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Greetings!

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2018 State of Metropolitan Housing Report RELEASE EVENT

November 14, 2018
12:00-1:00PM
Louisville Urban League
1535 W Broadway
Louisville, KY 40203

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safe, fair, and affordable
housing for our community!

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Contact Tony Curtis at
tony@metropolitanhousing.org

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Please join us for the release of the
2018 State of Metropolitan Housing Report

Wednesday, November 14th, 2018
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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The 2018 focus topic is the Involuntary Displacement of Louisville residents.

Eviction rates are high, foreclosures are still an issue. New investments, bringing much needed and welcome prosperity in lower income areas, can also force people out if there is not good planning and attention focused on the current residents. What is the future of our area?

For more information, call MHC at 502-584-6858 or email
tony@metropolitanhousing.org.

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



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**Are you or your organization
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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**

**RELEASE EVENT:
2018 State of Metropolitan
Housing Report**

**November 14th
Louisville Urban League
12:00-1:00PM**

**Project Warm
BLITZ! 2018**

November 3rd and 10th

Click [HERE](#) for details

2018 Louisville Solar Tour

Saturday, October 27th

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For More Details

**OTHER
OPPORTUNITIES:**

**2018 State of
Metropolitan
Housing Report
Release Event
SPONSORS
BENEFITS**

	Advocate (\$250)	Groundbreaking (\$500)	Foundation (\$1,000)
Acknowledgement in Event Press Releases & Flyer			X
Acknowledgement in the Event Presentation		X	X
Projection of Organization's Logo	X	X	X
Thank You in Event Program w/ Logo	X	X	X
Acknowledgement in MHC November eNewsletter	X	X	X
Thank you on Facebook Post			X
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Please contact **Tony** directly about receiving recognition at the event:
tony@metropolitanhousing.org
or (502) 584-6858.

5/3 Home Owner's Loan Assistance Program (HOLAP)

If you or your organization are prepared to contribute to our efforts, please contact Tonya Montgomery or Christie McCravy at 502-637-5372.

More information available [HERE](#)

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CONTACT AMY SHIR TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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Did you know the Sherman Minton Bridge is slated for much-needed rehabilitation work?

Whether through a full bridge closure or selective lane-closure, people will be affected.

The Sherman Minton Bridge will undergo much-needed rehabilitation work; it is one of the two untolled bridges to Indiana and a lifeline for people in west Louisville and southern Indiana. Our job is to make, as painless as possible, the times that the bridge will either experience lane closures or be closed.

Environmental Justice issue:

The Bridges Project (almost incompetently)

underestimated the increased traffic on the Sherman Minton Bridge and the 2nd Street bridge. Basically they said not much increase. They also said there would be NO environmental impact on the neighborhoods.

However, the daily increase in vehicles on the bridge is 23-30% (90,000 vehicles per day on Sherman Minton and 45,000 on Second Street-compared to 64,000 on Kennedy/Lincoln and 21,000 on the east bridge). That means that there could be severe environmental impact happening in the very areas that are supposed to receive increased scrutiny because of being "environmental justice" populations.

But the true environmental impact of increased traffic on the bridge has not been studied, so, consequently, good mitigation work as the rehab is done will not be included. Compounding the incompetence of the prediction is that the idea of measuring the true impact has not been explored-apparently, poisoning populations due to incompetence is not something worth correcting. Of course the highway goes through very segregated neighborhoods, so the lack of interest may be related to that reality.

MHC is alerting you to this because there is the possibility of including mitigation in the bridge rehab and because-well-someone is supposed to care about this.

Fair Housing Issue:

Another reason to take an interest is the impact on the quality of life in west Louisville and southern Indiana when access to the un-tolled bridge is curtailed. The access to housing in southern Indiana may become more expensive and the access to employment and schools will be compromised. In western Louisville, where there is a desert, not just for food, but for all commercial amenities

(restaurants, clothing stores, etc.) people regularly cross the bridge. The Kentuckiana Metroversity concept will be compromised.

What can we do:

MHC is on the (legally required) Environmental Justice Committee. If you are interested in joining (next meeting is November 29) or in expressing your concern or asking for a good study to be done here are the people to contact:

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(502) 595-8704

Thomas Benford
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(502) 992-3190

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 closure or 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.

Think and make suggestions.



Grand Total Raised:

\$6,834.69

Thank you for your continued support of MHC!

MHC Gains Partners in Creating Rental Readiness Videos

Evictions are a problem in Louisville/Jefferson County and the larger United States. Louisville has grown from being 25% renters to 38% renters and the 2018 State of Metropolitan Housing Report will show that Louisville/Jefferson County evictions were, on average, more than half (54.0 percent) of all evictions statewide, and Louisville/Jefferson County eviction filings accounted for about two-thirds (66.9 percent) of the state total. Yet, Jefferson County contains only 21.1 percent of the state's renter-occupied housing units.

Unfortunately, Louisville has not had a Tenant Association for over 15 years, and as only 36% of African American or Hispanic/Latinx households own homes, compared to the white homeownership rate of 70%, this becomes a fair housing issue.

As part of a strategy to address evictions, MHC is partnering with several agencies to produce a series of videos on rental readiness. The series, entitled **Renter Center** will provide both written materials (print and digital) and short videos that can be used for teaching a class or for individual learning purposes to educate renters on their rights and responsibilities.

Initial support for this project came from the **Louisville Bar Foundation**. The **Louisville Urban League**, **Lexington Fair Housing Council**, and **Legal Aid Society** have given technical assistance. Our newest partner is the **Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund**. Patrick Fitzgerald has been the production maestro.

The first of the **Renter Center** videos will be shown at the

release event for the 2018 State of Metropolitan Housing Report. They will be available online on the MHC web site.

Strategic Plan for Age-Friendly Louisville Completed

Mayor Greg Fischer announced that Louisville Metro Government, together with the University of Louisville's Institute for Sustainable Health & Optimal Aging, AARP Kentucky and the Kentucky Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA), have completed a Strategic Plan for Age-Friendly Louisville, an initiative to create an accessible and inclusive city for people of all ages and abilities.

With the guidance of a community advisory group, eight community meetings, two city-wide surveys, and collaboration with Plan 2040 (Louisville's recently updated comprehensive plan), we are excited to begin implementation of the action projects in our four domains of: 1) Housing, 2) Mobility & Access, 3) Social Respect, Participation, & Inclusion, and 4) Community Support and Health Services.

We hope you will join us on December 11, when we will introduce our interim facilitators and break into small groups to do initial brainstorming about launching the workgroups - including where and when workgroups should meet, how to build strategic partnerships, recruitment of members and more! Being part of our workgroups will be a great way to make a difference and to improve the livability of our community for individuals of all ages and abilities.

We welcome you to come learn about the workgroups and get involved! Please register for this event at

https://afl_workshopmtg.eventbrite.com

Questions? Contact us at 502.852.5629 or at agefriendly@louisville.edu. Learn more about the projects we are working on by visiting our website at: <https://www.agefriendlylou.com>

Are you interested in joining a *Domain Work Group*?

Click [HERE](#) for more details



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Age-Friendly Louisville works to make Louisville a place where people of all ages and abilities can be engaged and active members of the community. We seek to ensure that our social, health, economic, and built environments support individuals in leading lives that thrive from stroller to walker.

Join a Domain Work Group!

Interested in helping to make Louisville an inclusive place for all ages and abilities?

We are looking for people like you to join our domain work groups. With the completion of our Strategic Plan in Fall 2019, we are now implementing the action projects outlined in our plan. We need your help to make these projects come to life!

We have work groups on the following topics: 1) Housing, 2) Mobility & Access, 3) Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion, and 4) Community Supports & Health Services.

Learn more at:

www.AgeFriendlyLou.com
or call 502.852.5629



Housing

Our vision: Louisville will have accessible and affordable housing with adequate maintenance resources to encourage aging-in-place.



Mobility & Access

Our vision: Louisville will have accessible transportation for all citizens regardless of where they live.



Social Participation, Respect, & Inclusion

Our vision: Louisville will have accessible, affordable and fun social activities that emphasize intergenerational participation.



Community Support & Health Services

Our vision: Residents of Louisville: 1) will know how to access health resource clearinghouse networks, 2) will have access to health resources in their local community and 3) will be supported in their interest to "age in place" due the comprehensive care of well-trained public service employees, caregivers, and family members.

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



Both our printed newsletter and our e-newsletter are made possible by the generous support of PNC Bank.



MHC would like to thank Louisville Metro Government for its continuing support of our outreach efforts.

