metropolitanhousing.org/resources/mhc-reports/>

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POLICY & MANAGEMENT



**MHC has its own YouTube Channel!**  
**by Michael Kolodziej**

MHC has created a YouTube channel to share our Public Service Announcement videos done with teen volunteers (as discussed in previous newsletters). To look at all of the videos visit:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UC2x0Oey9pUuqYGiyQyppRlw/videos](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2x0Oey9pUuqYGiyQyppRlw/videos)

Click the video below to watch one of the PSA's!

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**Community**  
**Calendar**

**Fair Housing Coalition**  
**meets 2pm**  
**each 2nd TUE at New**  
**Directions,**  
**1000 E. Liberty**

**Louisville Vacant Property**  
**Campaign**  
**Has a new location! LVPC**  
**meets 5:30pm**  
**each 3rd Tuesday, currently at**  
**the Western Branch of**  
**Louisville Free Public Library**  
**at 10th and Chesnut (604 S.**  
**Chesnut St.)**

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**11th Annual Anne Braden**  
**Memorial Lecture:**  
**"The Evidence of Things Done:**  
**Learning Lessons of Struggle**  
**in the 21st century"**

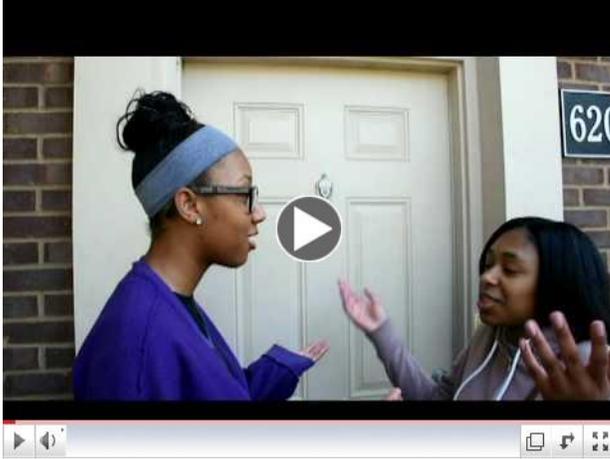
*Lecturer Dr. Rhonda Williams a historian and the Inaugural Director of the Social Justice Institute at Case Western Reserve, is currently John L.*

*Seigenthaler Chair in American History at Vanderbilt University. She's the author of "Concrete Demands: The Search for Black Power in the 20th Century" and "The Politics of Public Housing: Black Women's Struggles*

*Against Urban Inequality". Her research focuses on low-income black women's and marginalized people's experiences, everyday lives, politics, and social struggles; and that research contributes to the rethinking of gender, political identity, citizenship, civil rights, black liberation struggles, and interactions with the U.S. state.*

**Wednesday, Nov 8**  
**5:30 pm**  
**duPont Manual High School**  
**Auditorium**

*This event is free & open to the public.*



MHC PSA - Racial Discrimination Scenario

## Free fair housing training!

**FREE 90 minute Fair Housing Training for members of HOA and Condo Association**

*Training led by Lexington Fair Housing Council, a U.S. Department of Housing & Development certified fair housing expert.*

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m. –7:00 p.m.

Jewish Family & Career Services

2821 Klempner Way Louisville, KY 40205

(located near Bowmans Field on corner of Cannons Ln and Dutchmans Ln)

Are you a member of the Condominium Association or Home Owners Association? Chances are you are a volunteer.

Come to this **free** training to learn about issues that affect your association's by-laws and practices. Make sure that you do not inadvertently violate any fair housing laws.

Questions? Please contact MHC at 502.584.6858 or [michael@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:michael@metropolitanhousing.org). Training is open to everyone not just members of HOA and Condo Association



## 5th Annual ABI Research Meets Activism Breakfast

A companion event to the ABI annual lecture, this year's Research Meets Activism Breakfast centers around the theme Women's Housing Activism, based on Rhonda Williams's book *The Politics of Public Housing*. Cassia Herron will moderate a discussion with panelists Lauren Heberle (UofL Center for Environmental Policy and Management), Martina Kunnecke (Neighborhood Planning and Preservation Kentuckiana), and one more panelist TBA, as they discuss research and activism around this topic. Rhonda Williams will offer brief comments followed by a Q&A session.

**Thursday, Nov 9**

**9:00 am**

**Manhattan on Broadway  
716 E. Broadway**

*The breakfast is free & open to the public but preregistration is required [here](#).*

## Legal Aid is offering free legal clinics

**Expungement Self-Help Clinic**  
*Clients are given advice and help with filing the forms necessary to expunge criminal convictions. Attorneys will be on hand to review completed expungement forms*

**Tuesday, Oct 24 at 9:30 am**

**Tuesday, Nov 21 at 9:30 am**

**Tuesday, Dec 19 at 9:30 am**

**Legal Aid Office**

**416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd**  
*Reservations are required. Call 502.584.1254*

**\$40 fee to obtain official Kentucky State Police Record**

## Foreclosure Clinic

*Attorneys will be on hand to provide advice on loan modifications and alternatives to foreclosure*

**Tuesday, Oct 24 at 12 pm**

**Tuesday, Oct 31 at 12 pm**

**Tuesday, Nov 7 at 12 pm**

## HPI - Property Tax Assistance Loan Program

## from our partners at HPI

### Homeowners we can help you with your property taxes!

The Housing Partnership, Inc., a local non-profit organization has recently acquired special funding to assist homeowners in Louisville, Kentucky pay their property tax bill.

The program is called The Property Tax Assistance Loan Program is in its pilot stage and will start accepting applications on November 1, 2017. The assistance will come in the form of a short term low fixed interest loan to the homeowner(s) who don't have an escrow account.

Many homeowners are not able to pay the lump sum property tax annually. In Jefferson County most property tax bills are \$1,000 or less, annually. HPI hopes to assist at least fifty households this year. So, what are some of the program guidelines, you may ask?

- The Home Owner must demonstrate need for assistance.
- Past due taxes must not exceed \$2,500 for the property.
- Property must be owner occupied. (No investment properties)
- Total Liens on property can't exceed \$200,000
- Maximum of (2) two liens per an owner occupied property.
- Provide completed application and all required supporting documents
- Homeowner's liquid assets (savings and/or checking account) can't exceed \$5,000.
- Participant must agree one session with an HPI Housing Counselor

\*Funds are subject to approval, and are limited.

\* Small one time origination fee, plus 6% rate per loan.

\* Loan is subject to underwriting rules and restrictions.

For more information, contact the Housing Partnership, Inc. at 502.585.5451.

## Vacant & Public Property Administration announces new sales programs

The Louisville Metro Vacant & Public Property Administration (VPPA) has announced three new programs designed to more rapidly move vacant properties back into productive use.

The three new programs are:

### Last Look

- This new program is for buyers to purchase a structure that is a

Tuesday, Nov 14 at 12 pm  
Tuesday, Nov 28 at 12 pm  
Tuesday, Dec 5 at 12 pm  
Tuesday, Dec 12 at 12 pm  
Legal Aid Office  
416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd  
Reservations are not required  
United Crescent Hill Ministries  
150 State St.

### Project H.E.L.P. Clinic

*Attorneys will be on hand to provide free legal advice and assistance to homeless or housing insecure clients*

### Held at 3 locations:

**Coalition for the Homeless /  
Common Assessment Office**  
1300 S. 4th St.

Wednesday, Oct 25 at 10 am  
Wednesday, Nov 8 at 10 am  
Wednesday, Nov 22 at 10 am  
Wednesday, Dec 13 at 10 am

**St. John Center**  
700 E. Muhammad Ali Blvd  
Tuesday, Oct 31 at 9 am  
Tuesday, Nov 14 at 9 am  
Tuesday, Nov 28 at 9 am  
Tuesday, Dec 12 at 9 am

**Cathedral of the Assumption**  
433 S. 5th St.

Tuesday, Oct 31 at 12 pm  
Tuesday, Nov 14 at 12 pm  
Tuesday, Nov 28 at 12 pm  
Tuesday, Dec 12 at 12

*Reservations are not Required*  
There is a special Project H.E.L.P. session for youth ages 16-22 on Friday, Oct 27 at 10:30 am at YMCA Safe Place Youth Development Center 2400 Crittenden Drive

**Tenants' Rights Clinic: What You Should Know about Your Landlord's Obligations and Your Rights**

*Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about the eviction process, landlord obligations, and tenants' rights*

Wednesday, Oct 25 at 12 pm  
Wednesday, Nov 1 at 12 pm

candidate for demolition. Buyers will have 60 days to show interest in purchasing the property and save it from demolition.

- **Save the Structure:** In the first 30 days of this 60 day window, the buyer can purchase the property if they can prove they have funds to pay for exterior renovation and structural repairs (**see *property list for minimum proof of funds required***). The property will be deed restricted with renovation deadlines of 6 months for exterior and 18 months for interior. This will be available during all 60 days that is structure is a part of the Last Look program.
- **Demo for deed:** In the second 30 days of the 60 day window, if the buyer shows proof they can pay for demolition, they can purchase the property then demolish the property and do not have to show VPPA a plan for the site. Future plans will still need approval by the Offices of Planning & Design and Construction Review.

[Click here for a list of available properties](#)

### Cut It Keep It

- For property owners on the same block as the Landbank Authority-owned vacant lot
- Cost: \$500
- Lot size: up to 5,000 square feet
- Buyer must maintain the lot and pay property taxes on it for three years before selling the lot. If buyer develops the lot prior to three years, then restriction to sell is released.

[Click here for a list of vacant lots](#)

### Flex Rate Policy for Garden/New Construction Projects

- For buyers who want to purchase a Landbank Authority-owned lot and have detailed plan to develop that lot.
- If a buyer DOES NOT have proof of funds and the lot is LESS THAN 5,000 square feet, they may purchase the lot at \$0.80 cents per square foot or assessed land value according to the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator (whichever is greater).
- If a buyer DOES NOT have proof of funds and the lot is MORE THAN 5,000 square feet, they may purchase the lot for appraised value or assessed land value according to the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator (whichever is greater).
- Buyer must provide detailed plans and an itemized budget for the project.

You can also visit the VPPA website for more information at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/vacant-public-property->

**Wed, Nov 8 at 12 pm**  
**Wed, Nov 15 at 12 pm**  
**Wed, Nov 29 at 12 pm**  
**Wed, Dec 6 at 12 pm**  
**Wed, Dec 13 at 12 pm**  
**Legal Aid Society**  
**416 W Muhammad Ali Blvd**

### **Small Claims Clinic**

*Clients are provided with information about Small Claims Court and the forms necessary to file a claim. There will be an opportunity to meet with an attorney after the clinic to discuss individual cases.*

**Wednesday, Nov 15 at 1 pm**  
**Legal Aid Office**  
*Reservations are not required*

### **Debt Collection Defense Clinic**

*The presenter will talk about what one can do if he or she is contacted or sued by a debt collector. The presentation will also cover the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.*

**Wednesday, Nov 15 at 3 pm**  
**Wednesday, Dec 13 at 3pm**  
**Legal Aid Office**

*Reservations are not required*  
*What to Bring: The Summons and Complain filed with the court, other documents relevant to the debt, some note paper, and a pen or pencil.*

*For taxpayers with Household Income of \$65,000 or less*

*Visit <https://www.labcservices.org/> for more information and on what info to bring*

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**Phoenix Hill NuLu Farmers' Market: Double \$\$ for SNAP/EBT and Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program checks.**

Thanks to funding from Community Farm Alliance and Hunt Properties, each Market day, you can DOUBLE your money-up to \$20 for SNAP and \$12 for Senior checks (as

[administration](#) or call their office at 502-574-4200.

## **Brandeis School of Law: Buchanan vs Warley Centennial Symposium**

On November 5, 1917, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Louisville's race based zoning ordinance in a landmark case, *Buchanan v. Warley*

University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law will mark the centennial of this decision with a national symposium on Racial Justice in Zoning: 100 years after *Buchanan*.

It will feature presentations from eight nationally renowned scholars, four from the University of Louisville and four from other universities, as well as a presentation on redlining in Louisville. .

Sponsored by the Brandeis School of Law, with support from the Caudill-Little Speakers Fund, and co-sponsored by the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research at the University of Louisville.

The symposium begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m., and will be held in Room 275 at the Brandeis School of Law, 2301 S. Third St. The symposium is free and open to the public, and includes a free light continental breakfast at approximately 8:30 a.m., and a free lunch at approximately 1:00 p.m., both on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is no need to confirm your attendance; just come and enjoy. If you have questions or need accommodation for a disability, please contact Tracie Cole at [tracie.cole@louisville.edu](mailto:tracie.cole@louisville.edu).

**Parking:** All attendees will be responsible for finding and paying for their own parking. Visitor parking passes are available for purchase through the UofL Parking website (you will be required to set up an account). The Speed Museum (not the University) operates a parking garage next to the Speed Museum on Third Street, which charges by the hour.

Sponsored by the Brandeis School of Law, with support from the Caudill-Little Speakers Fund, and co-sponsored by the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research at the University of Louisville.

For an agenda and information on the speakers, please click [here](#).

long our grant money is available).  
Come to Market Manager tent.

**Every Tuesday through the  
end of October from:  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
1007 E. Jefferson St.  
(corner of Jefferson & Baxter)**

For more info on the Phoenix Hill Nulu  
Farmer's Market visit [here](#)

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### **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. This workshop will help you think about your relationship with money and plan how you will make mainstream financial services work for you. 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 two locations for the workshops:*

**Louisville Urban League hosts  
the workshop from 5:30-7:30  
pm on the following  
Thursdays:**

**November 9th**

**NIA Center hosts the  
workshop from 10am-12pm on  
the following Tuesdays:**

**December 12th**

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



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2017 Neighborhood Summit**

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**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 [michael@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:michael@metropolitanhousing.org) to find out how you and your organization can learn more and get active.



**Community Showcase**



Center For Neighborhoods

**2017 Neighborhood Summit**

Community Showcase

Emceed by Louisville Metro District 4 Councilwoman Barbara Sexton Smith, the 2017 Neighborhood Summit will include a variety of educational mobile workshops in the Portland and Russell neighborhoods, a vendor and information fair, and inspiring general session keynote speakers - all with the purpose to teach new skills, develop new connections, and to energize the work of building a stronger community one neighborhood leader and one community effort at a time.

The 2017 Summit Awards Luncheon, which will also take place at the Summit, provides an opportunity to celebrate the great work happening at neighborhood level across the region.

**Saturday, October 28**  
**8:30 am - 2:45 pm**  
**Kentucky Center for African American Heritage**  
**1701 W Muhammad Ali Blvd**

Early registration tickets on sale now for only \$15. Visit [here](#).

For more information about the Summit visit [here](#).



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