

Dear Julia,

Spring is coming, and we there are many wonderful in-person events blooming in our neighborhood over the next few weeks: Earth Day, Cinco de Mayo, Trans and Queer Community gatherings, know-your-rights legal clinics, West Side open houses with MNDOT and Parks and Rec, and of course, the West Side Voices Forum. We can't wait to reconnect with you and keep organizing with joy and justice together! Read on to learn more.

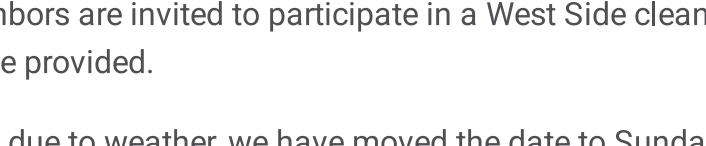


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CELEBRATION & COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Sunday, April 24th, 12:00pm - 3:00pm, Parque Castillo, West Side, St. Paul

Learn more at www.wsko.org/earth_day2022



Earth Day Celebration

West Siders are coming together to keep our neighborhood clean and green! Come learn about Earth Day, and enjoy refreshments, entertainment, and activities for the whole family.

Did you know that more tree cover in our neighborhood helps clean our air and keep our homes cooler, improving our health and the environment? Stop by to sign up for a free 7-foot tree from the Tree Trust (while supplies last!).

Neighbors are invited to participate in a West Side cleanup activity- trash bags, gloves, and other supplies will be provided.

Note: due to weather, we have moved the date to Sunday, April 24th from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

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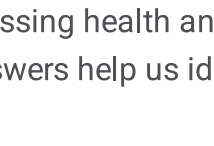
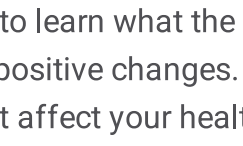
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Our neighborhood Our health

Take the West Side environmental health survey today!

Congratulations to our survey raffle winner, Ashley!



Environmental Health Survey

Here on St. Paul's West Side, our health is tied to our environment: our homes, the air on our block, our water, our soil. We want to learn what the most pressing health and environmental concerns of our neighbors are, so we can create positive changes. Your answers help us identify risk factors in your home and neighborhood that affect your health.

Don't miss out! Take the West Side Environmental Health Survey by the end of the month in order to be entered into a raffle to win \$100. (Congratulations to our neighbor Ashley Hernández, winner of the first raffle!).

Take the survey



Housing Justice Action Alert

Last November, the West Side and all of Saint Paul sent a powerful message at the voting booth: we said YES to rent stabilization. On May 1st, this policy will take effect, launching one of the most important housing justice protections in the country.

So many of you, our neighbors, were part of this community-led effort to Keep Saint Paul home for all. Today, Housing Equity Now Saint Paul (HENS) is calling on the people of Saint Paul to take action:

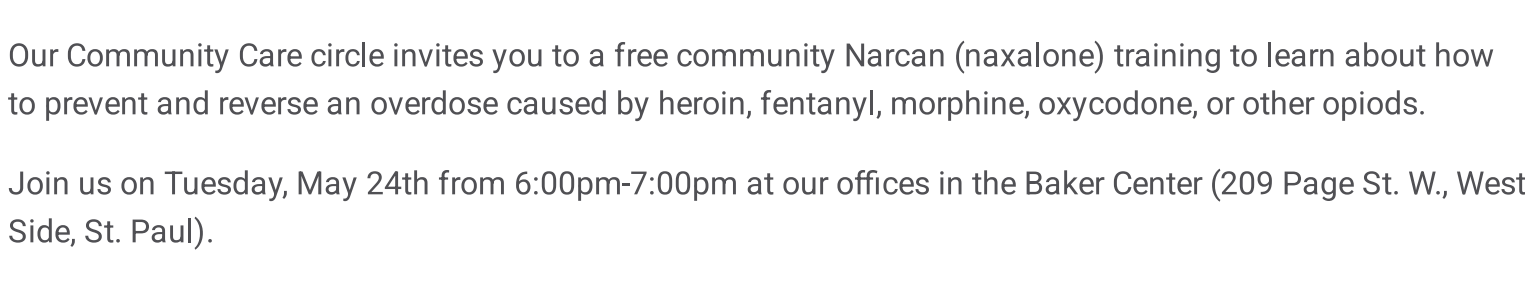
"Despite more than 30,000 voters supporting a clear and detailed rent stabilization policy, the mayor established a 41-member "Stakeholder Group" and stacked it with landlords and developers whose goal is to weaken the ordinance in every way.

Thanks to the power of our community coalition, the stakeholder group includes renters and organizers who are bringing OUR voices to the table, but they need your support.

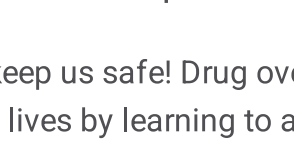
Now it's time to protect our win at the ballot box by telling this unelected group to honor the will of the voters."

Click below to learn more, take action, and make your voice heard. Together, we are powerful!

Take action



NARCAN TRAINING



Learn how to prevent overdoses

We keep us safe! Drug overdoses are having a painful impact in our community, but we have the power to save lives by learning to administer Narcan (naxalone) nasal spray and call for help.

Our Community Care circle invites you to a free community Narcan (naxalone) training to learn about how to prevent and reverse an overdose caused by heroin, fentanyl, morphine, oxycodone, or other opioids.

Join us on Tuesday, May 24th from 6:00pm-7:00pm at our offices in the Baker Center (209 Page St. W., West Side, St. Paul).

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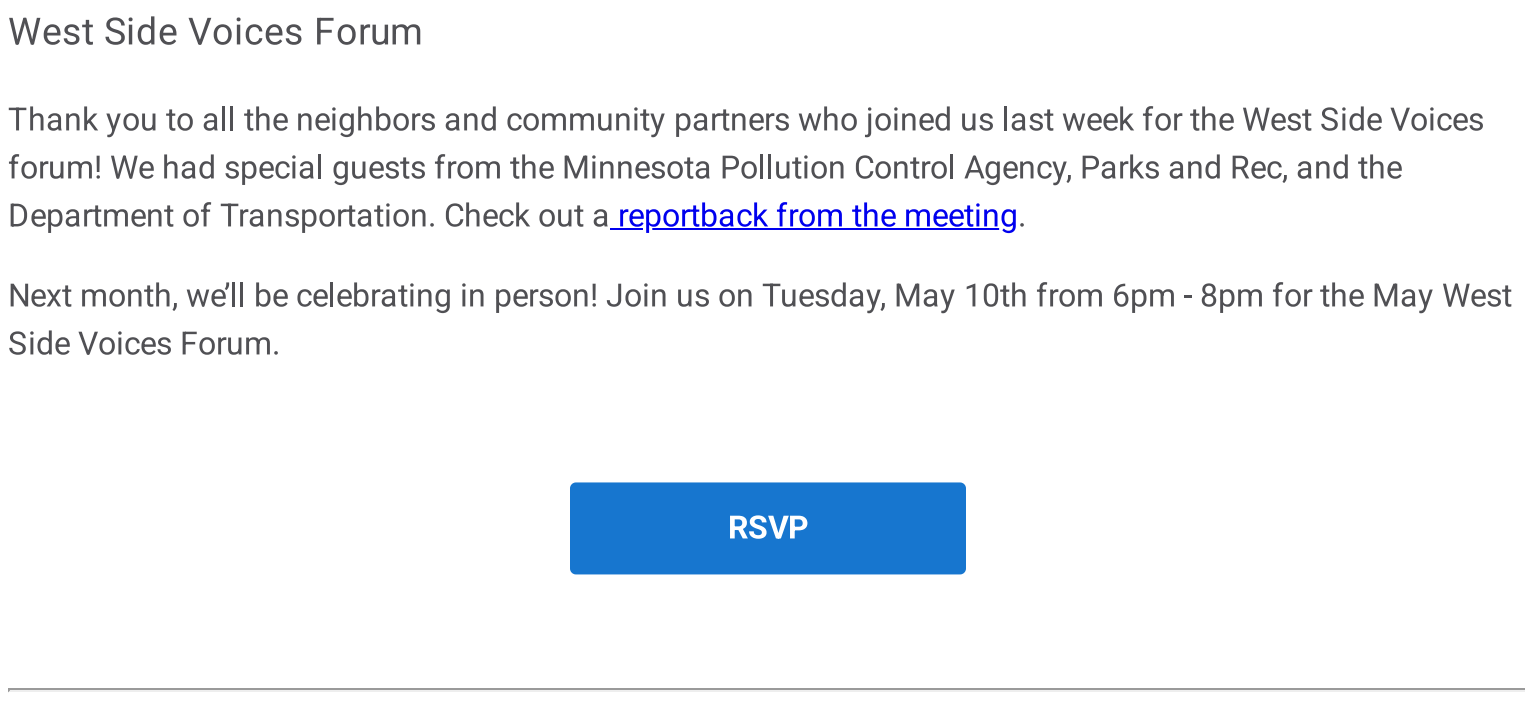
TAQC gathering

The next West Side Trans and Queer Community (TAQC) meeting will be held at the Riverview Library from 2-4pm on April 23rd! We'll be gathering at the Library every fourth Saturday of the month.

This month, in honor of Earth Day, we'll be painting pots and planting seeds from the Seed Library in them. Open to all ages!

Questions? Email our Health & Environmental Justice Organizer Ellie at elliel@wsko.org.

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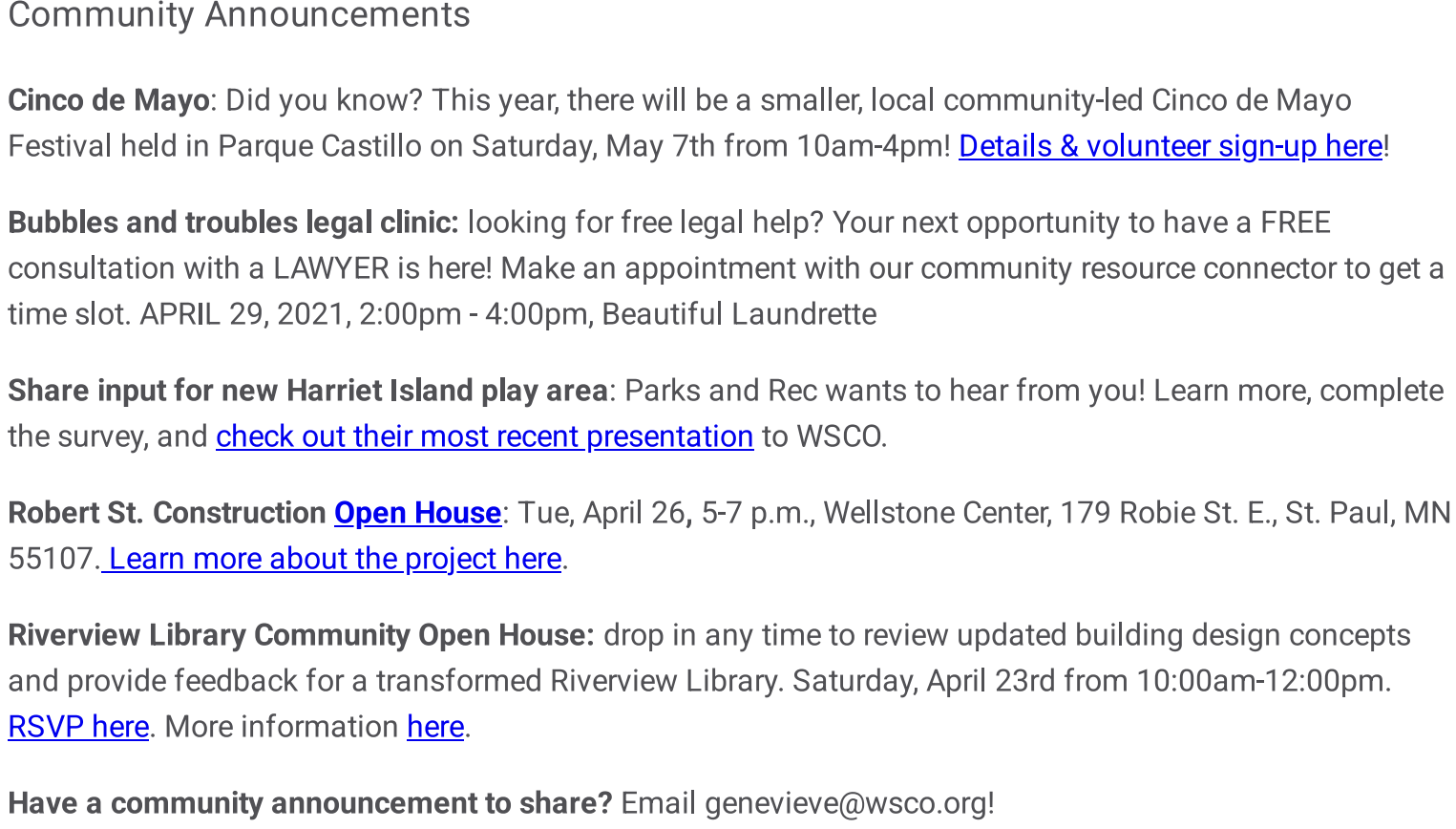


West Side Voices Forum

Thank you to all the neighbors and community partners who joined us last week for the West Side Voices forum! We had special guests from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Parks and Rec, and the Department of Transportation. Check out a [reportback from the meeting](#).

Next month, we'll be celebrating in person! Join us on Tuesday, May 10th from 6pm - 8pm for the May West Side Voices Forum.

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Community Announcements

Cinco de Mayo: Did you know? This year, there will be a smaller, local community-led Cinco de Mayo Festival held in Parque Castillo on Saturday, May 7th from 10am-4pm! [Details & volunteer sign-up here!](#)

Bubbles and troubles legal clinic: looking for free legal help? Your next opportunity to have a FREE consultation with a LAWYER is here! Make an appointment with our community resource connector to get a time slot. APRIL 29, 2021, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Beautiful Laundrette

Share input for new Harriet Island play area: Parks and Rec wants to hear from you! Learn more, complete the survey, and [check out their most recent presentation](#) to WSCO.

Robert St. Construction Open House: Tue, April 26, 5-7 p.m., Wellstone Center, 179 Robie St. E., St. Paul, MN 55107. [Learn more about the project here.](#)

Riverview Library Community Open House: drop in any time to review updated building design concepts and provide feedback for a transformed Riverview Library. Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00am-12:00pm. [RSVP here.](#) More information [here.](#)

Have a community announcement to share? Email genevieve@wsko.org!

#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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