



NEWSLETTER SUMMER, 2019



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES

Where history and opportunity meet

by **Pamela McLucas**, Interim President

Our communities are diverse and filled with families who have fought to make Fountain Park and Lewis Place great places to live, and today we have an opportunity to help our neighbors realize that value. With new families moving in, and local businesses like Kingsway Development making investments and creating new interest in our area, we have an opportunity to unleash the value of our community and to bring real change to our community. I am excited to introduce our work at *Park Place Housing & Economic Development*, and to invite you to be part of the work to make our community a better place to live.

Who we are

Park Place Housing & Economic Development was created to serve the communities of Fountain Park and Lewis Place. Our mission is to promote healthy, mixed income communities where everyone has an opportunity to thrive.

Our name represents the history we all share. Our communities are unique; we are two of the oldest still-standing historically black neighborhoods north of Delmar. So many of our families, including mine, bought homes here as investments in our futures and fought for generations to make our neighborhoods

great places to live. We have an opportunity to capitalize on that investment, and to create new opportunities for home ownership, home repair, public safety, and development accountability on our terms.

What we're working on

We are here to continue the investments made by so many of our families. This year marks year one of a multi-year home repair partnership with Rebuilding Together-St. Louis, who will be providing home repair services for our long-time neighbors starting in October later this year.

We are also excited to announce that we secured two security cameras on the Hodiament Track, which will help ensure visitors to our community honor our neighbors and help keep our communities safe. We are proud of the work we've done so far but assure you, we're just getting started, and we invite you all to be a part of that.

PAMELA MCLUCAS
Interim President

Housing & Human Services

Working to increase home ownership and access to home repair services in Fountain Park and Lewis Place.

Date: Second Monday of the month, 6:00 PM

Location: Urban League, 1330 Aubert

Public Safety

Working to promote community safety and neighborhood ownership of public safety initiatives.

Date: Fourth Monday of the month, 6:00 PM

Location: Launch Code Mentor Center, 4811 Delmar Blvd

Development

Working to ensure responsible development and share updates about Kingsway Development's work in the area.

Date: Third Wednesday of the month, 5:30 PM

Location: Tech Artista, 4818 Washington

CONTACT US

If you're interested in joining a committee or want to apply for our home repair partnership, give us a call!

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Home Repair

This month we announced year one of a multi-year home repair partnership with Rebuilding Together-St. Louis, a nonprofit home repair organization that organizes volunteer repairs for seniors, military veterans, persons with disabilities, and low income families. We have been out knocking on doors, hosting neighborhood meetings, and are working with Rebuilding Together to get the word out about the first cluster of home repairs for their October Rebuilding Day. For more information, [see our website](#).

Partners: Rebuilding Together-St. Louis

Contact: Lisa Potts, lisapotts1213@gmail.com



Housing Education

In April we hosted two events focused on housing education. The first, a panel discussion with residents of the community and representatives from five local banks, covered loan products available to support home ownership and home repair in our community. The second, representatives from banks and social service agencies provide 1:1 credit repair counseling to help our neighbors improve their financial wellbeing. Through these events we connected more than 50 residents to bank information. For more information, [see our website](#).

Partners: Money Smart Month partners



Community Resource Counseling

This spring we began partnering with Park Central Development to provide individualized social service counseling for our neighbors in Fountain Park and Lewis Place. To date, twelve (12) residents from our communities have received referrals for housing, transportation, childcare, and utility assistance. To learn more about this service please visit [our website](#), where you can find our [electronic resource guide](#).

Partners: Park Central Development

Contact: Linda Nguyen, linda@parkcentraldevelopment.org

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For more information and updates, find us online or contact us at parkplacehed@gmail.com.

Community Events

Hodiamont Track Cleanup

Great Rivers Greenway is organizing a cleanup of the Hodiamont Track between Vandeventer and Skinker to raise awareness about the proposed Chouteau Greenway along the old Hodiamont Track, which runs through both Lewis Place and Fountain Park, followed by food and music at Lane Tabernacle CME Church. For more information, [see their website](#).

Date: Cleanup August 10th, 9:00 AM; Concert 12:00 PM

Location: Lane Tabernacle CME Church,
910 N Newstead Ave
St. Louis, MO 63108

Partners: SLACO, Great Rivers Greenway, Boy Scouts of America