



Dear Julia,

Happy Pride! In the face of increasing attacks on the LGBTQ community nationally, we are proud to continue joyfully organizing with our neighbors to create a welcoming and vibrant community for all West Siders.

Check out these free, family-friendly events with our West Side Trans and Queer Community (TAQC)!

- **June 23:** join us for a Bird Walk with Monica Bryand of the Urban Bird Collective. Meet at the Cherokee Park basketball courts at 5:30PM.
- **June 24th:** we're hosting a discussion about LGBTQ health with West Sider Dr. Kelsey Leonardsmith. Meet at Riverview Public Library from 2:00PM-4:00PM.
- **July 15:** Queer Artist Market on the lawn by Backstory Coffee from 12:00PM-4:00PM

Get involved! TAQC is an affinity group for West Siders who identify as queer, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, intersex, Two Spirit, nonbinary, and all other marginalized sexual orientations and gender identities. Learn more at <https://www.wSCO.org/taqc> and join our Facebook group [West Side Trans and Queer Community](#).



West Side Juneteenth

Join us for a Juneteenth Celebration this Saturday, June 17th from 12:00PM- 4:00PM in Parque Castillo here on the West Side! Bring the whole family to celebrate freedom, community, and our history.

We'll have great food and special guests including Dance With Purpose Dance Company, martial arts from Twin Cities Judo, spoken word, DJ Francisco and DJ SoSupreme, Black veterans and Boy Scouts, a flag ceremony, African folk storytelling, and more!

RSVP below or text JUNETEENTH23 to (651) 800-9618

RSVP



Join the Scorecard Team

We just launched the application process for West Siders who'd like to join our Equitable Development Scorecard Team!

What you'll do: Team members, led by WSCO's Equitable Development Director, will evaluate potential developments (such as new housing developments, transit lines, or other kinds of urban planning projects) using a tool called the Equitable Development Scorecard, and share their evaluations with West Siders to increase community engagement and power in the local planning process.

Interested in applying? [Learn more here](#) or text SCORECARD to (651) 800-9618.



Community Care Block parties

We know that true community safety comes from strong connections with our neighbors. Let's grow our relationships this summer and have fun doing it!

When: Saturday, June 24, 4:00PM - 7:00PM

Where: East Morton Street between Mount Hope Street and Harvard Street

Want to host your own block party? We can help! Email info@wSCO.org or call (651) 293-1708.



Community Solar is live!

Whether you're a renter or a homeowner, you can lower your energy bill and help the environment by joining a community solar co-op! Our West Side Health and Environmental Justice Action Circle has been organizing to make this dream a reality for West Siders, and now applications are open!

Learn more



From the Flats to the Future

Did you or your family grow up on the West Side Flats? Did you have to leave your home? You're invited to join us for an open house where we'll listen to stories of the past, identify how displacement is continuing in the present, and envision a future where West Siders are able to stay and grow in the neighborhood for generations to come.

Keep an eye on our [event calendar](#) in the next couple days for an announcement soon with the date and time!



Join the West Side Tenant Union!

The West Side Tenant Union is door knocking renters across the West Side! Join us at our next meeting to keep building renter power. Text RENTER to (651) 800-9618 to learn more about the West Side Tenant Union and how to get involved.

When: June 28th from 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Where: WSCO's offices at 209 Page Street West, St. Paul

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Community Announcements

Good news for housing justice: we have the chance to speak up and push the Federal Housing Finance Agency to make lenders respect tenant protections. Learn more and submit a comment today at <https://tenantcomment.org/>

West Side Engage the Block with the Girl Scouts! June 24, 1:00-3:00PM. This event is open to ALL Girl Scouts, community members and their families! Join us for family friendly fun activities, food, music and more! This event is FREE and open to all. [Learn more.](#)

Wabasha Street closure: Starting June 20, 2023, Wabasha Street will be closed to thru traffic south of Plato Boulevard. Wabasha Street is scheduled to be closed until August 31, 2023. [Learn more.](#)

Burger King building public hearing: The Saint Paul City Council and the Legislative Hearing Officer of the City Council have scheduled public hearings to consider a Council Resolution ordering the repair or removal of the building(s) located at 455 Robert Street South. [Learn more.](#)

