

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



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How Can Government Best Serve Neighborhoods and People?

THURSDAY NIGHT: ASK ABOUT HOW GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE IMPACTS BASIC SERVICES

Thursday evening, Feb. 19, everyone is invited to participate in a forum on the topics being raised by the Better Together initiative. City residents, who are the core constituency of SLACO right now, often raise concerns about the level of service that City departments and offices are able to deliver. The question of the evening is whether resolving some issues about economical, efficient, and equitable delivery of services will require structural change in our region.

This SLACO All-Neighborhoods Forum will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, Room T204 in the Performing Arts Center Theatre.

The well-versed panelists will include David Leipholtz, Director of Community-Based Studies at Better Together; Mayor Gerry Welch of Webster Groves, also an economist and former President of the St. Louis County Municipal League; and Mike Jones, member of the State Board of Education, former Deputy Mayor of the City of St. Louis, and recent retiree from the County Executive's Office. Mr. Jones also led the most recent initiative to study and propose changes to the City Charter.

The forum will open with 10-minute remarks from each panelist. Then audience questions, submitted in writing to a moderator, will be answered. This process assures that both elementary and advanced questions can be addressed.

Parking is available in Lots C and D in the area south of the theatre building, which is at the northwest corner of the campus off Highlander Drive.

New Tower Grove South Association Taking Shape

SLACO is pleased to have been invited to help facilitate the formation of a new neighborhood association in the Tower Grove South neighborhood. Based on the excellent foundation of a NOM (Neighborhood Ownership Model) project during 2014, residents appear to be coalescing rather easily around the advantages of being more connected with one another.

Any announcements of their decisions will come from the neighborhood itself. In the meantime, if you are living in a neighborhood that lacks a viable resident-driven association, feel free to contact us to see if we are able to offer some impartial assistance in helping to form a community association.

Two Recommended Events: Funding and How Trauma Impacts Kids, Families

Funding Your Neighborhood Project, Creating Whole Communities at University of Missouri St. Louis, Sat. Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., UMSL North Campus. \$45. [Registration](#) required.

How Trauma Impacts Social, Emotional, and Health Outcomes, Saint Louis Mental Health Association training, Tues. Mar. 24, 4-5:30 p.m., O'Fallon Park YMCA, 4343 W. Florissant Ave. Especially relevant to educators. Free but registration required at <http://bit.ly/1DFIKVc>.



Clifton Heights Joins SLACO

Welcome to our newest member neighborhood association, Clifton Heights Neighborhood Association.

If your neighborhood would like to enjoy the learning and joint action opportunities planned for this year, call us at 314-361-9406. The process is an easy one.