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Conference Nov. 1, 250 Ways to Improve Your Neighborhood

## St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO) NEWS AND EVENTS



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### Winner of Fun Contest To Be Chosen at Conference

## SAVE THE DATE--19th ANNUAL SLACO REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE NOV. 1

You won't want to miss out on Saturday, November 1, as the SLACO Regional Neighborhood Conference unfolds from 8 am-3 pm at Harris-Stowe State University.

Creating resilient neighborhoods and a thriving region will be the focus as we zero in on Strong Neighborhoods, Regional Prosperity.

In honor of the 250th birthday of St. Louis, we have launched a "**250 Ways to Improve Your Neighborhood**" contest, which you can enter from the Conference tab on our website, [slaco-mo.org](http://slaco-mo.org). Winner will be chosen from among the finalists right during the conference.

Participants will be able to participate in three workshops, choose an informal lunch gathering with a celebrity guest, and chat and network with interesting folks from all over the metro area.

Full details and a registration link will appear on the website on September 12.

## Neighborhood Leadership Academy: Last Call

More than 200 neighborhood leaders from the St. Louis region have participated in the Neighborhood Leadership Academy, an initiative of University of Missouri-St. Louis through the newly unveiled Creating Whole Communities program.

To participate this fall, you need to register **NOW**, as the deadline is tomorrow, August 28. Ten Thursday evening or



Above: SLACO's free after-school program is still enrolling from the West End neighborhood.

Saturday sessions between September 4 and November 20 will prepare leaders to plan and execute a neighborhood project. Community building principles, leadership practices, resource development, and marketing topics will be covered.

Visit [pcs.umsi.edu/nla](http://pcs.umsi.edu/nla) to learn more.

## Still Time for City Consolidated Plan Input

A Consolidated Plan may sound dull as dirt, but actually that's just a name the City is required to use. The deadline for giving your opinion about how the City should use federal funds for the next five years has been extended until midnight on September 2.

Please visit [stlouis-mo.gov](http://stlouis-mo.gov) and click on the City of St. Louis Needs Your Input tab at the right. There you can register your opinion about affordable housing, home repair assistance, job training, abandoned property maintenance, crime reduction, youth and elderly services, and more.

A mere five minutes over the long holiday weekend will give you a voice.

### Welcome Mike Reid, Greater Ville to SLACO

Two weeks ago Mike Reid started his year-long VISTA assignment as SLACO's neighborhood organizer. His tasks will include helping to form new or reborn neighborhood associations. Mike is a very experienced organizer already. Call the office if you need to inquire about Mike's help.

Meanwhile, we also welcome Greater Ville Neighborhood Preservation Commission to SLACO.

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