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Greetings!

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MHC needs YOU!

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

Join MHC or Renew Your Membership Today!

Each new member and every donation makes possible MHC's critical work for our community.

Become a recurring monthly donor for as little as \$1 per month to provide ongoing support of MHC's work or consider gift to MHC in the name of a loved one.

Contact Tony Curtis at
tony@metropolitanhousing.org

or

502 584-6858 regarding donations & gifts.

To make an online donation, visit us on the web at
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or

Mail your donation to:
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A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Suzy Post

Sunday, March 10th
2:30 - 4PM
Muhammad Ali Center
144 North 6th Street
Louisville, KY 40202

A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Suzy Post !

Sunday, March 10, 2019



Please join family and friends as we share memories and celebrate the life of Suzy Post. All are welcome. Note that Daylight Savings Time will change on the morning of March 10th, the date of this celebration.

Click [HERE](#) to view the ACLU of Kentucky Facebook Event.

501 (c)(3) organization. Your contribution is tax deductible within IRS regulations.

Community Calendar

**Fair Housing Coalition
meets at 2:00 P.M.
on the 2nd Tuesday of each
month at New Directions,
1000 E. Liberty**

**Louisville Vacant Property
Campaign
meets at 5:30 P.M.
on the 3rd Tuesday of each
month at the
Western Library
604 South Tenth Street
(February Location TBD)**

**Social Justice Movements:
Past & Present Short Course
Main Library
301 York Street
Thursday, January 17 -
February 21
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

1/31 "Using History to Build a
Movement" by Dr. Lara Kelland,
UofL's Departments of History
and Comparative Humanities

2/7 "School-to-Prison Pipeline &
Mass Incarceration" by Cherie
Dawson Edwards, UofL's
Department of Criminal Justice

2/14 "Global Solidarity" by Dr.
Karen Tice, UK's Department of
Gender & Women's Studies

2/21 "Transgender Health &
Social Justice" by Dr. Ryan
Combs, UofL's School of Public
Health & Information Sciences

Former MHC Staff Member Angela Hagan Remembers Suzy Post

"I was at MHC for about 18 months, 1999-2000. Suzy hired me as the first Research Director of MHC, and we produced an initial report on housing segregation, one on affordability, and one on affordable housing development barriers that helped pave the way (and funding and broader support) for the very polished *State of Metro Housing Reports* that MHC is known for. I considered Suzy a friend and close mentor for nearly 20 years, almost like a great aunt. I would not be who I am without her incredible influence. She connected me, an Illinois native who came to Louisville for graduate school, to a robust, thriving progressive community, and I owe many friends and professional network to her.

I drive past her house every day after dropping my daughter at Field Elementary and it is so hard. I treasured the many hours spent there in her "powerful women" get togethers. My daughters (13 this week and 11 next month) had visited her a couple of times as well and were

disheartened to hear the sad news of her death."

Angela Hagan, MPA, PhD
Associate Director, Population Insights
Humana

From the UofL Archives: An Interview with Suzy Post

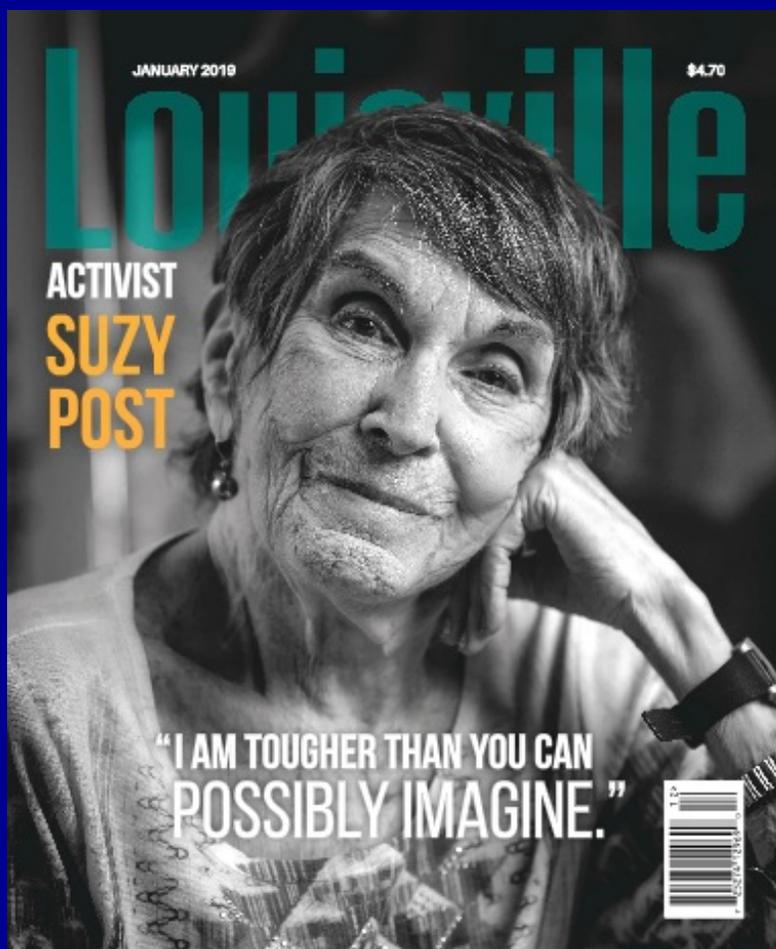


Suzy Post, MHC's first executive director, poses for a photo with current MHC Executive Director Cathy Hinko in 2016 at Suzy's home. (Photo by Rob Gorstein)

The [UofL Archives & Special Collections's Oral History Center](#) digitized (w/ transcript) an interview with Suzy Post, MHC's first executive director. The interview was conducted by UofL History Professor Tracy K'Meyer in April 2000.

Click [HERE](#) to listen to the interview!

Suzy Post: The Last Interview
Louisville Magazine
by Mary Chellis Nelson



Louisville Magazine's Mary Chellis Nelson interviewed Suzy Post in mid-November 2018 for a cover story for the publication. The interview was published as the cover story in January 2019. Suzy Post passed away on January 2nd at her home in Louisville.

Click [HERE](#) to read the interview!

Did you know that 2019 is the 30th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC)?

**STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING
EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Act Now To Have Your Voice Heard In the Pending LG&E Rate Case!

Kentucky Resources Council

www.kyrc.org

Louisville Gas and Electric (LG&E) has filed a rate case before the Kentucky Public Service Commission, requesting approval of usage increases of 8.1% (\$4.93 per month) for the average gas customer and 7.5% (\$4.23 per month) for the average electric customer. Additionally, LG&E has asked for approval to increase the fixed meter charges for electric service by an average of \$3.87 per month and gas meter charges by \$3.42 per month [1]. The meter charge increase means you pay more to be a customer regardless of how much electricity or gas you use, making it harder for customers to control their monthly bills by conservation measures.

For the first time, the Public Service Commission denied low-income and affordable housing advocates (the Association of Community Ministries and the Metropolitan Housing Coalition) request to participate in the rate case as intervenors. ACM and MHC sued the Commission and won an injunction ordering the Commission to allow them to participate, but the Commission has now asked the Kentucky Court of Appeals to reverse that decision and to affirm the Commission's decision to deny intervention. In the same case, the Commission has allowed Walmart, Kroger, and big industrial interests to intervene.

As of January 19, 2019, the Commission has not scheduled a public meeting to hear public comment on the proposed rate increases.

What can you do to assure the concerns of low- and fixed-income customers of LG&E are heard? It's simple.

E-mail the Commission at psc.info@ky.gov, and tell them that you are an LG&E customer and are concerned with the proposed rate increase in **Case No. 2018-00295**.

Ask the Commission to schedule a public meeting in Louisville during February to hear the concerns of those directly affected by the proposed rate increases.

[1] The precise monthly electric and gas meter charges will differ depending on the days in a month, since LG&E proposes to increase the meter charge by 0.53 per day, while the current charge is monthly.

THANK YOU!

to Tom Fitzgerald and the Kentucky Resources Council for representing MHC and the interest of low-income Louisvillians in cases before the PSC.

What is Happening with the Sherman Minton Bridge Project?

Reminding you that the bridge will undergo much-needed rehabilitation work. MHC has been working on three issues:

1. Getting the Indiana and Kentucky Departments of Transportation on record that the Sherman Minton Bridge will remain untolled. We have received public statements committing to that.

2. The Bridges Project said there would not be much

increase in the use of the untolled Sherman Minton Bridge, therefore, no environmental impact. But the number of vehicles has increased substantially to 90,000 each day. MHC is advocating for a study to see the environmental impact so that mitigation can be included if there is poisoning occurring. That is NOT part of the plan, so we are asking all to advocate for this.

3. We need public input as to how to do the work, but make the closure of lanes and/or the bridge as painless as possible. Make people aware of the impact and the importance of finding ways to keep people whole in areas already experiencing segregation and food deserts. Offer solutions to minimize the pain of lane closures or a full bridge closure. MHC proposed that any vehicle registered in the several contiguous counties be excused from paying a toll while the work on the Sherman Minton is done.

What you can do:

MHC is on the (legally required) Environmental Justice Committee. If you are interested in joining (or in expressing your concern) here are the people to contact:

Mindy Peterson
mindy@c2stratigic.com
502 595-8704

Thomas Benford
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502-992-3190



CAN YOU AFFORD TO RENT THIS UNIT?



With grant funding from the [Louisville Bar Foundation](#) and the [Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund \(LAHTF\)](#), the Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) is partnering with the [Louisville Urban League](#), [Legal Aid Society Louisville](#), and the [Lexington Fair Housing Council](#) to create [Renter Center](#), a rental readiness program designed to educate renters about their rights and responsibilities and how to have a successful tenure as a renter.

Have a Heart for Housing Day at the Capitol

2020 Housing Vision Coalition

In partnership with HHCK, New Directions, FAHE members, Crossroads Missions, KY Affordable Housing Coalition and many others, I want to invite you and your members to the Have a Heart for Housing Day at the Capitol. I would also like to get something in your newsletter if possible.

That day will actually be a day to begin preparation for the 2020 Legislative Session. Affordable housing is not exactly in the same place as we were in 2006-07 as we struggled for a dedicated revenue source, but we need

more funding for housing.

This of course, is a multi year initiative, but we are beginning this session by getting on board with the KY Affordable Housing Coalition and doing what we can to pass a state tax credit.

We will also be taking the 'temperature' if you will, about what might be feasible for the future. Is it an appropriation in the state budget for housing, is it re-examining the state AHTF??? This has yet to be determined. We have a great group and I hope that some if not all of your members will want to get involved. We would welcome them at the Capitol on Feb. 14th.

Here is the general layout of the day-

830- breakfast for all attendees and elected officials
930-11- Legislative visits and a house frame up on the front lawn of the Capitol
11-12 p.m.- Housing rally in the Rotunda
12-1 p.m.- lunch in the cafeteria
1p.m.- on additional legislative visits

I hope you can join us. We will have stickers to wear, candy to give away and lots of info and excitement. Families who have been served through a simple, decent and affordable place in which to live will also be giving their testimonies.

For more information contact:

Mary Shearer

Executive Director, Kentucky Habitat for Humanity

Mary@kyhfh.org

Save the Date

The Kentucky Black Legislative Caucus

2019 Black History Celebration

Tuesday, February 19, at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort, Kentucky

Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact: michele.daigle@lrc.ky.gov



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If you don't yet have a Kroger Plus card, just ask a cashier for one.

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For those who DO have a Kroger Plus card, go to www.kroger.com

If you already HAVE a Kroger.com account:

- 1) At the top of the main webpage, find & click on "Community" on the top right of the screen, just below the "Sign In" box.
- 2) On the the Community page, click on "Kroger Community Rewards". This will take you to the Community Rewards page.
- 3) At the bottom of the Kroger Community Rewards page, you will see a box for "ENROLL NOW". Click on the box.
- 4) On the next page, you can find MHC by typing our name, "Metropolitan Housing Coalition", in the search box.
- 5) When Metropolitan Housing Coalition appears on the list, select us by clicking the circle next to our name. Then click "Save".
- 6) Confirm that MHC is selected as your Community Rewards organization by checking your account profile.

That's it! Now every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, you'll be earning rewards for MHC.

If you DO NOT have a Kroger.com account, click the "Register" button at the top right of Kroger.com. Simply follow the instructions on the website to set up your account & then follow the above instructions.

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 tony@metropolitanhousing.org
to find out how you and your organization can learn more and get active.



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