



FAIR HOUSING MONTHLY

January 2026 Newsletter



A NEW YEAR, ROOTED IN PURPOSE

As we step into a new year, we want to take a moment to wish our community a Happy New Year and to thank you for standing with us in the ongoing fight for fair housing.

January is a time of reflection and recommitment — a moment to look back at how far we've come and to look forward with intention. At the Fair Housing Council of Metropolitan Memphis, we enter this year grounded in purpose, knowing that the work of housing justice is not seasonal. It requires consistency, courage, and community.

As we move into 2026, we remain committed to education, advocacy, and protecting the right of every person to access safe, stable, and discrimination-free housing.



LOOKING AHEAD: FAIR HOUSING MONTH IS COMING

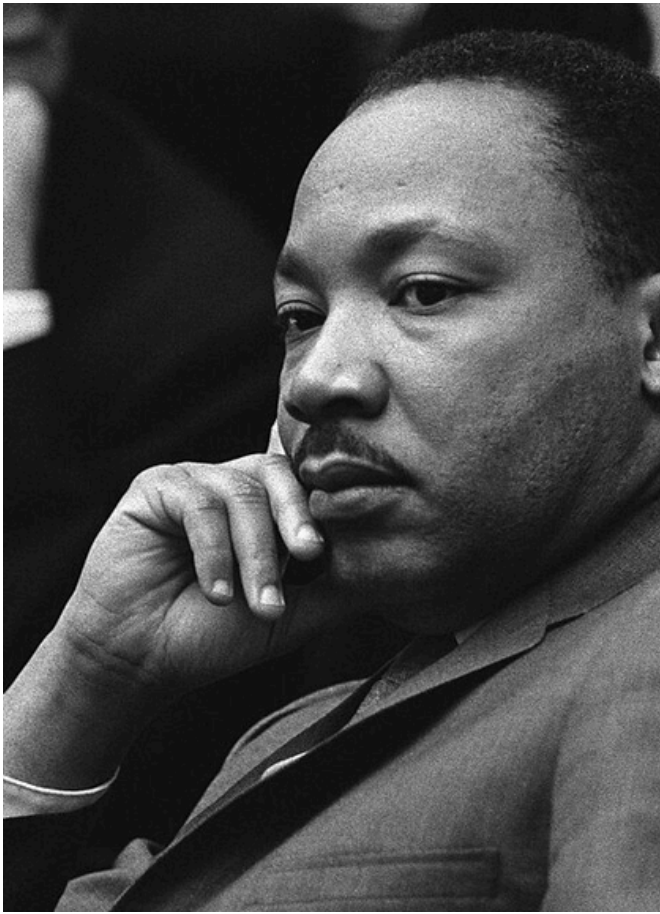
April is Fair Housing Month, and we are already preparing for a powerful month of education, community engagement, and advocacy.

Be on the lookout for:

- Community events & trainings
- Youth-focused programming
- Fair Housing Month campaigns and resources

We can't wait to share what's ahead.



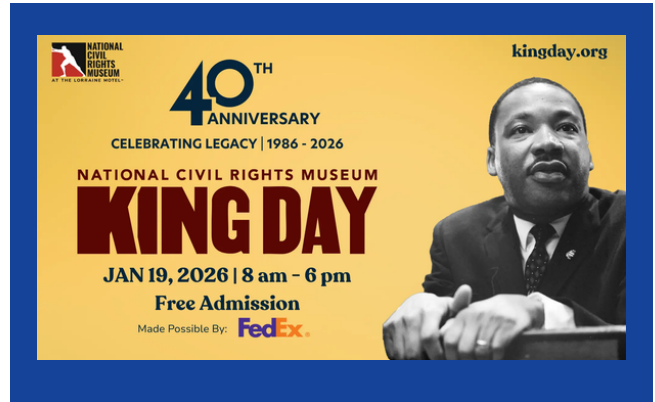


JANUARY, DR. KING, & THE FIGHT FOR FAIR HOUSING

January also calls us to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose work extended far beyond voting rights and desegregation. Dr. King believed deeply that housing justice was civil rights work.

In fact, the Fair Housing Act was passed just seven days after Dr. King’s assassination in April 1968, serving as both a response to his call for justice and a reminder of the unfinished work he left behind.

Dr. King understood that where people live impacts every part of their lives — health, education, employment, and dignity. Today, we continue that work by confronting discrimination, educating communities, and advocating for fairness in housing access across Memphis and beyond.



This Weekend: Honoring Dr. King Through Action

This weekend, the Fair Housing Council of Metropolitan Memphis is honored to participate in King Day at the National Civil Rights Museum.

King Day is a powerful opportunity to connect with the community, share resources, and continue Dr. King’s legacy through education and action. We’ll be engaging families, distributing fair housing information, and centering conversations around housing justice as a human right.

📷 Photos from the event will be featured in our next update — stay tuned!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY EVENT

Pound 4 Pound Event Center
Saturday, January 17, 2026 | 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

We’re proud to be part of this community-centered event focused on empowerment, education, and access to resources for residents of the Bunker Hill neighborhood and surrounding areas.

Fair Housing Session: “What Is Fair Housing?”

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Led by Brittany Hart, Education & Outreach Coordinator

This session will provide a clear, accessible overview of fair housing rights, protections for renters and families, and what to do if you believe discrimination has occurred.

Photos from the event will be shared in our next edition!





THANK YOU FOR WALKING WITH US

As we begin this new year, we remain deeply grateful for our partners, supporters, and community members who make this work possible. Together, we honor the past, protect the present, and continue building a more just and equitable housing future rooted in dignity and home.

As we look ahead, we invite you to start the year informed. Knowledge is one of the most powerful tools we have to prevent housing discrimination and protect housing rights. If your organization, community group, or workplace would benefit from a Fair Housing training, we welcome the opportunity to connect and learn together.

Here's to a year grounded in equity, awareness, and action because fair housing begins with informed communities.

[Request a training here](#)



Fair Housing Myth Buster

Each month, we'll tackle a common myth or misconception about fair housing laws.

This Month's Myth:

"Fair housing discrimination only happens during the application or move-in process."

FACT:

Discrimination can happen at any stage of housing—including maintenance requests, lease renewals, eviction notices, or how rules are enforced. Fair housing protections apply for as long as someone lives in their home.

FAIR HOUSING NEWS & WHAT TO WATCH FOR

As we begin the year, fair housing enforcement and education remain critical — especially as families navigate housing transitions, rising costs, and accessibility needs.

If you or someone you know experiences:

- A denial based on disability, family status, race, national origin, or other protected characteristics
- Refusal to provide reasonable accommodations
- Unequal treatment in renting, buying, or accessing housing

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