



Dear Julia,

On May 1st, 2022, rent stabilization officially goes into effect in Saint Paul. Neighbors across the city and right here on the West Side organized, got out the vote, and made this important policy a reality. You're invited to join us to celebrate this win! Join us this Sunday at 2:00pm here at WSCO's office.

Please RSVP by this Friday. Hosted by WSCO in partnership with ISAIAH and Housing Justice Center. Masks required. Treats provided, with to-go options for neighbors who are fasting.

p.s. Tune in to hear us live on MPR news at 12:25pm Monday May 2nd to learn more about what's happening with rent stabilization!

RSVP



Actualizing Equity: Community Organizing in a Pandemic

This Friday, don't miss WSCO Board Vice President Myisha Holley and Executive Director Monica Bravo in conversation with local community organizers about how the pandemic has impacted community organizing here on the West Side. Event hosted by The Alliance.

Photo (R to L): Myisha Holley canvassing the West Side for the rent stabilization campaign with Bahieh Hartshorn and Cindy Yang.

RSVP



Action Alert: Fund Emergency Rental Assistance!

Every day, we see another neighbor evicted from the West Side. But if we act now, we have the power to stop these evictions and keep families housed! Join us in calling on the Governor to fund additional emergency rental assistance and eviction protections.

Photo: WSCO organizers at the State Capitol in support of the Equity In Place coalition's call to action.

Take Action



West Side Voices: May 2022

Save the date! Join us in person at the May West Side Voices Forum on Tuesday, May 10th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at our offices at the Baker Center, 209 Page St. West.

More details to come!

RSVP



West Side Earth Day Brings Community Together

Last Sunday West Siders came together in a big way for Environmental Justice– the Star Tribune even called our Earth Day celebration “A gathering of global proportions”!

“Earth Day is a day for action. The West Side is a special place, and there’s so much work to be done here to keep our neighborhood safe and clean and healthy for our children and for their children. I live here in the neighborhood with all of you, and I am committed to keeping our neighborhood clean and beautiful and healthy. So I’m inviting you in, to care for the land, to care for our neighborhood. One way we can do that is through our Health and Environmental Justice group here at WSCO.” – Monica Bravo, WSCO Executive Director.

Click on the link below to see our West Side Earth Day report back, and order a free tree!

Photo: Jessica Garcia, a danzante with Grupo Huitzillin, during the Earth Day ceremony in Parque Castillo. Photo by Elizabeth Leonardsmith

Learn more



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. Friday, April 29, 2021, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Beautiful Laundrette

Narcan Training: Drug overdoses are having a painful impact in our community, but we have the power to save lives by learning to administer Narcan (naloxone) nasal spray and call for help. Our Community Care circle invites you to a free community Narcan training on May 24th from 6:00pm-7:00pm at our offices. RSVP here.

Get a free tree! Sweet Cherry Pie, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Red Cedar, and more! Which will you chose? Click here to learn more.

Have a community announcement to share? Email genevieve@wsco.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, 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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