



Dear Julia,

Many thanks to everyone who joined us at this month's Voices Forum! We had a great turnout and many powerful conversations about how you want to organize here on the West Side.

We hope to see you again next month at our May meeting! More details about the May agenda coming soon.

When: Tuesday, May 9th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: WSCO's offices, 209 Page St. W., Saint Paul.

RSVP

or Text **VOICESMAY2023** to (651) 800-9618 to RSVP

p.s. If you're a Voices voting member, please take a look at the draft of our [April meeting notes](#). We will be voting to approve these at the May meeting.



West Side Earth Day

We'll have a neighborhood-wide cleanup, and a special celebration to share our healing practices related to plants, seeds, and the Earth. We will learn about medicinal plants used by many cultures, learn how to save seeds and plant them in our neighborhood, and how to cook, share, and heal through plant-based foods. Many resources, recipes, foods, and activities will be available for all ages. Please bring a food you find to be healing for our Community Potluck!

When: Saturday, April 22, 2023

- 10:00am - 11:00am - Community trash pickup
- 11:00am-1:00pm: Programming, potluck and gathering

Where: Community Room at 88 César Chávez Street

RSVP



West Side Tenant Union - For Renters By Renters

Are you a West Side renter? Join us as we build power amongst renters, amplify our voices, and drive change in our buildings, our community, and beyond!

Join us every second Tuesday as part of the West Side Voices Forum from 6:00pm - 8:00pm and every fourth Wednesday from 6:00pm - 7:30pm at our Tenant Union meetings. RSVP [here](#).

Come doorknock with us about issues that affect renters! Questions? Email joshua@wsco.org or mayra@wsco.org

Upcoming Events:

The West Side Tenant Union is attending a virtual training on changes to the rent stabilization ordinance and ways we can join the fight to make it stronger. This training is organized by the Minnesota Youth Collective.

When: Wednesday April 26 from 6:15pm - 8:30pm

Where: Virtual or join us in person at 209 Page Street W. for a watch party.

RSVP



Equitable Development

Visions for Our Collective Future is a series of workshops providing a shared education experience about community ownership. We have held three incredible community workshops over the past months, and are now looking forward to jumping into decision making and implementation phases.

Find out more about what's coming up!

Learn more



Activating Community Care

"The time has come to grow our souls, to grow our relationships with one another, to create families that are loving and communities that are loving, to bring the neighbor back into the hood." – Grace Lee Boggs

One of WSCO's key action circles is [Community Care](#). For years, WSCO has created spaces for community members to speak out on issues of community safety. The West Side Community Care Circle is a space that intends to focus on long term, intentional, systematic planning to fund our lives and implement public safety strategies developed by and for the community.

Join us for a neighborhood meeting to discuss and plan community care on the West Side.

When: April 26th, 6:00pm

Where: GAP School, 381 Robie St E

RSVP



Cinco de Mayo– volunteers needed!

We are proud to join many other wonderful community groups in sponsoring the [2023 Cinco de Mayo celebration](#) organized by the West Side Boosters.

We need volunteers to sit with us at the WSCO table! Email us at info@wsco.org to sign up.



Community Announcements

Happy anniversary! West Side business Papa Legba celebrates one year in business with a ribbon cutting celebration on Thursday, April 27th. [Learn more!](#)

Robert Street updates: Since construction on the viaduct and bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad concluded last fall, MnDOT has been working on plans for the future of Robert St. between Annapool St. and Fillmore Ave. This will include engaging with the community this year to provide ideas that will influence design options for future road improvements. [Learn more here.](#)

Flood alerts: It is anticipated that the Mississippi River will reach major flood stage levels in Saint Paul. Learn more about road and park closures on the [City's website](#).