



Dear Julia,

Ever wondered who benefits from development on the West Side? Or how you can make your voice heard in planning for a fair future for all in our neighborhood?

Join us at **Our Side: an open house for equitable development!** We'll have opportunities to learn about the West Side Equitable Development Scorecard, and a special interview with Kareem Smith, a West Sider with years of experience evaluating developments for affordability, accessibility, environmental impact, and more.

Free! Childcare and refreshments provided. Interpretation available upon request.

All are welcome. Black, Indigenous, people of color, people living with a disability, and youth especially encouraged to attend.

When: Thursday, June 8th, 6:00PM- 8:00PM

Where: WSCO, 209 Page St. W.

[Learn more](#)



West Side Arbor Day

WSCO and Saint Paul Parks and Recreation are teaming up to help replace ash trees that were infested with the emerald ash borer in Douglas Park! Sign up to volunteer and help us plant new trees to celebrate Arbor Day. A planting assistant will help guide each small group planting the day of, provide tools, and answer any tree-related questions.

Kid-friendly activities include: tree climbing with arborists, a bouncy castle, free pizza, and more!

When: Friday, May 19, 2023, 4PM - 7PM,

Where: Douglas Park, 328 Stevens St. W. Saint Paul

[Sign up](#)



West Side Tenant Union Meeting

A group of West Side renters have taken the historic step of forming the first tenant union here on the West Side! If you are a West Side renter, we need you to join us! We collectively build power in our community of renters by sharing resources, amplifying renter voices, and organizing for housing justice on the West Side! This includes:

- Building power with renters on the West Side to address issues in their buildings
- Renter rights and resources education
- Systems change work

When: May 24th, 6:00PM - 7:30PM (and the 4th Wednesday of every month)

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

[RSVP](#)



Juneteenth

Join us Saturday, June 17th from 12:00PM- 4:00PM in Parque Castillo for a celebration of Juneteenth here on the West Side! More details coming soon, RSVP below for updates. Free and open to the public.

[RSVP](#)



West Side Voices Forum

Join us for our monthly neighborhood meeting! Special guests from MNDOT will be present to talk to us about big changes to Robert St. between Annapolis St. and Fillmore Ave, and invite you to [share your input](#). We'll also meet in our action circles (housing justice, health and environmental justice, equitable development and land use, and community care). All are welcome!

[RSVP](#)



Community Announcements

Community Care Survey What do you love about the West Side? What do you want to see in our neighborhood's future? What do you think can be improved? Share your thoughts in WSCO's [Community Care survey!](#)

Youth Workers Fight Back! May 23, 5:30PM- 7:30PM, 179 Robie St. E. Hosted by Katrina Mendoza, mother of Gabriel "Dino" Mendoza. [Learn more](#)

Get Growing on the West Side May 20th, 12:00PM - 4:00PM, on the lawn by Backstory Coffee. Come chat with other plant lovers in the neighborhood, buy starter plants of all kinds, and get FREE marigold seedlings, provided by GROWS. [Learn more](#)

West Side Trans and Queer Community: Join our monthly TAQC gathering! Every fourth Saturday from 2:00PM - 4:00PM at Riverview Library. [Learn more](#)

New Edible Community Garden at Beautiful Laundrette If you'd like to join us for planting on June 20th at 625 Stryker. [Learn more and share your suggestions here!](#)

West Side Bluff Neighborhood Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, May 19th and 20th, 9:00AM - 5:00PM, at 46 & 118 Prospect Blvd., 359 Winslow, 115 Delos* (**Saturday only*)

Father's Day Brunch at Papa Legba June 18th, 11:00AM- 3:00PM [Learn more](#)

West Side Artists Market: Save the date! West Side artists will be selling their work at a local artists market co-hosted by WSCO! Sunday, June 25th, 1:00PM-6:00PM, Union Depot North Plaza. More details to come soon!

#WestSideStrong

WSCO organizes people of West Side to build collective power to advance justice and racial equity in the community for all people. We envision a just, united, self-reliant West Side where all of our people are connected, safe, healthy and successful. We are West Side proud. We are West Side strong.

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