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Community Design Center News

June 2020



15th Annual Award-Winning Series
**reSHAPING
ROCHESTER** 2020

Building **COMMUNITY** through **PLACEMAKING**

Presented by:  **HOME LEASING**
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Registration open for June Reshaping Rochester webinar



Design for the Just City

Toni Griffin | New York, NY

Founder of [Urban Planning for the American City](#) and Professor of Urban Planning at [Harvard Graduate School of Design](#)

Tuesday, June 16th from 12:00pm-1:30pm
Virtually on Zoom

Tickets: \$20.00*

1.5 LU available through AIA, APA, & AICP (ASLA pending)!

[Register](#)

Get a preview of the event when Toni Griffin joins Evan Dawson on [Connections](#), Tuesday, June 9th

at 12:00pm!

*Complimentary tickets available for all students and any community members that find the ticket price prohibitive. Sponsorships are available and feature exclusive ticket packages for this event and future events. If you are interested in being a sponsor, sign up on [Eventbrite](#) or contact admin@CDCRochester.org.



Webinars Continue with Success



Thank you to all who attended "Behind the Curtain: How the public can better engage the land use process," our **PLACEMAKING 101** webinar on May 20th and the follow-up Q&A on May 27th! We'd like to give a big thank you to Jason Haremza, AICP and Molly Gaudioso, AICP for their presentation, and [Highland Planning, LLC](#), [Hinge Neighbors](#), and Jarred Jones for their direct support.

[Watch the "Land Use Process" webinar](#)

Stay tuned for our next PLACEMAKING 101 webinar in July.



Introducing our Summer Intern

"My name is Emily Ebersol and I'm a Master of Architecture candidate at the [Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning](#) at the University of Michigan. I completed my Bachelor of Science in Architecture at the University of Pittsburgh in 2019.

I believe that people don't have problems, they have potential. It is the perpetuation of the idea that architects have all the solutions that results in disconnected, decontextualized, and misinformed design. Making people feel valued, heard, and responsible for their situations is the power we have as architects and is what I believe my responsibility is as a designer and advocate. I am excited to be a part of the CDCR team this summer and look forward to the conversations, thoughtful design, and community engagement ahead."

Check this out:



Bryan Lee Jr., Architect and Design
Principal of Colloqate Design

America's Cities Were Designed to Oppress

"Architects and planners have an obligation to protect health, safety and welfare through the spaces we design. As the George Floyd protests reveal, we've failed."

Bryan Lee Jr. declares, "Right now, our obligation to each other, to the built environment, and in solidarity with black lives is to hold all complicit actors in these systems accountable.

The profession of architecture is as complicit as any. This is a profession swarming with "white moderates more devoted to order than to justice," to quote everyone's favorite civil

rights leader, Dr. King. Now the field is faced with another critical moment to act in accordance with justice over order. It is not clear if we will make the right choice." [Read the full article here.](#)

Additional resources on this subject:

BLACK LIVES MATTER is a movement and global organization whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes.

THE JUST CITY LAB (Harvard Graduate School of Design) investigates the ways design and planning contribute to conditions of justice and injustice in our cities.

COLLOQATE DESIGN is a multidisciplinary nonprofit Design Justice practice focused on expanding community access to, and building power through, the design of social, civic, and cultural spaces.

10 DESIGN JUSTICE NETWORK PRINCIPLES that guide Design Justice and aim to design processes, center people who are normally marginalized by design, and use collaborative, creative practices to address the deepest challenges our communities face.



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AIA Rochester in Solidarity

"AIA Rochester stands in solidarity and support of the black members of our community. We are committed to listening and learning from you. We hear you. We stand with you. We can and will do better. Black lives matter."



Get Continuing Education Credits Online

Struggling to get your CEUs with in-person events cancelled? Try these resources:

[AIAU Online Courses & Webinars](#) (paid / free)

[CNU's "On the Park Bench" Weekly Series](#) (free)

[USG E-University](#) (free)

See what our friends are doing:



[Nature Preserves Open to Explore](#)

Anytime | Rochester

Due to current events, many of Genesee Land Trust's spring and summer activities have been cancelled or put on hold. In the meantime, they invite you to explore their [interactive map](#) and plan your next visit to one of their nature preserves.



[Independent Walking Tours](#)

Anytime | Rochester

Looking for a change in scenery? Check out these independent walking tours that [Greentopia](#), [Genesee Land Trust](#)'s River Alliance, and the [Lower Falls Foundation](#) put together with [Tour Blend](#):

[EcoLoop Walking Tour](#)

[Lower Falls Walking Tour](#)



Active Transportation & Complete Streets Training

Weds. June 10 | 1:00pm-4:00pm | Zoom

Attend this free course aimed at educating and empowering transportation planners and stakeholders. Justin Booth will lead the course, covering everything from policy framework to implementation. [See the event flyer for additional information.](#)

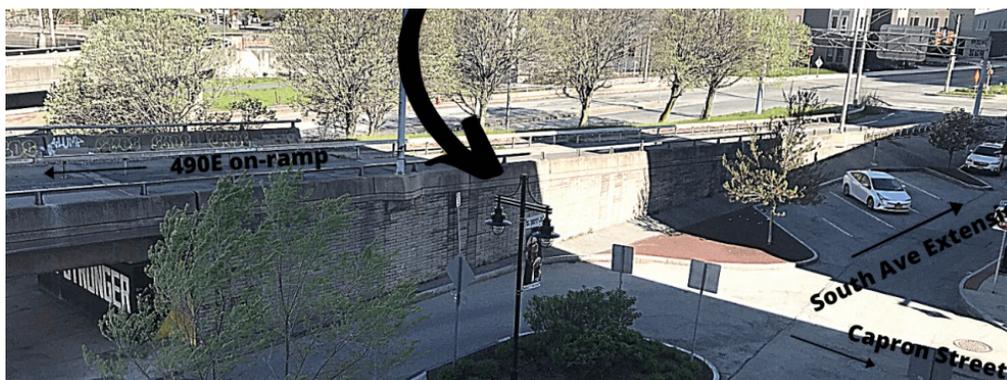
To register and receive the Zoom link, email Jesse Peers at jesse@reconnectrochester.org.



Mural Project: Artist Needed!

Entries due June 30

Calling all artists! This summer, [Washington Square Community Association](#) will be hiring a local artist to paint the sidewall of the on-ramp to 490 interstate. This is the area around the corner from Fuego Coffee Roasters, across the street from The Vesper, TGW Studio, Surgical Marketing Group, and Article Group on South Ave extension.



[Click here for more information.](#)

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