



# MCURC News

March 2018

## Madisonville Housing Forum on April 21

On Saturday, April 21, from 10 AM - 2 PM, MCURC, MCC, and other local organizations will present the Madisonville Housing Forum at the Madisonville Recreation Center (5320 Stewart Avenue). The Housing Forum is intended to help Madisonville residents gain information and connect with resources to help with housing needs.

Representatives from housing agencies and local government will present information on resources to assist renters, home owners, and landlords. Topics for discussion will include foreclosure prevention, emergency home repairs, property taxes, financing, legal issues, leases, weatherization, and much more. Confirmed speakers include Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes, People Working Cooperatively, the Madisonville Education & Assistance Center, the Homeownership Center of Greater Cincinnati, Legal Aid, the City of Cincinnati, and more.

The schedule for the forum will address homeowner concerns from 10:15 AM—11:45 AM, lunch from 11:45 AM—12:45 PM, and renter concerns from 12:45 PM—1:45 PM.

This is a FREE event! Lunch will be provided, and transportation assistance may be available for those with special needs. Please contact MCURC with questions or to RSVP by calling (513) 271-2495 or emailing [Matt@mcirc.org](mailto:Matt@mcirc.org). We hope to see you April 21!

## Collaboration Helps Senior Homeowners

Senior homeowners in Madisonville are receiving help with heating, plumbing, accessibility, and roofing issues, among others, thanks to the Aging in Community program, made possible by a collaboration of funders and nonprofit agencies. The program was started by St. Paul Lutheran Church (and the Lutheran Benevolent Society) and has continued as a partnership between MCURC and People Working Cooperatively. Recent funding for the program came from a generous grant of \$100,000 from Fifth Third Bank. The program helps to make emergency repairs, repairs that help to keep seniors safe in their homes, and updates to make homes more user-friendly for those with mobility issues. The program also helps with weatherization. In November and December, 11 senior households in Madisonville were assisted and nearly \$20,000 of home repairs were made.



The program specifically serves low-income senior homeowners. There is currently a waiting list for seniors wishing to receive assistance, but those interested should call People Working Cooperatively at (513) 351-7921 for more information.

Photos to the left show recent senior home repairs, including new floorboards on a porch, a new water heater, and a handrail for stairs. Other recent improvements included electric wiring repair and plumbing repair.

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## Volunteers Needed for 5K and Jazz & BBQ Fest!

September 8 is going to be a great day for our neighborhood — and we need your help to make it happen! If you love Madisonville, here's your chance to turn your passion into action. MCURC is seeking volunteers to help with planning and activating the Madisonville Run/Walk 5K and Cincinnati Jazz & BBQ Festival.

Volunteer opportunities in advance of the events might range from organizing meetings, overseeing neighborhood block competitions, registering art vendors, or posting yard signs and flyers. (These are just some examples, depending on our needs and your interests and skills.) We will also need all-hands-on-deck for the day of the events. Volunteers will be needed for registration tables, set-up, clean-up, and course monitors.

For more information, please contact Annalee Duganier at (513) 271-2495 or [Annalee@mcurc.org](mailto:Annalee@mcurc.org).



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**Saturday, September 8**

## Online Calendar for Upcoming Events



If you want to keep tabs on what's going on in Madisonville, there's an online resource available to help you. Visit [www.MCURC.org/calendar](http://www.MCURC.org/calendar) to check out what's coming up in our neighborhood's churches, schools, and community centers. If you notice that an event is missing, please let us know! You can contact Liz Stinson by emailing [Liz@mcurc.org](mailto:Liz@mcurc.org) or calling (513) 271-2495. Please note that while we try to be as inclusive and cover as many events as we can, we don't typically include individual business promotions or events.

## Housing Resources for You & Your Neighbors

Just in case you haven't seen the recent MCURC email newsletter, here are some housing resources that might benefit you or someone you know:

**Weatherization:** People Working Cooperatively has a program to help both renters and owners weatherize their homes. Call PWC at (231) 351-7921 for more information.

**Home Repairs:** Home owners in Madisonville might qualify for up to \$15,000 in critical home repairs. Call Habitat for Humanity at (513) 621-4147 for more information.

**Lending Program:** US Savings Bank has a community outreach lending program to help with down payment and closing expenses. Call their office at (513) 605-1204 to learn more.

**Mortgage Assistance:** If you are in danger of foreclosure, the Legal Aid Society has a program that might help you to make that payment. They can be reached at (513) 241-9400.

## Tuesdays in the Park is Making a Comeback!

Are you excited for summer? So are we! MCURC is teaming up with the Madisonville Community Council and Cincinnati Recreation Commission to bring back Tuesdays in the Park at Bramble Park. Every Tuesday during the months of June and July, activities will be available for children and adults to gather outside and enjoy time in the park with friends and neighbors. Past activities have included group fitness classes, face painting, and live music, among others. You can expect similar events (and more!) for the 2018 Tuesdays in the Park. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to let us know! You can contact Annalee Duganier at (513) 271-2495 or [Annalee@mcurc.org](mailto:Annalee@mcurc.org).



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