



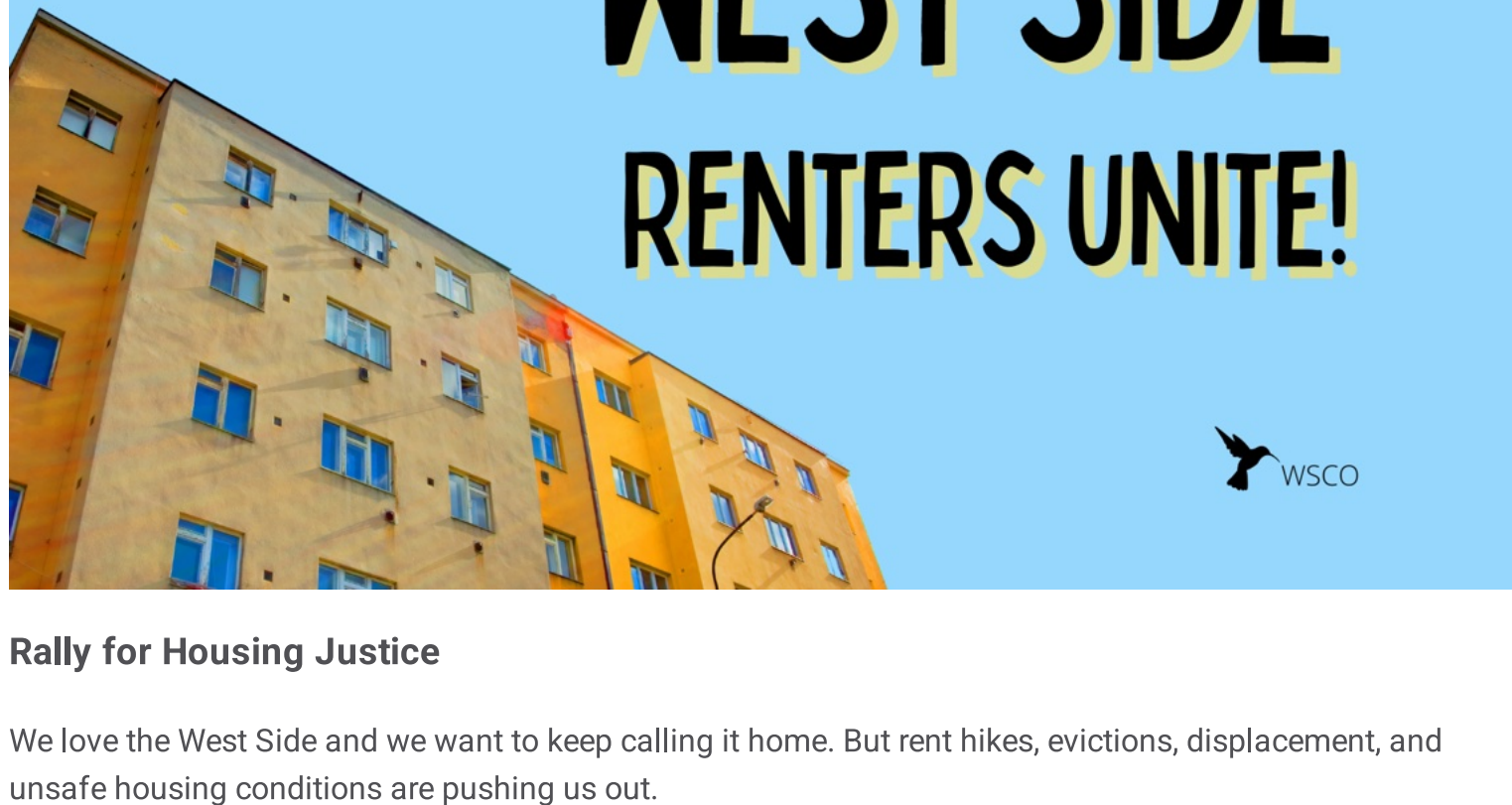
Dear Julia,

We are facing a period of rapid change, opportunities, and challenges when it comes to housing justice here in our neighborhood and across the city, state, and country.

West Side evictions are increasing. Rents are rising and we have seen a concerning increase in price gouging rent hikes in the neighborhood. After voters passed rent stabilization, we're now facing challenges from Minnesota legislators.

But we're still here, and we won't stop joyfully organizing for the neighborhood West Siders deserve! Last week, WSCO Board Member and West Side tenant leader Myisha Holley (pictured, above) and Executive Director Monica Bravo traveled to Dallas for a national Renters Leadership Summit. We're testifying to the MN Senate to defend rent stabilization, and invite you to [take action and raise your voice](#). WSCO Board member Marcus Troy is joining Monica and Myisha on Mayor Carter's [Rent Stabilization Stakeholder Group](#). We're organizing West Side renters to meet with Councilmember Noecker next week ([join us!](#)). And on March 26th, we're [rallying for Housing Justice](#).

Last but not least: we're proud to announce that Housing Equity Now St. Paul (HENS) has been recognized with a 2022 National Low Income Housing Coalition's [National Organizing Award!](#) As one of the founding members of HENS, WSCO is humbled and honored to attend the award ceremony and represent the West Side on the national stage. Stay tuned for details!



Rally for Housing Justice

We love the West Side and we want to keep calling it home. But rent hikes, evictions, displacement, and unsafe housing conditions are pushing us out.

Let's rally to celebrate our love for the West Side, to envision the neighborhood we need and deserve, and to speak out against politicians and landlords who keep putting profits over people's right to a safe and affordable home.

Come to the rally!



West Side Community Care Circle

This Wednesday, we're holding a community gathering to discuss how we can show up for one another here on the West Side. We're meeting this Wednesday, March 16th at 6:00pm at WSCO's office on 209 Page St. W. Refreshments provided. We'll be sharing resources like the Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective's [Get Help Now guide](#). All are welcome!

Join us



Trans and Queer Community Gathering

We're saddened and outraged by the [wave of anti-LGBTQ legislation](#) being introduced right now across the country. We stand with LGBTQ West Siders, and invite you to organize with us!

The next Trans and Queer Community (TAQC) gathering at the Riverview Library is from 2:00pm - 4:00pm on Saturday, March 26th! We'll be meeting at the library every fourth Saturday of the month. This month, bring your favorite board games!

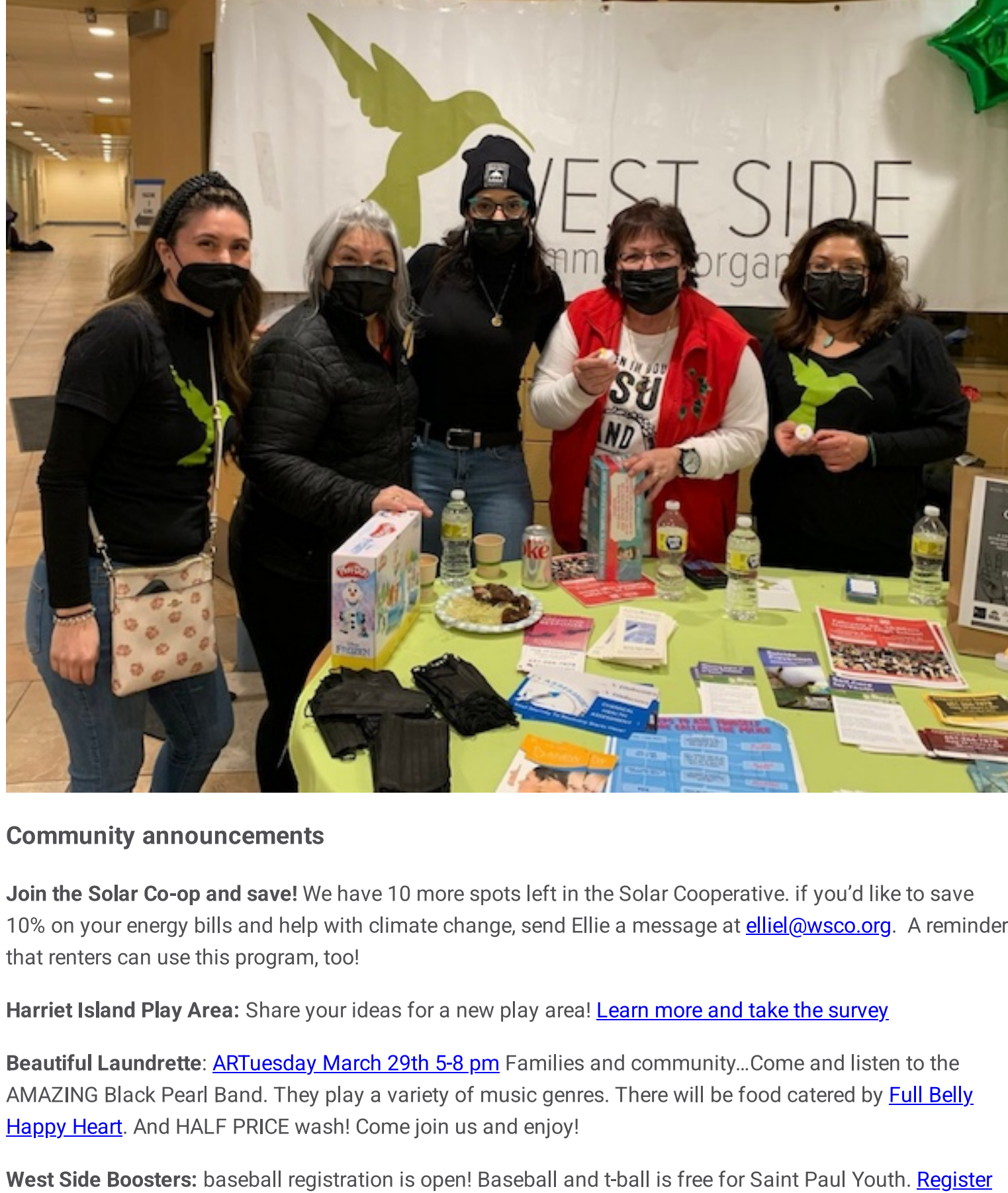
Join us



Take a quick survey for a chance to win \$100!

WSCO organizers and volunteers braved the cold to doorknock for environmental justice in our neighborhood. If we missed you, now's your chance to tell us: what's your experience of living where you are? How's your air? How's your health? We want to hear from you so we can best serve you as your neighborhood organization. Please help us achieve our goal of getting 350 survey responses! We'll draw a \$100 winner on March 31st... stay tuned!

Take the survey



Community announcements

Join the Solar Co-op and save! We have 10 more spots left in the Solar Cooperative. if you'd like to save 10% on your energy bills and help with climate change, send Ellie a message at [elliel@wsco.org](mailto:elliel@wsco.org). A reminder that renters can use this program, too!

Harriet Island Play Area: Share your ideas for a new play area! [Learn more and take the survey](#)

Beautiful Laundrette: [ARTuesday March 29th 5-8 pm](#) Families and community...Come and listen to the AMAZING Black Pearl Band. They play a variety of music genres. There will be food catered by [Full Belly Happy Heart](#). And HALF PRICE wash! Come join us and enjoy!

West Side Boosters: baseball registration is open! Baseball and t-ball is free for Saint Paul Youth. [Register for T-ball here](#) and [register for baseball here](#). Coaches are needed - Email: [boosters.westside@gmail.com](mailto:boosters.westside@gmail.com) if you are interested.

The West Side Arena is being transformed into a community space! Should we make minor changes to its use, put up a new building, or turn the area into a park? [Share your thoughts](#).

Changes to Riverview Library: What do you want to see at your library? Join us for in-person, drop-in events to engage with designers and architects Share ideas and feedback that will inform schematic designs for Riverview Library. [Learn more here!](#)

Have a community announcement to share? Email [genevieve@wsco.org](mailto: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, 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.

[About WSCO](#) | [Blog](#) | [Instagram](#) | [TikTok](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [YouTube](#) | [Spotify](#)

Donate