



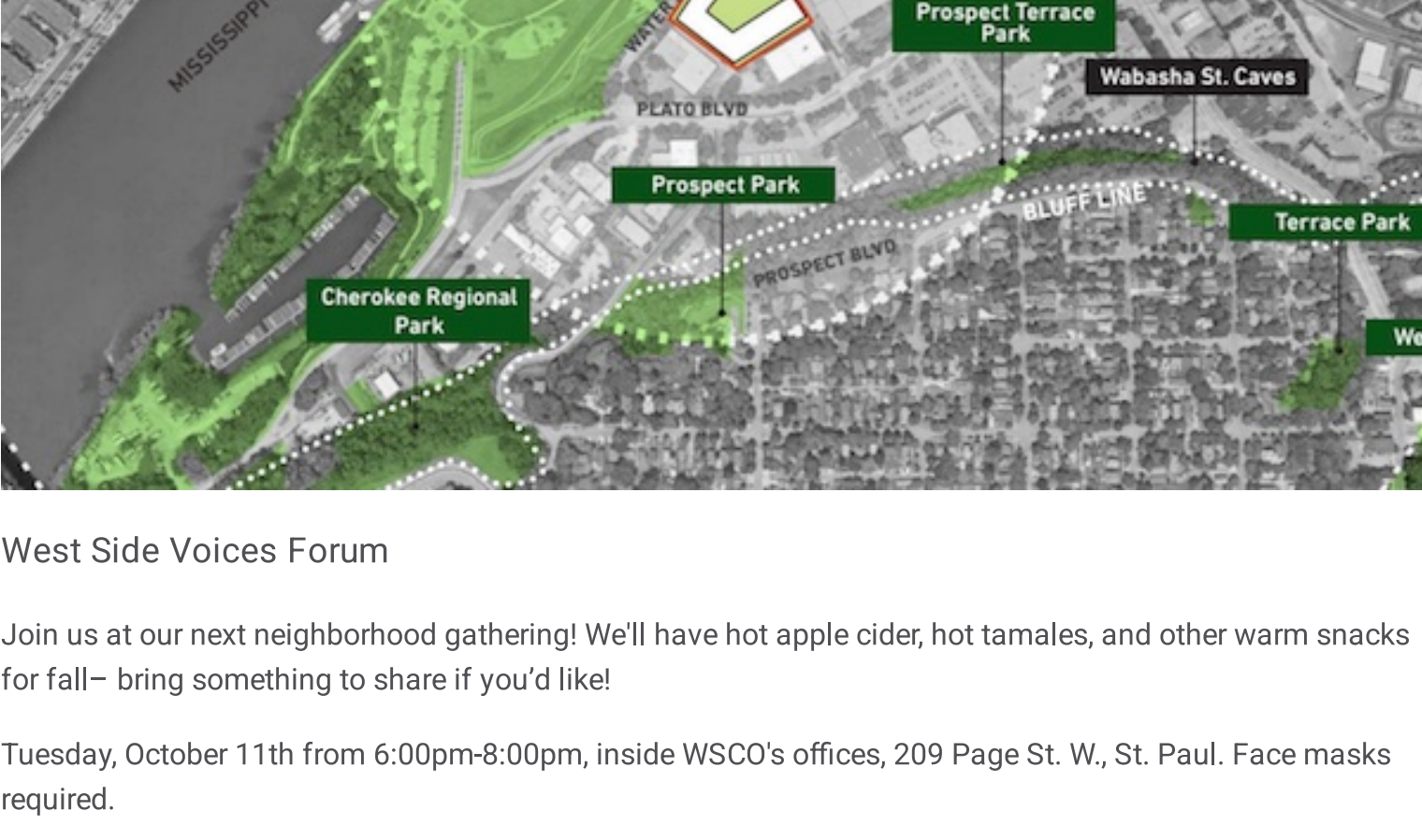
Dear Julia,

We're excited to announce a new shared education series, *Visions for Our Collective Future*. We'll explore what it would look like if our community had the power to own our land, our homes, and our futures. Let's expand our understanding of our choices for dignified housing, and learn from Black and Brown community members who are creating spaces for justice, equity, and transformation locally, nationally, and internationally!

Around the world, Black, Indigenous, and people of color have long been practicing community leadership and decision making. It can be an alternative to the privatized, individualistic model of ownership that dominates mainstream culture.

Community ownership empowers us to take control of the decision making that impacts the land, the people, and the environment around us on the West Side. As we organize for equitable development and anti-displacement in a way that is rooted in cultural belonging, we lift up our cultural treasures and hold developers accountable to the needs of our neighbors.

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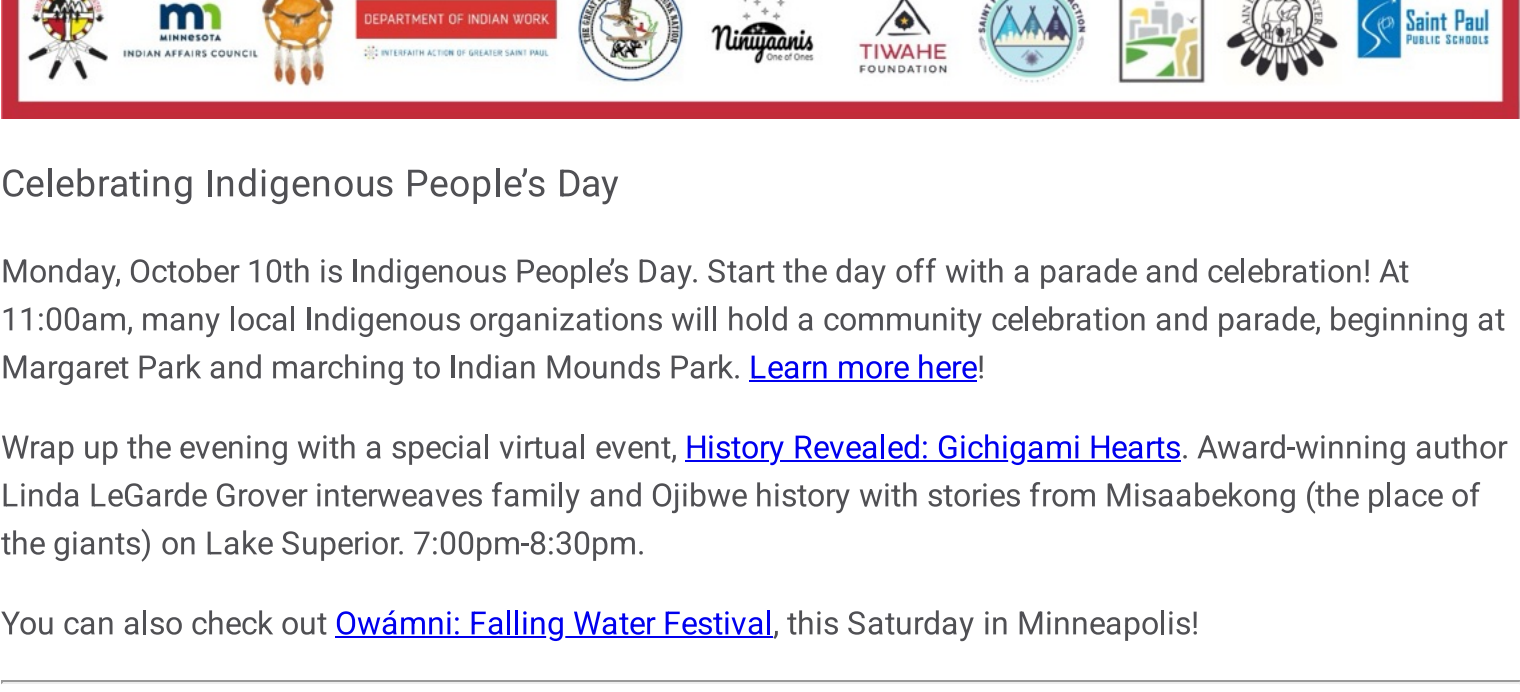
West Side Voices Forum

Join us at our next neighborhood gathering! We'll have hot apple cider, hot tamales, and other warm snacks for free— bring something to share if you'd like!

Tuesday, October 11th from 6:00pm-8:00pm, inside WSCO's offices, 209 Page St. W., St. Paul. Face masks required.

This month's meeting will focus on all things development, including a presentation and opportunity for community input on Farwell Yards, a new, large, multi-use development proposed near Harriet Island.

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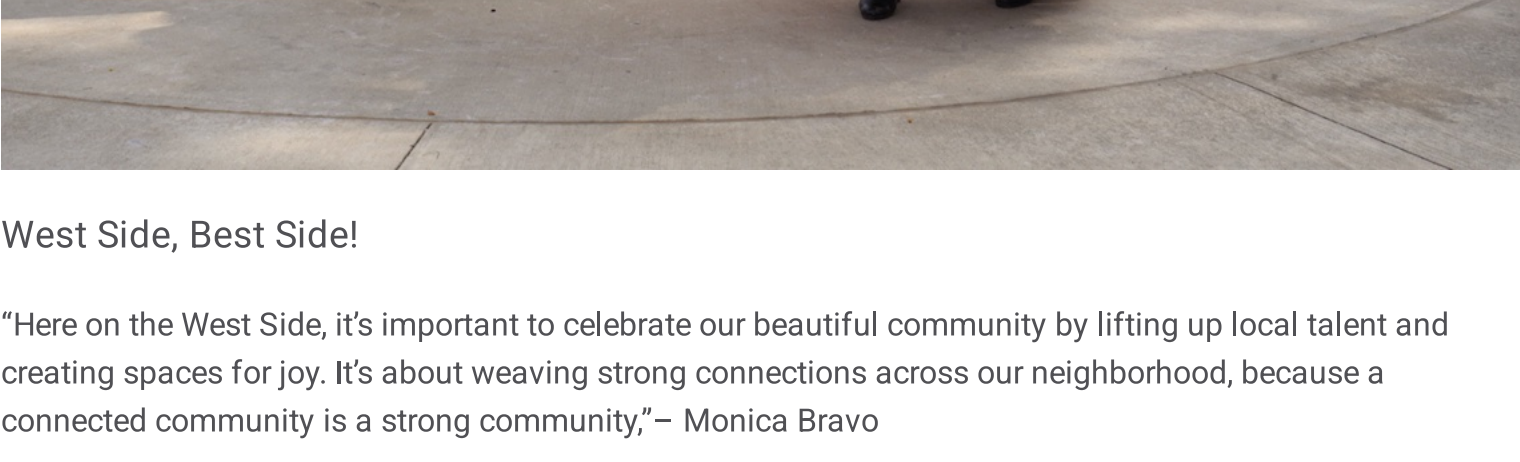


Celebrating Indigenous People's Day

Monday, October 10th is Indigenous People's Day. Start the day off with a parade and celebration! At 11:00am, many local Indigenous organizations will hold a community celebration and parade, beginning at Margaret Park and marching to Indian Mounds Park. [Learn more here!](#)

Wrap up the evening with a special virtual event, [History Revealed: Gichigami Hearts](#). Award-winning author Linda LeGarde Grover interweaves family and Ojibwe history with stories from Misaabekong (the place of the giants) on Lake Superior. 7:00pm-8:30pm.

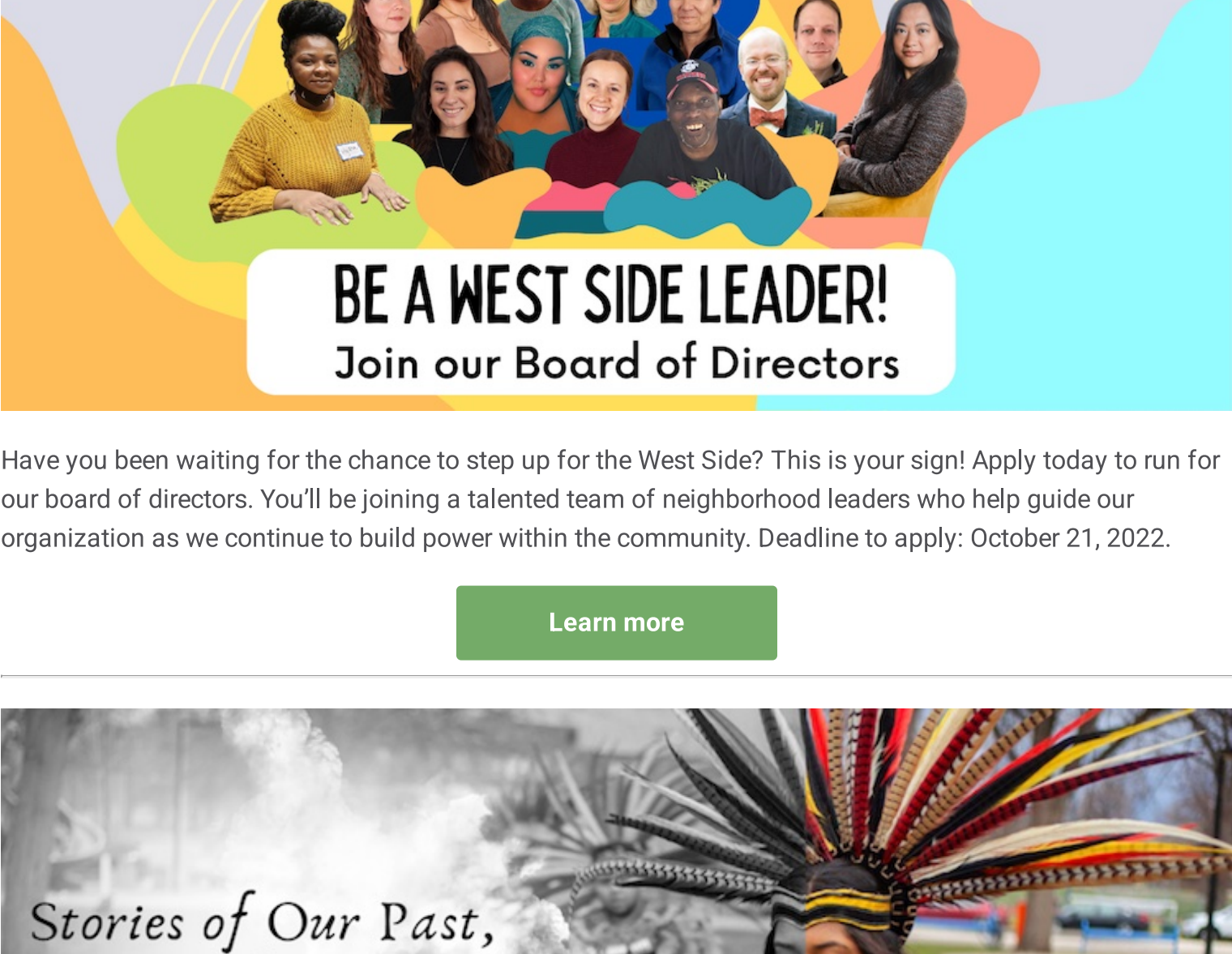
You can also check out [Owánni: Falling Water Festival](#), this Saturday in Minneapolis!



West Side, Best Side!

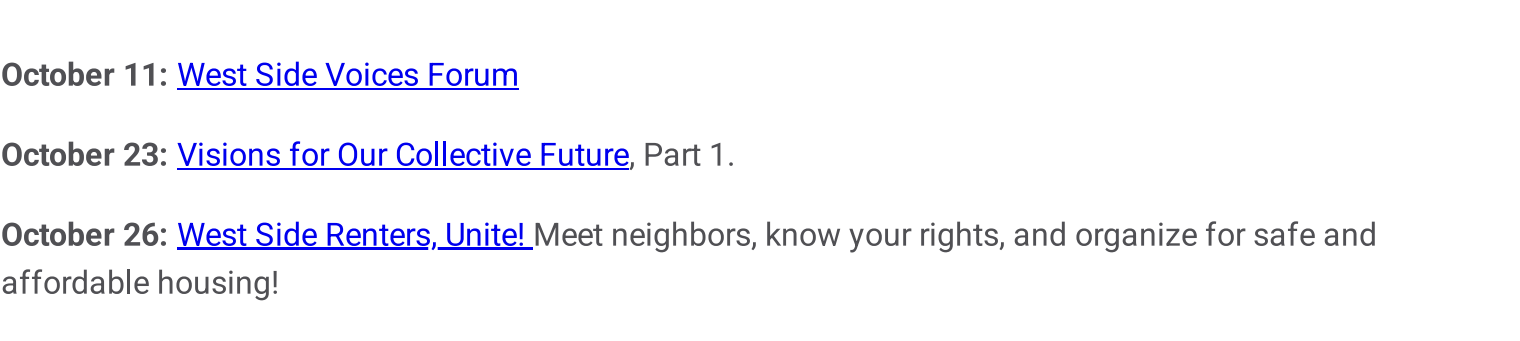
"Here on the West Side, it's important to celebrate our beautiful community by lifting up local talent and creating spaces for joy. It's about weaving strong connections across our neighborhood, because a connected community is a strong community,"— Monica Bravo

What a beautiful celebration we had at the *West Side Best Side Neighborhood Art Fair and Cultural Market*! Thank you to all the community members, vendors, volunteers, performers, and visitors who made it such a special day. Check out photos from the fair on our [Facebook page](#).



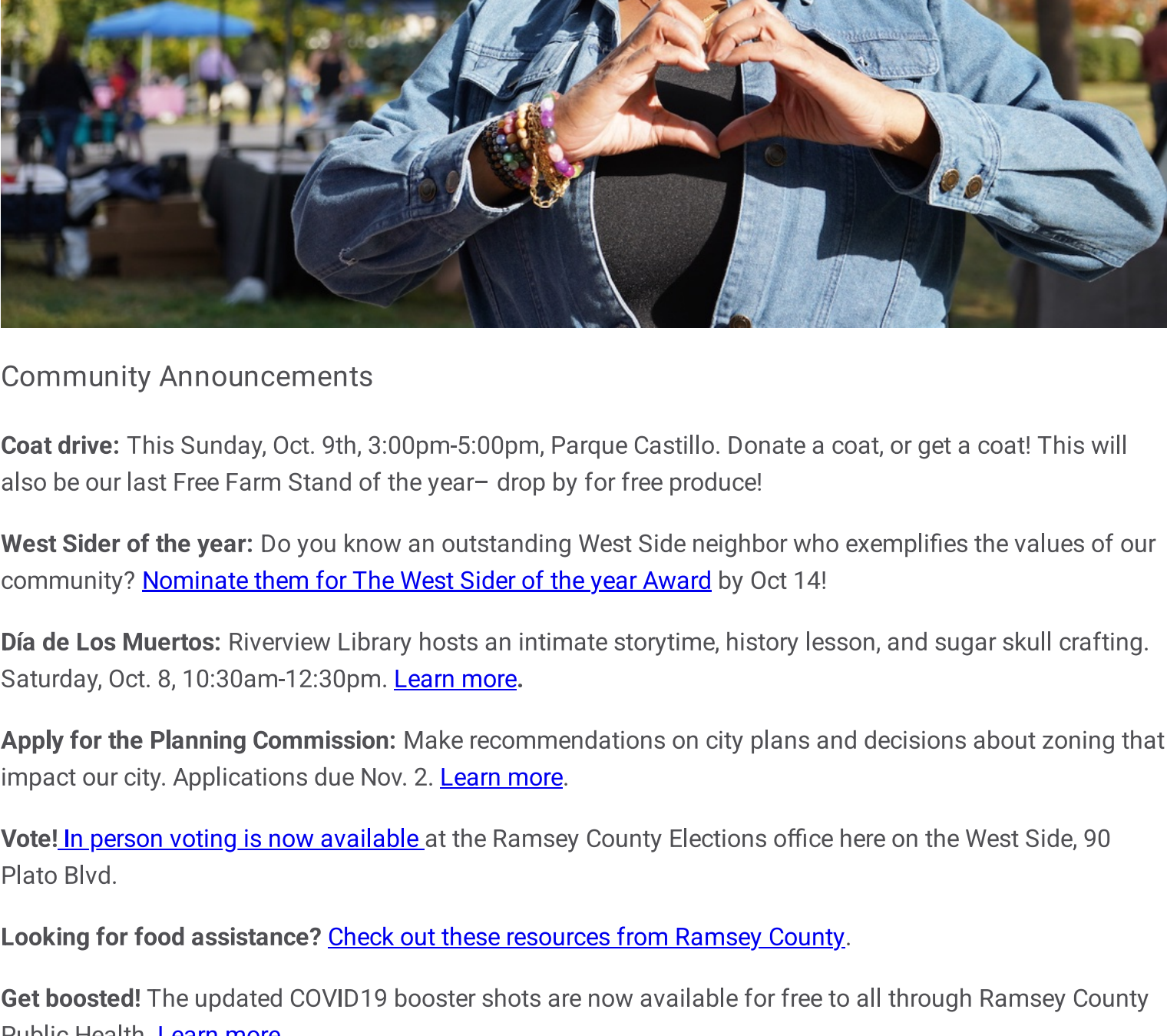
Have you been waiting for the chance to step up for the West Side? This is your sign! Apply today to run for our board of directors. You'll be joining a talented team of neighborhood leaders who help guide our organization as we continue to build power within the community. Deadline to apply: October 21, 2022.

Learn more



WSCO's Fall Calendar

- October 11:** [West Side Voices Forum](#)
- October 23:** [Visions for Our Collective Future](#), Part 1.
- October 26:** [West Side Renters, Unite!](#) Meet neighbors, know your rights, and organize for safe and affordable housing!
- November 6:** [Stories of Our Past, Visions of Our Future](#). The West Side Community Organization Annual Meeting.
- November 13:** [Visions for Our Collective Future](#), Part 2.



Community Announcements

Coat drive: This Sunday, Oct. 9th, 3:00pm-5:00pm, Parque Castillo. Donate a coat, or get a coat! This will also be our last Free Farm Stand of the year— drop by for free produce!

West Sider of the year: Do you know an outstanding West Side neighbor who exemplifies the values of our community? [Nominate them for The West Sider of the year Award](#) by Oct 14!

Día de Los Muertos: Riverview Library hosts an intimate storytime, history lesson, and sugar skull crafting. Saturday, Oct. 8, 10:30am-12:30pm. [Learn more](#).

Apply for the Planning Commission: Make recommendations on city plans and decisions about zoning that impact our city. Applications due Nov. 2. [Learn more](#).

Vote! [In person voting is now available](#) at the Ramsey County Elections office here on the West Side, 90 Plato Blvd.

Looking for food assistance? [Check out these resources from Ramsey County](#).

Get boosted! The updated COVID19 booster shots are now available for free to all through Ramsey County Public Health. [Learn more](#).

#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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Please note: WSCO staff are currently working via a hybrid model, both remotely and in-person. All in-person community events require participants to follow COVID safety precautions recommended by the CDC.