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8th Annual Waikiki Party Fundraiser Is Another Success!

On Saturday, August 18th, the Great Hall of Sinclair Community College was turned into a tropical paradise. Miami Valley Fair Housing Center's annual Waikiki Party was attended by over 250 party-goers who enjoyed an evening of Hawaiian food, live music, fun and prizes.

A very special "Mahalo" (thank you) for the generous corporate sponsors and raffle prize donors who helped to make this event a success. Next year's Waikiki Party will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013. It's not too early to mark your calendars!



Support Miami Valley Fair Housing And Get A Great Meal Too!



Miami Valley Fair Housing to sponsor *How to Survive a Plague*

The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, along with the City of Dayton Human Relations Council, is sponsoring one of the films at this month's LGBT Film



Festival. *How to Survive a Plague* is the story of two coalitions—ACT UP and TAG (Treatment Action Group)—whose activism and innovation turned AIDS from a death sentence into a manageable condition.

The film festival will again be held at [The Neon](#) and run from September 28 through the 30th. For information on all the films and show times visit [LGBT Film Festival](#).

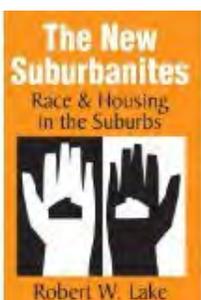
National Origin Discrimination Facts from the Justice Department

Federal laws prohibit discrimination based on a person's national origin, race, color, religion, disability, sex, and familial status. Laws prohibiting national origin discrimination make it illegal to discriminate because of a person's birthplace, ancestry, culture or language. This means people cannot be denied equal opportunity because they or their family are from another country, because they have a name or accent associated with a national origin group, because they participate in certain customs associated with a national origin group, or because they are married to or associate with people of a certain national origin.

The Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division is concerned that national origin discrimination may go unreported in the United States because victims of discrimination do not know their legal rights, or may be afraid to complain to the government. To address this problem, the Civil Rights Division has established a National Origin Working Group to help citizens and immigrants better understand and exercise their legal rights. If you think you, or someone you know, has been discriminated against because of national origin and want to learn more about exercising your legal rights, you can get more information on the Justice Department website at www.justice.gov/crt/legalinfo/natorigin.php. There you can download a brochure that explains the laws prohibiting national origin discrimination in great detail.

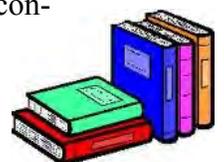
If you need additional information you can call the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center at 937-223-6035 or visit us on the web at www.mvfairhousing.com.

The Book Corner **The New Suburbanites: Race and Housing in the Suburbs** by Robert W. Lake



Homeownership in the United States is a source of security, a sign of status, a means of equity accumulation, and a bond to the community. The basic premise underlying *The New Suburbanites* is the preeminence of equal access. Survey data collected for this analysis pertains to successful homebuyers—whites and blacks who were able to negotiate safely the treacherous housing market conditions.

Robert W. Lake is professor at the Rutgers University Center for Urban Policy Research.



Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Human Relations Council, HomeOwnership Center of Greater Dayton and the Greater Dayton Realtists Association to participate in Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

September 27, 2012, will be the second *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service*. On that Thursday morning from 9:30 am to Noon, a group of volunteers will walk the Westwood neighborhoods distributing information about where and how homeowners having mortgage trouble can get help.

The day of service honors Dr. King because he was a great proponent of fighting poverty through increasing the dream of homeownership. Westwood is an area hard hit with foreclosures and loss of homeownership. Many homeowners are behind on payments due to job loss, an unforeseen medical crisis or an unaffordable predatory loan. Some of these homeowners later become prey to mortgage rescue scammers who give them false promises of a loan modification for a large upfront

fee, and then, they never hear from the scammer again.



To stop these terrible practices, staff, board and volunteers from the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, the City of Dayton Human Relations Council, the Greater Dayton Realtists Association (GDRA), (the oldest African American Real Estate Trade Association in the Miami Valley and the United States,) along with the HomeOwnership Center of Greater Dayton will be distributing important information to help struggling neighborhoods and homeowners.

This event has been made possible by assistance from Dayton RTA who is providing a driver and one of the RTA Wright Flyer's to transport volunteers to Westwood.

Mark your calendars

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UPCOMING EVENTS!



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| Sept 7 thru 9 | Greek Festival at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church |
| Sept 22 | Hispanic Heritage Festival at RiverScape MetroPark |
| Sept 21 thru 23 | Oktoberfest at the Dayton Art Institute |
| Sept 27 | MLK Day of Service (see story above) |
| Sept 28 thru 30 | LGBT Film Festival at the Neon Movies |
| October 16 | MVFHC Fundraiser at TGI Fridays (Dayton Mall) |

MVFHC Mission Statement

The mission of the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center (MVFHC) is to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all people in our region.

Specifically, the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center seeks to eliminate housing discrimination against all persons because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, or any other characteristic protected under state or local laws. In furthering this goal, MVFHC engages in activities designed to encourage fair housing practices through educational efforts; assists person who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination; identifies barriers to fair housing in order to help counteract and eliminate discriminatory housing practices; works with elected and government representatives to protect and improve fair housing laws; and takes all appropriate and necessary action to ensure that fair housing laws are properly and fairly enforced throughout the Miami Valley.

MVFHC Vision Statement

The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center recognizes the importance of "home" as a component of the American dream. We envision a country free of housing discrimination where every individual, group and community enjoys equal housing opportunity and access in a bias-free and open housing market. We envision a country where integrated neighborhoods are the norm, and private and public sectors guarantee civil rights in an open and barrier-free community committed to healing the history of discrimination in America.

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