SLACO’s 22nd Annual Regional Neighborhood Conference April 14

Register now for SLACO's 22nd Annual Regional Neighborhood Conference, which will be held at from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 14 at St. Louis Community College - Forest Park.

The conference is the St. Louis region's premiere event for helping grassroots neighborhood leaders learn how other neighborhoods create innovative solutions for common problems. Here participants can learn how to run an effective neighborhood association; how a neighborhood declines and makes improvements; and how recent plans and successful initiatives offer new ways to understand the region.

To register, visit SLACO’s website, www.slaco-mo.org or Eventbrite and type in SLACO.
Neighborhoods United for Change 2018 Tour Schedule

St. Louis knows all too well the impact of unaddressed racial tensions. Neighborhoods United for change bridges the gap in understanding among people, communities and races. In partnership with the Civil Rights Enforcement Agency (CREA), the Neighborhood Stabilization Team, the Mayor's Office, and Community Builders Network, we continue to bring neighborhoods together this spring with tours in 2018. Each tour features guided conversation about racial experiences and "why things are the way they are." In addition, participants learn about neighborhoods that they might not have known much about, its resources, challenges and successes. This activity is financed in part through an allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of St. Louis Community Development Administration.

April 14
22nd Annual SLACO Regional Conference

April 21
North Central and Tower Grove South/Tower Grove Heights

April 28
Holly Hills and West End Neighbors

May 12
Open

May 19
Carondelet and Hamilton Heights

May 26
Concerned Citizens of Precinct #12

This year’s conference was made possible by the following: Commerce Bank, the St. Louis Association of Realtors and St. Louis Community College – Forest Park.
COMMUNITY MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2018
SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2018

Please join us to discuss how public transit impacts your health!
Let your voice be heard!

Focus Group
Thursday, April 12th
6:00pm

Tabling @ SLACO Conference
Saturday, April 14th
8:00am - 4:30pm

SLACO Headquarters
5888 Plymouth Ave
St. Louis, MO 63112

STLCC - Forest Park Campus
5600 Oakland Ave
St. Louis, MO 63110

Light refreshments will be served and raffled gift cards

I-HEAL STL is a research study conducted by Washington University investigators focused on how a potential new MetroLink line would affect your community. Your feedback will help inform the decisions of our regional leaders.

RSVP to:
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Urban Opportunities Fair and Tour Set for April 21

Residents of a proposed special business district called the North Central Special Business District will host a free, area-wide tour from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 21 at Manresa Center, 4012 Washington Ave.

The tour plans to highlight properties at the beginning stages of rehabbing, including homes and apartments that can be purchased or rented at affordable prices, as well as homes that residents have been working on for several years (sweat equity). Properties on the tour will feature a mix of LRA vacancies for sale, rehabs in progress, completed or not yet rehabbed, groups of multi-family, shot gun and single-family homes.

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TALK with your Alderman, neighborhood leaders, home repair and assistance providers, mortgage lenders, contractors, and supporting vendors.

VETERANS can get their VA loan here from a specialized veteran lender.

VIEW available LRA lots and buildings on a narrated bus tour, or take a self-guided tour by car, bike, or on foot. FREE bus tours will depart at 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

CONTINUE the conversations at West End Grill & Pub, 354 North Boyle. Bar and menu specials offered for event attendees.

Register here: https://northcentralsbd.wordpress.com
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Coordinated by North Central Special Business District (proposed)
Finest 15 LRA Property Workshops to be held Around Town from April to October 2018

Join us as we help homeownership become a reality. SLACO encourages you to Save the Date for a series of free events from Mission St. Louis, SLACO's Vacancy Project called "The Finest 15".

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) and the LRA will highlight and market 15 LRA properties in a series of workshops that will be held throughout the city on the following dates: April 14 at SLACO's Regional Neighborhood Conference; June 2 in the Lewis Place/Fountain Park neighborhood; August 4 in the Dutchtown, Mt. Pleasant, Gravois Park and Marine Villa neighborhoods; and October 6 in the West End neighborhood. The purchase price of these selected properties will range from $1,000 to $4,000.

The goal of the “Finest 15” is to encourage home ownership. There are a lot of people who live in substandard housing and pay rent that is twice the amount of a mortgage. This program offers a great opportunity to purchase a home without a 20 to 30 year mortgage.

Tackling vacant housing in St. Louis neighborhoods has been always been a priority for the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO). Our group's Vacancy Project started holding workshops to educate the public on the process of buying a home from the City of St. Louis' Land Reutilization Authority (LRA), which has 3,100 homes across the city in its portfolio.
The Many Ways to Support SLACO

Donor Button, e Script, Amazon Smiles
There are several convenient ways to donate to SLACO. When shopping, sign up for the eScript card, Amazon Smiles and Giving Assistant and choose SLACO as your charity. Local places such as Schnucks will make a donation via eScript when you use your card. A portion of your Amazon Smile and Giving Assistant purchases will also be donated to SLACO. Or visit www.slaco-mo.org and click on the donor button. Donations can be set up as recurring or one-time gifts.

Give STL Day Set for May 2
Once again, SLACO will participate in Give STL Day, a 24-hour day of online giving that will be held on Wednesday, May 2. Your gift helps fund SLACO programs, such as Neighborhoods United for Change and our Vacancy Initiative. So please mark your calendars and consider SLACO on this day.

SLACO Celebrates 40 Years
Come party with SLACO as we celebrate 40 years of serving the St. Louis community on Thursday, September 20 at the Saint Louis Women’s Club. There will be food, music and opportunities to reconnect with fellow community organizers and meet new colleagues. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to many more years of serving our neighborhood associations.

SLACO: Celebrating the Past/Envisioning the Future