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**St. Louis Association of Community Organizations**

*Improving the quality of life through community based initiatives*

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**Join Us Wednesday!**

## **NEIGHBORHOODS FORUM with Paul McKee**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2013**

**6:00 PM**

**Vashon High School Auditorium**

The first All-Neighborhoods Forum of the season is coming up this Wednesday evening, 6 p.m. at Vashon High School, 3035 Cass Avenue. The Forums are held on an occasional basis when some issue spans across multiple neighborhoods. Often our topics will be controversial, and certainly opinions about the proposed NorthSide Regeneration project are varied.

We offer the Forums for two reasons: (a) so that neighbors can learn about the project from its source, developer Paul McKee, who will show a PowerPoint presentation and talk about his vision, and (b) so that neighborhood folks can ask questions that we hope will lead to better civic outcomes.

The procedure will be a presentation after a very brief introduction from SLACO, followed by about a question and answer session of about half an hour. SLACO volunteers will be collecting questions that the audience writes on index cards, and a moderator will be selecting and asking the questions of the speaker.

The auditorium will be cleared by 8 p.m. Please forward this information to people who may be interested. The program is free and open to the public.

### **Influence How Community Development Dollars Will Be Spent**

Watch for January training sessions that will help you and your neighbors be prepared to express your opinions about CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding priorities in the City of St. Louis over the next five years.

These sessions, to be coordinated with Community Builders Network, will be announced through this newsletter and on our website, [www.slaco-mo.org](http://www.slaco-mo.org).

Speaking of the website, bear with us while we work on bringing it up to 2014 standards.

## Holiday Wishes

We want to wish you all the joys of the season as we finish up 2013 and tie a bow on it. Remember to participate in whatever charitable activities your neighborhood may organize during this special time of the year. Our offices will be closed December 24-January 1.



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