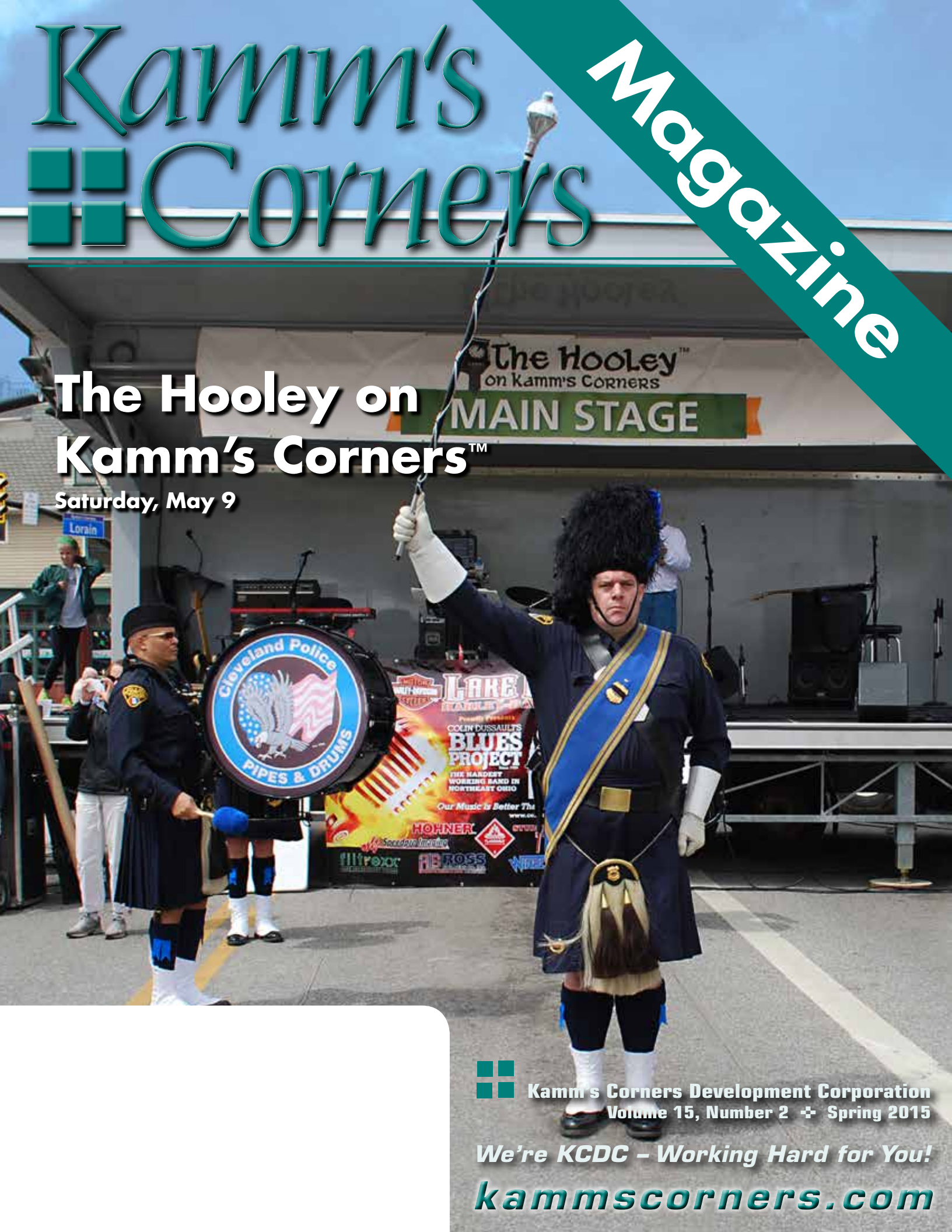


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### From the Director

Looking back at my column from last spring, I wrote, “We are finally breaking free from a particularly harsh winter.” Am I getting older and less tolerant, or was this winter much harsher than last? Sheesh. At least winter seems to finally be in the rear view mirror.

Good things continue to happen across the neighborhood. Irish 32, the former West Park Village Tavern, has been renovated inside and out, as has the former Gallagher’s, now Warren Road Tavern at Warren Village. Ace Hardware will be opening at Kamms Plaza in a couple of months, and KCDC continues its work to rehabilitate the Alber building on Lorain Avenue. Architect Bonnie Smith has purchased the former Cleveland Draperies & Upholstery building, and will relocate her office inside. Meanwhile, the Ironwood Cafe has taken over the former Panini’s spot in the venerable Oswald Kamm building, and the smell of barbecue now wafts through the neighborhood.

The new Master Plan for Rocky River Drive will be released this summer, in the hope of spurring some new development along the corridor, which I think we all can agree needs some help. Elsewhere, construction work is already underway on both Lorain and Triskett, with an exciting “squaring up” of the intersection of Triskett and Lorain, which should greatly improve safety, especially for pedestrians. While Triskett will be completed this construction season, the portion of Lorain just east of West 150th will wrap up in 2016.

West Park is participating in Garden Walk Cleveland for the first time this year. See the article on page 30 and join in! This is a great citywide event that brings garden lovers from all over Cleveland through West Park, and will showcase what a fine neighborhood we live in.

Of course, this being the spring issue of the magazine, our two-page guide to The Hooley on Kamm’s Corners™, just around the corner on Saturday May 9, can be found in the center of this issue. There are a couple of surprises this year, as well as a partnership with Cleveland Bazaar that will bring 35 artists tents to West 168th Street. Onward and upward!

Enjoy your summer, and watch for bikes and pedestrians along your way. And, as always, let us know how we’re doing.

*Our cover photo portrays a classic, crowd favorite Hooley performance from last year’s event – the Cleveland Police Pipes & Drums! They will be back this year and will be joined by the Cleveland Firefighters Pipes & Drums and the West Side Irish American Club Pipe Band. Be there!  
Photo provided by Joe Outlaw Creative Services, 216-280-6510.*

*Steve*  
Steve Lorenz  
Executive Director

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*“To facilitate the development and promotion of the West Park neighborhood. In coordination with our partners, we will engage with residents, businesses, institutions, and visitors in elevating the quality of life in our community.”*

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# Around the Corners

Get ready Saturday, May 9, for the **6th Annual Hooley on Kamm's Corners™!** Celebrate West Park with family and friends on Lorain Avenue east of Rocky River Drive. The fun takes place from noon till 8 p.m. Join us to eat, drink, mingle, and enjoy! Read about the entertainment, booths, and more on page 8. The event map appears in the centerfold of this magazine.

The next neighborhood meeting for the **Rocky River Drive Master Plan** is set for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, in the lower level of **St. Patrick Catholic Church**, 4427 Rocky River Drive. The agenda includes a discussion of the plan's recommendations with a focus on the roadway and public right-of-way on Rocky River Drive. For more information, see page 10.

**Kamm's Corners Farmers Market** (KCFM) re-opens June 14 on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., same hours as last season, in the municipal parking lot behind Walgreens at West 168th Street and Lorain Avenue. See page 14 for details about what's in store for you! The **Free Perennial Exchange** takes place at KCFM on Sunday, June 21 from 10 a.m. until noon. Bring your perennials to trade with others. Keep their roots watered for easy replanting. The exchange is a no-cost way to add freshness to your garden.

**St. Joseph Academy** will host the **38th Annual Town Meeting** on Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m. Please join us! The event is free and parking is plentiful at 3470 Rocky River Drive. The evening's presentation will be followed by a reception on the new Scholars Porch. See details on page 6.

All young professionals who live, work, or play in West Park are invited to join the **West Park Young Professionals (WPYP)** who meet regularly to pool their talents to help the community. See page 13 for more information.

The weather is warming up, so it is time to enter the **Cone Zone**, 4081 Rocky River Drive. Discover why the **Plain Dealer** named it **#10** on **100 Things to Do in Cleveland** last summer. Sign up for the flavor challenge! See the ad on page 20 for a list of delicious menu options.

The **3rd Annual Run Puritas 5K and 1-mile Fun Run/Walk** takes place on Saturday, May 2, at 8:30 a.m. The route starts at **Blessed Trinity Church** on West 140th Street at Puritas Avenue. Visit [BPDC.org](http://BPDC.org) or call 216-671-2710 for more information.

**Ace Hardware** is coming to **Kamms Plaza**, in the space formerly occupied by Dots and Fashion Bug. The new Ace will offer a complete garden center, certified **Weber** grill sales and repairs, fishing and hunting licenses, and more. The grand opening is planned for mid-summer.

Reserve the third Friday of June, July, and August for **Asphalt Cinema** – an evening of music, art, games, and prizes that ends under the stars with a family friendly movie -- all at Impett Park, 3207 West 153rd Street. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. It's free, thanks to our sponsors **Fairview Hospital** and **Cuyahoga Arts and Culture**. See story on page 7.

Discover what four of our merchants enjoy about operating a business here in West Park! View their newly posted testimonial videos at our website, at [kammscorners.com](http://kammscorners.com). See story on page 13.

Office and retail space is available in beautiful **Downtown Kamm's Corners** inside the **Alber Building**, 17019-25 Lorain Avenue. Do you know a business looking to locate here? Call Ben Campbell at 216-252-6559, ext. 1200 for more information.

On May 16, the **3rd Annual Pups at the Park** will be held at West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Avenue, from 6 to 8 p.m. It's a fundraiser to benefit **The Rescue Inn**. Tickets are \$20 for house wine and beer, pizza, wings, and pasta. There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50. Purchase tickets at **Style Mutt**, 3525 Warren Road, or at the door. It is fun for a great cause!

**West Park United Church of Christ**, 3909 Rocky River Drive, serves a community meal at 11:30 a.m. in **Bartter Hall**, on the fourth Sunday of every month, free of charge. All are welcome. Come through the rear entrance off the parking lot.

Taste the flavorful cuisine offered by the two chefs at **AMP 150**, the restaurant inside the **Marriott Hotel** at 4277 West 150th Street. Discover what's on the menu, from small plates to big six-course meals. See photo and story on page 23.

Among the specialty service providers in West Park is **Tailoring by Naame**, 15724 Lorain Avenue. It is the perfect place to take a great piece of clothing that simply doesn't fit well or needs to be shortened or lengthened. You'd be surprised by what an experienced tailor can do! Call 216-941-5240 for all kinds of clothing alterations. See ad on page 33.

Look inside the May edition of **Cleveland Magazine** for a section that focuses on Cleveland neighborhoods. West Park is featured in a special 8-page pullout, which you may also view on our website. Extra copies are available in our office.

A big welcome goes to **Bonnie E. Smith, Architect**, on relocating her firm from downtown Cleveland to 16105 Lorain Avenue. The firm plans to renovate the interior and exterior of their new home during the coming months. See more on page 12.

The **Cleveland Department of Aging** presents **Senior Day** on Wednesday, May 20, at Cleveland Public Hall, 500 Lakeside Avenue. An information fair starts at 10 a.m. with a program at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Entertainment begins at 12:30 p.m. The event is free of charge. For more information, call 216-664-2833.

The third annual **Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K Race and 1-Mile Walk** for **St. Joseph Academy** takes place on Monday, May 25. See details in the story on page 33 and the ad on page 17.

**Carite Auto** opened a new location at 15315 Lorain Avenue, offering a great selection of used cars as well as a variety of auto services. For more information, call 216-404-2404.

Enjoy a day of golfing for a good cause! The **West Park Family YMCA's Annual Golf Outing** takes place at **Hickory Nut Golf Course**, 23610 Royalton Road, in Columbia Station on Friday, June 26, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. See the article on page 7.

It's time for summer camp registration! Pick up an application at the **West Park Family YMCA**. To learn more about what summer camp has to offer your child, call the YMCA at 216-941-5410.

Are you proud of your garden to the point of wanting to show it off? West Park is on the map for **GardenWalk Cleveland**, taking place the weekend of July 11 and 12. To show your garden or volunteer to help with the event, call **David Horneck** at 216-543-4277 or email [dborneck1@gmail.com](mailto:dborneck1@gmail.com).

**Many thanks** to two landscaping companies for maintaining the planters along Rocky River Drive near Lorain Avenue, free of charge. **Landscaping Ideas** cares for those on the Northeast side and **Cactus Jack Landscaping** has taken one on the Southeast side. We offer our deep gratitude on behalf of the neighborhood. When looking for landscaping services, please consider them. For Landscaping Ideas, call **Liz Szyarto** at 216-251-1231. For Cactus Jack Landscaping, call **Jack Kinzie** at 216-251-0054. You may also visit Cactus Jack at [cactusjcklandscaping.com](http://cactusjcklandscaping.com).

**Fairview Hospital** has opened a new four-bed adult **Epilepsy Monitoring Unit** to deliver state-of-the-art evaluation, diagnosis, and monitoring of patients with epilepsy. Read more about this unique facility on page 25.

The **West Park Kiwanis Club** is already gearing up for the annual **Kamm's Corners Independence Day Parade**. It takes place on Saturday, July 4, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Plan to watch or participate! See details on page 6.

Welcome to **Brian Faraji**, owner of **Tradewinds Motor Center**, 15300 Lorain Avenue, offering auto sales and service of all makes and models. This is the second location for Tradewinds,. Call 216-331-4512 for more information. See the ad on page 12.

Congratulations to **West Park Discovery World**, 3909 Rocky River Drive, on receiving the highest rating possible from **Ohio's Step Up to Quality** rating system. To learn more about this excellent pre-school operating here since 1986, call 216-671-7229 or visit [discoveryworldwp.com](http://discoveryworldwp.com).

Meet the police officers serving our community. Attend the **Cleveland Police First District Community Relations Board** on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at **St. Ignatius of Antioch Church**, 10205 Lorain Avenue.

Keep the kids busy and your mind sharp throughout the summer with the activities offered by the **West Park Branch** of the **Cleveland Public Library**, 3805 West 157th Street. Call 216-623-7102 for more information about their many programs.

**Triskett Avenue** road construction from Lorain Avenue to Berea Road is underway and scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Two-way traffic is to be maintained, one lane in each direction.

**River's Edge**, 3430 Rocky River Drive, celebrates 10 years here with a benefit on Saturday, July 18, at 5 p.m. Enjoy food, drink, and live entertainment for only \$60 per person. Visit [riversedgecleveland.com](http://riversedgecleveland.com) for details.

Save the weekend of July 24 through 26 for the **33rd Annual Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival**, taking place at the **Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds** in Berea. Tickets are \$12 per person. Children under 10 gain free admittance. Parking is free. For more information, visit [clevelandirish.org](http://clevelandirish.org). See the ad on page 20.

Congratulations to the **Cleveland International Film Festival** on breaking attendance records again this year, with 100,204 attendees and \$138,427 in Challenge Match donations! Once again, **KCDC** is proud to have been among its neighborhood outreach partners.

To keep up with neighborhood news between quarterly issues of **Kamm's Corners Magazine**, sign up to receive neighborhood news updates and occasional special reports from our e-newsletter. We publish twice a month. Visit our website for the link. You may also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @[KammsCorners](https://twitter.com/KammsCorners).

# Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

News from Ward 17 and City Hall



## Dear Neighbor:

The Hooley edition of the **Kamm's Magazine** has to be my favorite. After a very difficult winter in Cleveland, it's time to celebrate all of its greatest neighborhoods. The Hooley™ is on Saturday, May 9. Read the details in this edition. It's hard to believe this will be our sixth annual Hooley™. A little sunshine and a lot of West Park is a recipe for a wonderful family-friendly afternoon on Lorain Avenue. Please invite your friends and neighbors!

This edition also brings you a pothole report. Please continue to call in the potholes as you see them. Call the city at 216-664-2510, or you can reach my office at 216-941-9509. While we have the city crews out in full force, some potholes will be missed. Please drive safely and be patient! The asphalt plants have only recently opened, so we can finally use the proper material to fill the craters.

Speaking of safety and patience, **Triskett Road** is under construction from Lorain Avenue to Berea Road. Some traffic modifications have been completed, but a few are yet to come. Roadway resurfacing will be a major improvement. As anyone can attest, **Triskett** has been in deplorable condition. Thanks to the Jackson Administration and ODOT for their continued support with our major roadway improvements. Of course, the same level of attention is needed on our residential streets, but mid-major thoroughfares like **Munn** and **Chatfield** require County and State assistance.

The Lorain Avenue improvements focus this year on **West 140th Street**, heading east. In 2016, the section from **West 140th Street** to **West 150th Street** will be resurfaced with minor curb, apron, and sidewalk improvements.

Beyond the Hooley™, spring brings with it a plethora of special events and neighborhood races. Each year, I try to

get the word out ahead of time that an event may cause an interruption in traffic here or there. Please bear with us and support these scheduled events to keep the vibrancy of West Park as we know it.

Special thanks goes to **Commander McCartney** and his staff at the **First District Station**. Without the support of the **First District Police Officers** none of these events would be possible. Please note and call for more information about coming events, including **The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™**, May 9; **St. Joseph Academy's Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K Race/1 Mile Walk**, May 25; **St. Mark's Run for the Arts**, May 30; **Patrick Joyce PJ5K**, August 15; and the **Annual Cleveland Heroes Run**, September 27.

Spring also brings the **26th Annual Seniors Day** presented by **The Cleveland Department of Aging**. This year's event is on **Wednesday, May 20**, at **Cleveland Public Hall**. It's always free to seniors. The program begins at 10 a.m. and proceeds with lunch and entertainment. **Ward 17's Senior of the Year for 2015** is **Mr. Cliff LaRocque**. Cliff has served as the **President of the West Park Kiwanis Club** several times. He is often seen representing the club at local charitable events and is an overall great neighbor. While the **West Park Kiwanis Club** is best known for organizing our annual **Independence Day Parade**, it also carries out service projects throughout our schools and community. Please help me say thank you to **Cliff** and all seniors on **Wednesday, May 20**, at **Public Hall**.

As always, please stay safe. Keep your doors and windows locked on your house and your vehicle. Keep an eye out for your neighbor and your neighborhood. That's what makes us West Park. Drive a little slower now that the kids are outside, and have a great spring!

*Marty Keane*

# Annual Town Meeting Set for June 16

Kamm's Corners Development's 38th Annual Town Meeting returns to the auditorium of St. Joseph Academy (SJA) at 3470 Rocky River Drive on Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m. For the past two years, it was held next door to the academy at River's Edge, in part due to a \$4.8 million expansion at SJA, which is now complete.

Please join us for the evening. The event is free of charge and parking is plentiful. On your way in, visit the display tables of local non-profit agencies to learn more about their programs. The evening's agenda includes updates on neighborhood initiatives such as the proposed Business Improvement District for "Downtown Kamm's Corners," the Rocky River Drive Master Plan project, and our discussions with Bellaire Puritas Development Coporation around a Strategic Alliance. Councilman Marty Keane will provide news about city-related issues, and the



*The new "Scholar's Porch," is an outdoor rooftop area overlooking the Cleveland Metroparks.*

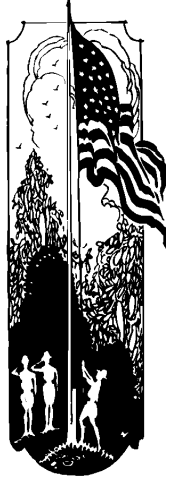
West Park Historical Society will give a brief presentation on the origin of West Park.

Several awards will be presented, including the Community Impact Award to SJA, celebrating its 125th anniversary. Our always-popular "Spontaneous Raffle" will round out the evening.

A short reception will follow on the new "Scholars Porch," an outdoor, rooftop area overlooking the Cleveland Metroparks. Cookies and beverages will be served there. We are grateful to Fairview Hospital for their sponsorship of this key community event.

# Independence Day Parade

The West Park Kiwanis Club is seeking brass bands and musicians for the annual Kamm's Corners Independence Day Parade. It takes place on Saturday, July 4, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The Parade Marshall this year is Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis, President of St. Joseph Academy, celebrating its 125th Anniversary. Be sure to watch the parade – or participate with your community organization.



Community groups, local celebrities, and area merchants are all welcome! Download an application at [kammscorners.com](http://kammscorners.com) or call Herb Hampson at 216-287-3871 to have one mailed to you. Before June 25, the registration fee is \$70, except local non-profit organizations pay \$35. After June 25, the registration fee is \$100 for all. Don't delay!



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# Fore the Kids!

## Golf Outing To Raise Funds for YMCA

The West Park Family YMCA hosts its Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 26, at the Hickory Nut Golf Course in Columbia Station, 23601 Royalton Road. This traditional event brings together community leaders, neighbors, and YMCA advocates to raise funds for the Y's Annual Support Campaign.

Ever since it was built in 1957, the branch has continued to serve the West Park community. Generations of families have learned important lifelong skills there, such as water safety, physical education, and character development. The Y continues to serve the community with over 2,700 members.

Through fund raising events such as the Annual Golf Outing, the Y is accessible to all. The Y is able to make its programs and facilities open to everyone because of the scholarship program and the power of volunteerism. The Y does not turn anyone away due to inability to pay.

Last year's Golf Outing contributed over \$10,000 to the Annual Support Campaign. As a result the Y was able to:

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- Give away school supplies and backpacks to youth in order to begin a successful school year.

The Y is committed to strengthening the foundation of the community through programs that promote youth development, social responsibility, and healthy living, all of which would not be possible without the support of its community partners.

Help strengthen the health and wellness of our neighborhood children, families, and individuals. If you are interested in sponsoring or participating in the event, please contact Branch Director Brandon Bussey at 216-941-5410 or [bbussey@clevelandymca.org](mailto:bbussey@clevelandymca.org).

Join the cause and have fun, too! Register online at [clevelandymca.org](http://clevelandymca.org).

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Working with the staff of the City's Storefront Renovation Program, the design package is nearly complete and will then be issued for construction bids. Exterior renovations will include the removal of the boarding covering portions of the building, the installation of all new storefront windows and doors, masonry restoration, and painting. Other work planned for the building will include new HVAC systems, roof replacement, and parking lot improvements as well as a build-out of the interior spaces. Interior work is underway with the exterior renovations slated to start later this spring.



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# Asphalt Cinema Returns June 19

Reserve the third Friday of June, July, and August for an evening of music, art, games, and prizes that ends under the stars with a family friendly movie all at Impett Park, 3207 West 153rd Street. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. It's free, thanks to our sponsors.

Kids are invited to try creative games of chance and skill for small prizes – all provided by local merchants and organizations. A ring toss, pin the tail on the doggy, hula-hoops, and more will keep the kids engaged. The popular Pork Chop Derby will return for squeals of laughter – and prizes to the first place pig's "owner."



In addition to games, there will be art activities and everyone will be invited to dance and sing with the help of a DJ, starting at 7:30 p.m. Draw characters from the featured film and win a prize! The artistic portion of Asphalt Cinema is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

Our first Asphalt Cinema of the season takes place on Friday, June 19, and features the Lego Movie, rated PG. An ordinary Lego construction worker, thought to be the prophesized "Special," is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the Lego universe into eternal stillness.

Beverages and popcorn are available for purchase. The movie and the fun activities are **FREE** of charge thanks to our Asphalt Cinema sponsor, Fairview Hospital!

## Asphalt Cinema Dates

June 19: Lego Movie

July 17: Frozen

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Celebrate a day of fun in West Park with your family and friends in "Downtown" Kamm's Corners on Lorain Avenue east of Rocky River Drive. It's the 6th annual The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™! Tagged "West Park's Homecoming Celebration," The Hooley™ takes place on Saturday, May 9, from noon until 8 p.m. on Lorain Avenue in Kamm's Corners.

Lorain Avenue will be closed to traffic from West 165th Street to Rocky River Drive, starting at 5 a.m. "Hooley" is Irish slang for party or celebration. The Hooley™ offers fun and activities for all ages. Eat, drink, mingle, and enjoy! Once again, there is no charge to enter the area of The Hooley™, thanks to our generous sponsors.

Purchase unique goods, such as the new, 6th Annual Hooley™ T-shirt available at the KCDC booth for only \$10. Pick up interesting information from the more than 60 tents lining Lorain Avenue. Satisfy your cravings from the abundant food offerings such as gyros, hot dogs, kettle corn, pulled pork, ice cream, and more.

New this year, Cleveland Bazaar will host a juried handmade arts and crafts show on West 168th Street, sponsored by First Federal of Lakewood. Original artwork in a variety of media will be represented, including paintings, photography, sculpture, drawings, and more.

The Main Stage will face east at Rocky River Drive for live musical entertainment, featuring a mix of Celtic music and rock-n-roll! The Pipes and Drums of the Cleveland Police will help with opening ceremonies. Here's the line-up in order of appearance after the opening: The Sunrise Jones, The Donegal Doggs, Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes and Drums, The Donegal Doggs (return), Mary's Lane, and Cats on Holiday.

The Family Stage at West 165th Street, sponsored by Dollar Bank, will feature performers to entertain the younger crowd, and they include All American Karate Studios, Taylor's Troupe from Gunning Park Rec Center, Perlas Del Caribe Dance Crew, and Irish dancers from the Brady Campbell Irish Dance School, Burke School of Irish Dance, Cannon Irish Dance, and The Leneghan Academy of Irish Dance.

Also performing musical numbers on stage will be Newton D. Baker School of the Arts, St. Joseph Academy's Academy Choral, and the West Side Irish American Club Pipe Band. DJ McNab will keep things moving later in the day. Bounce houses and a big inflatable fire truck slide return! In addition, the Youth Center features minute-to-win-it games with assistance from the West Park Family YMCA, sponsored by Neighborhood Family Practice. Pop-a-Shot Basketball, popular with tweens, will be operated by the Our Lady of Angels PTU.

Follow us on Instagram @kammscorners. Leading up to May 9, Instagram users are invited to dig out original photos from The Hooley™ of past years and upload them








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# The Hooley™

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to Instagram, using #TheHooley. Each week until May 9, one lucky winner will get a guaranteed parking space to use during The Hooley™ 2015. Photos uploaded and tagged on May 9, will be eligible for the Grand Prize, a \$25 gift certificate to each of the Hospitality Tent sponsors: Back Stage Bar, Ironwood Cafe, P.J. McIntyre's, Red Lantern, Si Senor Mexican Restaurant, Smedley's Bar & Grill, and West Park Station.

Refer to the centerfold of the magazine for a full color event map and current list of the stage performance times.

Please join us for a great day of music, food, and family friendly fun. Admittance is free! Additional information can be found at [kammscorners.com](http://kammscorners.com) and on Facebook at The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™.

**See you at The Hooley™!**

### **Parking information:**

- Parking will be at a premium. Visitors are encouraged to walk or take public transportation to the event.
- Fairview Hospital has agreed to open their surface lots on Lorain Avenue to visitors for the day at no charge. These lots are on both sides of Lorain Avenue, West of Charter One Bank and Kamms Plaza.
- Parking at Kamms Plaza is reserved for patrons of those stores. Please do not park there if you are attending The Hooley™. *You may be towed!*

*The Hooley™ is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Special thanks to the City of Cleveland and Councilman Marty Keane for their support.*

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## Neighborhood Meeting Scheduled for Rocky River Drive Master Plan

Please mark your calendars for the next neighborhood meeting for the Rocky River Drive Master Plan. The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, in the lower level of St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4427 Rocky River Drive. The agenda for the meeting will be a discussion of the plan's recommendations with a focus on the roadway and public right-of-way of Rocky River Drive.

A public meeting was held on March 19, to present the plan findings and preliminary recommendations. Based on feedback following the meeting, it was determined that another neighborhood meeting was needed for additional discussion of the plan, which is still in draft form.

The Master Plan addresses Rocky River Drive from Lorain Avenue to Brookpark Road and is focused on the following tasks:

- Locate opportunities for streetscape improvements.
- Develop recommendations to improve neighborhood gateways and connections to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, the Cleveland Metroparks, and other assets.
- Identify and develop cost estimates for transportation improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and motorists.
- Develop a revitalization strategy that upgrades the existing residential and business environment as well as guides the future mix of residential, business, and institutional uses.
- Analyze improvement options for the City-owned parking lot at Albers Avenue and West 168th Street.

Once completed, the Master Plan will articulate neighborhood goals for transportation and community and economic development along Rocky River Drive.

Community input and feedback are important components in the development of the plan. To date, two public meetings and two steering committee meetings have been held and community participant surveys were collected late last year.

The project timetable calls for the plan to be completed this spring and presented to Cleveland City Council and the Cleveland City Planning Commission to request adoption of the plan. The project is made possible by a technical assistance grant awarded to KCDC and the City of Cleveland by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

For more information, questions, or to offer your comments, please contact Ben Campbell of KCDC at [ben.campbell@kammscorners.com](mailto:ben.campbell@kammscorners.com) or (216) 252-6559 ext. 1200.

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# A Bicyclist's View on Sharing the Road

...by Rob Thompson

Cycling as a preferred mode of transportation is on the rise in the United States. While the overall share of bicycling is still small, between 2000 and 2010, commuting by bike has risen 47% nationally, and Cleveland has seen a 280% increase in the number of trips made by bike. The reasons are varied, but people are beginning to realize there are numerous benefits associated with getting around by bike; ranging from health improvements, to cost savings, to environmental concerns. The transportation sector is responsible for 33% of all carbon emissions.

Many people are beginning to value transportation choice highly when deciding where to live and work, and young people, specifically college graduates and new professionals, are increasingly sensitive to the cost of getting around exclusively by car. It costs nearly \$9,000 a year to operate an average sedan.

You might be thinking, "so what?" and have no interest in riding a bike. That's OK, but let's take a look at the larger benefits of bicycles in the community.

- Studies show that people on bikes spend more money per month at local businesses than people in cars because they stop more often and make more trips.
- Property values around bike friendly neighborhoods tend to increase, while traffic incidents for all road users decrease.
- Road configurations that help people move around within a neighborhood (not just through it) are becoming more and more desirable because of their benefits.

A prominent example of this new thinking comes from New York City. In 2012, the NYC Department Of Transportation found that the construction of a protected bike lane on 9th Avenue saw a 49% increase in retail sales for local businesses, while on other streets in the borough the average was only 3%. They also saw a 58% reduction in injuries to all street users (cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers).

Other cities are taking note, and in 2012 the City of Cleveland implemented a Complete and Green Streets policy. A "complete street" is a street that considers all road users as part of its configuration (bikes, pedestrians, transit users, and cars) and factors in access and safety in addition to peak traffic flow.

The ordinance requires implementation of sustainable policies and guidelines in all construction projects within the public right of way. It is designed to create a walking, biking, and public transportation-friendly city while reducing environmental impact by incorporating green infrastructure. Moreover, in June of 2012, Cleveland City Council passed a bicycle transportation safety ordinance to help protect cyclists on the road by requiring motorists to give 3-feet of room when passing a person on a bicycle (CLE 431.03d).

As we see more and more bikes and bike related infrastructure (dedicated space like bike lanes, or 'shared space markers' like sharrows), you may have questions about cyclists and where they should be. First, it's important to remember bicycles are legal road vehicles and must obey all applicable traffic rules (ORC §4511.01). Bikes are also allowed to ride two abreast and take the full lane if they wish (ORC §4511.55); it is illegal for adults to ride on the sidewalk in most instances. Some people feel that bikes should stay off the road because they don't pay to maintain them, but an interesting statistic is that 88% of cyclists also own cars. It's not about bikes versus cars, though. It's about the fact that more people are riding, and many more would if they felt safer on the roads (60%).

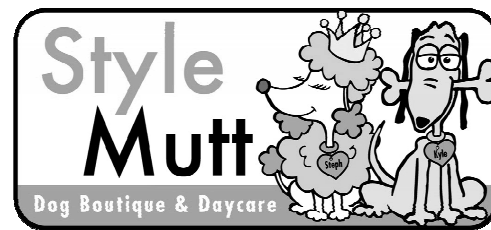
We're all out there together, simply trying to get where we need to go, so let's keep an eye out for each other.

Visit us at [BikeCleveland.org](http://BikeCleveland.org) to learn more, or email me at [rob@bikecleveland.org](mailto:rob@bikecleveland.org)

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# Architect Firm Opens Office in Kamm's Corners

Recently, Smith Architects LLC moved into the formerly vacant building at 16105 Lorain Avenue, leaving downtown Cleveland. "We are very excited to be a part of the Kamm's Corners neighborhood," said Bonnie Smith, President of the firm.

Look for many upgrades to the building in the coming months as they work on its restoration. Cost-effective energy efficient improvements are planned, such as

- Increased insulation and reduced air leakage
- New windows and doors
- Reducing electrical consumption through new energy-efficient lighting, wiring and appliances

"We are hoping that through the right retrofit actions, we can reduce our energy use by at least 30 percent," said Bonnie. "We believe that the greenest building is one that already exists."



*Bonnie E. Smith, President of Smith Architects LLC, moved the firm from downtown to Kamm's Corners. Welcome!*

Smith Architects LLC was established in 2005, and is a full service architectural firm providing both commercial and residential architecture. "Our goal is to approach each project with sensitivity

to the unique needs of our clients that result in designs that are functionally stimulating, performance driven, and economically feasible. Our direction is clear: Design and manage projects with exceptional functional capabilities, projects that are fun to be in and that function well," said Bonnie.

The firm is ready to assist with project development and provide the following services:

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# NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT!

## West Park Young Professionals



In early 2015, resident Michael Schmit set out to form a group for young professionals who live, work, or play in West Park. In late February, the West Park Young Professional Group (WPYP) organized its first meeting at Paddy Rock Super Pub. With the assistance of Kamm's Corners Development Corporation, WPYP hosted 15 young professionals for a meet-and-greet and information-gathering session. The group members discussed their favorite neighborhood amenities and brainstormed potential neighborhood improvement projects.

WPYP has since hosted a second meeting at Ironwood Cafe and has continued to generate interest from neighborhood young professionals. More than 30 young professionals have already expressed interest in the group. Members of the group and those expressing interest in the group come from many different professional backgrounds and career paths, but all share a passion for West Park. Currently, WPYP has been focusing on increasing membership, organizing social events, adopting community improvement projects, and coming up with other ways to get involved in the neighborhood. WPYP is planning its third meeting sometime in early May.

In addition to social events, members of the group are passionate about neighborhood development and improvement opportunities. WPYP members have already volunteered at the Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation's Summer Job Jumpstart and are looking forward to preparing for and enjoying The Hooley™. Any young professionals with questions about WPYP or interested in joining the group should feel free to e-mail Michael Schmit at [westparkYP@gmail.com](mailto:westparkYP@gmail.com).



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## Brief Kamm's Corners Video Testimonials Speak Volumes

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**Don DeVries**, All American Karate Studio  
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**Pam Alerine**, Style Mutt Dog Boutique & Daycare  
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**Jerry Kolar**, K&K Portage Market  
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The videos were produced and directed as a gift to KCDC by Stephen R. Campanella of Belltower Productions Inc. He is a dynamic Emmy award-winning producer of nationally televised programs, network specials, feature films, and commercials. He recently co-produced UP Network top movie "Love Finds You in Sugarcreek" which was awarded MovieGuide's Epiphany Award for Best Film in Television as well as production supervised the feature film "The Bronze," which was selected to open the 2015 Sundance Film Festival.



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...by Bill Markowitz,  
KCFM Market Manager

Well THAT was one heck of a winter! Now that it's over with – let's get growing! Daffodils and crocuses have come up, trees are turning green, backyard grills are again sizzling, and we are more than ready for that delicious taste of freshly grown vegetables and fruits you can get from Kamm's Corners Farmers Market or from your own back yard.

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market always offers a great shopping experience and a neighborhood destination. We feature farm fresh produce and products and much more, every Sunday from June 14 through October 11. Our operating hours are: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Going into its ninth season with over 30 vendors, the market boasts a breadth of offerings. We have vegetables and fruits of course (even a hydroponic farmer that will have fresh green leaf veggies the first week!), but also meats, cheeses, eggs, pasta, bread and pastry, scented soaps, olive oil, and everything in-between. Some of the participants offer organic produce, and others offer hormone-free, naturally raised meats.

Farmers, artisans, and professionals participating at our market come from as close as a mile away to dozens of miles away, but virtually all of the offerings are from Northern Ohio and are grown or made by the vendors themselves.

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market boasts weekly live musical entertainment from locally famous and sometimes internationally famous artists. Dozens of very talented people grace our stage – too numerous to mention. But suffice it to say our market attendees are always entertained.

We also have a weekly chef demonstration that features local chefs showcasing their talent. Many utilize produce from the market vendors, demonstrating what can be done with the great fresh produce available at our market. Our first chef demo of the season will come from the celebrated "farm to table" restaurant, AMP 150. Located inside the Marriott Hotel at 4277 West 150th Street, AMP 150 is known for using local ingredients at the peak of quality.

Also this season, we will also be offering a "Healthy Living" feature. Local experts will share practical tips on heart health

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As always, our farmers market will host a free Perennial Exchange the second market (June 21st) and the 2nd last market (October 4th). Just dig and bring some perennial plants or flowers to share or trade. No selling. This is all free!

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So grab your reusable shopping bags and head over to the market on Sundays, located in the Municipal Lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue. With live music from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., chef demonstrations at 11:30 a.m., and so much more, the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market serves as our "town square" each Sunday.

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*For more information about the market, call market manager Bill Markowitz at 216-252-6559 ext. 1400, or email him at [kcfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:kcfarmersmarket@gmail.com).*

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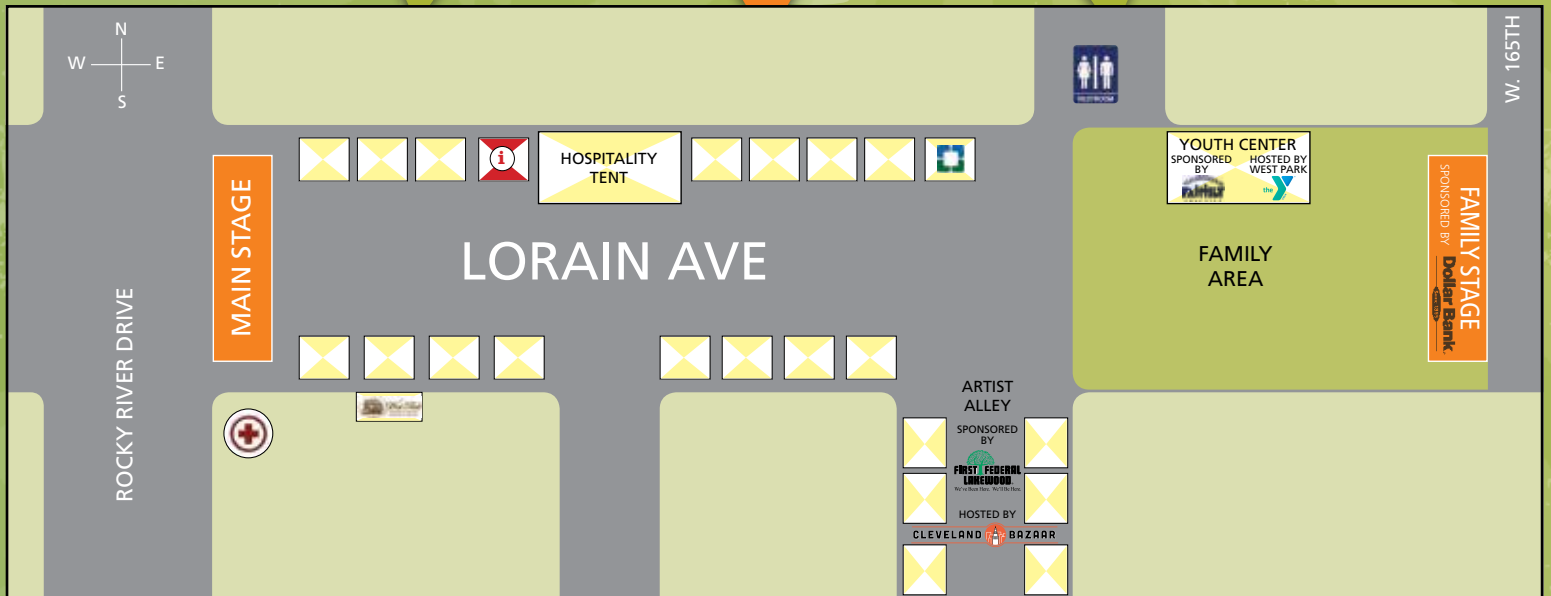


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- 12:30 The Sunrise Jones
- 2:15 The Donegal Doggs
- 3:00 Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes and Drums
- 3:30 The Donegal Doggs
- 4:15 Mary's Lane
- 6:00 Cats on Holiday
- 8:00 See you at The Hooley next year!

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- 3:00 All American Karate Studios
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# Community West Foundation

## A Great Year for Community West Foundation

The Community West Foundation, the well-known west side charitable organization, had great news to share in its recent Annual Report.

In 2014, Community West Foundation received \$3.5 million in donations thanks to the generosity of valued donors and friends – a strong testament to the giving spirit of our community.

The Foundation is a responsive grant maker and provided a total of \$5.8 million in grant funding in 2014, a powerful message of obligation and responsibility to help those facing many challenges. This distribution included \$2.3 million in grant assistance to more than 60 organizations, providing for the most basic of necessities – food, shelter, healthcare, and even educational programs and transportation. The Foundation also shared \$2.4 million with Fairview and Lutheran Hospitals. Donor Advised Fund holders at the Foundation granted an additional \$1.1 million to benefit 140 charitable causes in diverse areas including health and human services, education, the arts and culture, animal welfare, the environment, and more.

The impact of the Foundation's grants reaches every corner of our community and touches the lives of our very youngest to our most senior neighbors. The Foundation's progress is the result of the hard work of the Board and staff, service providers, and financial investments made by supporters.

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## St. Joseph Academy Walk of the Roses 2015

It's almost time again for that treasured West Park neighborhood tradition – the St. Joseph Academy (SJA) Walk of the Roses. This honored tradition, in which the graduating class marches down Rocky River Drive from SJA to Our Lady of Angels Church, with each white-robed graduate carrying a dozen red roses to commencement ceremonies, remains a treasured symbol for the past, present, and future generations of SJA and West Park. SJA is currently celebrating its 125th birthday, with a look back on such valued traditions, and a look forward to a vital and vibrant future. Please join the many family, friends, alumnae, and neighbors who line the street to cheer on the proud class of 2015 on Tuesday, June 2. The walk begins at 6:30 p.m. from the school at 3470 Rocky River Drive.



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The resident physicians work under the direct supervision of board-certified physicians. Because the focus of the three-year program is learning, the resident physicians are encouraged to spend a significant amount of time with each patient. Resident physicians provide patients of all ages, from newborn to geriatric, with the latest recommendations and treatment for common illnesses as well as chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension (high blood pressure) and obesity. They also oversee efforts to change diet, smoking and other habits to help their patients achieve a healthier lifestyle.

Added benefits to patients include convenience (the Center for Family Medicine is located across the street from Fairview Hospital), same-day appointments and access to the comprehensive inpatient, testing and lab services at the hospital.

“Resident physicians provide their patients with an exceptional level of continuity of care,” says Dr. Snyder. “If a patient needs to be hospitalized, they continue to see that patient during inpatient treatment.”

Thanks to electronic medical records, confidential patient information is secure, yet available to residents and supervising physicians to review. When a resident physician is nearing the end of the three-year program, they work closely with resident physicians newer to the program to transfer patient care seamlessly and provide a comprehensive overview of each patient’s health needs.

“Even though the supervising physicians are the teachers they learn from the resident physicians every day,” says Dr. Snyder. “There is so much going on in medicine, and the resident physicians are very on top of it. Plus, they have a very humanistic approach which emphasizes the relationship between the physician and patient. They want to do whatever they can to help, which is characterized by collaboration, dignity, empathy and trust.”

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# Cleveland Clinic opens Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at Fairview Hospital

Individuals with epilepsy now have an option for sophisticated evaluation, diagnosis and monitoring of their epileptic seizures on the West Side.

Cleveland Clinic has opened a four-bed Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU) at Fairview Hospital. Operating around the clock, the unit is staffed by two neurologists specializing in epilepsy – Dileep Nair, MD, who is head of Adult Epilepsy and oversees the unit, and Andrey Stojic, MD, PhD, along with a team of nurses and EEG technologists who specialize in epilepsy. The new unit is uniquely connected to Cleveland Clinic's advanced Central Monitoring Unit at the Main Campus, the first in the world to serve as a true live control center with EEG monitoring capability 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

“The unit provides us with a way to safely evaluate patients whose seizures are not well controlled by medication and need to seek other options,” says Dr. Nair.

EEG equipment monitors brain activity and video cameras record body movements during a seizure in real time. This combined approach gives epilepsy specialists a much greater understanding of seizures than using either technique alone.

“It allows us not only to diagnose a seizure problem accurately, but also to design the best possible treatment plan,” says Dr. Nair. Patients who are being considered for seizure surgery are also monitored to identify the location in the brain where the seizures begin.

“This is a wonderful expansion of neurological services at Fairview Hospital,” said Dr. Peter Bambakadis, Neurology Section Chief. “The Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at Fairview Hospital uses the same technology, oversight and expertise available at Cleveland Clinic main campus. We know our patients and their families appreciate the convenience of having this unit in their own community.”

Patients are monitored around the clock by on-site nurses and EEG



*Dileep Nair, MD*

technologists, backed by highly trained staff at Cleveland Clinic's central control center. In addition, each patient's results are evaluated through a teleconference that includes main campus specialists.

Fairview's Epilepsy Monitoring Unit includes four private rooms overlooking the Cleveland Metroparks. The length of time spent in the unit varies, but usually ranges from three to seven days. Friends and family may visit whenever they wish.

Patients are generally referred to the unit by their neurologist, or they may schedule an appointment with a Cleveland Clinic Epilepsy Center specialist at 216-636-5860 or 866-588-2264. For more information, go to [clevelandclinic.org/epilepsycenter](http://clevelandclinic.org/epilepsycenter). Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.



*Andrey Stojic, MD, PhD*

# Program Provides Rides to Seniors

Ward 17 seniors can meet their transportation needs through the Senior Transportation Connection (STC). The program serves people 60 years of age or older who have limited options for transportation services. The STC provides two, one-way trips per week to eligible riders. Here are the details:

## How to use the service:

- First-time riders must call the Cleveland Department of Aging at 216-664-2833.
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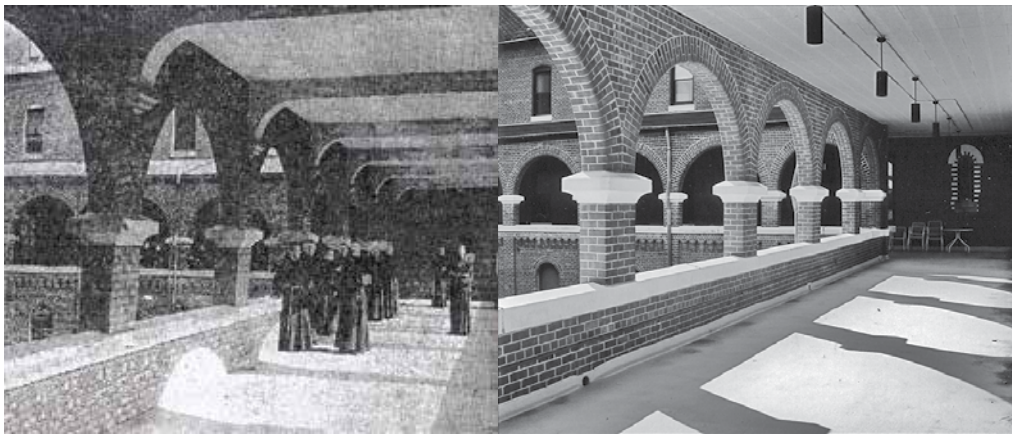
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- Riders must call 800-983-4782 to schedule a trip.
- Service is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Riders need to provide STC with information including the name, address, and phone number of the destination and the duration of the visit/appointment.
- Riders must schedule a trip by noon two days before they travel, but may schedule up to two weeks in advance.
- Riders are also expected to contact the call center by 7 a.m. to cancel any trip.

## Priority, Cost, and Assistants:

- Medical related trips are a priority and must be located within Cuyahoga County.
- Personal shopping and errands must be within the City of Cleveland. Riders are limited to five (5) shopping bags per trip.
- Generally, a fare of \$1 per one-way trip will be charged. Drivers are not permitted to make change on the van or accept tips. Please ask the reservationists to verify the cost ahead of time.
- Riders may have a personal care assistant (PCA) or escort with them. However, they must provide this information when scheduling the trip. No fare is charged for PCA/Escort riders as long as they are assisting the individual.

The program is sponsored by the Senior Transportation Connection, Cleveland City Council, and the City of Cleveland.



Franciscan Monks on the courtyard walkway in 1909 and the same walkway a century later!

# The Franciscan Monastery

...by Gary Swilik

Franciscan Village on Rocky River Drive provides housing and a community lifestyle for active senior citizens. The building is actually a century-old monastery where for decades Franciscan monks lived a simple life of religious study, prayer, and meditation. Many remember seeing the monks, in their brown robes and leather sandals, tending crops on the monastery grounds.

In 1904, the Catholic Church granted permission to the Franciscan Fathers to establish a monastery in West Park. The cornerstone was laid on June 13, 1906, and the massive building was ready for occupancy in the summer of 1907. The monastery extended back to the cliff overlooking Rocky River. The grounds included gardens, orchards, and a large open courtyard surrounded by graceful arches of brick and stone.

The building contained classrooms, dining rooms, a library, and kitchen, along with a cobbler shop, barbershop, laundry, and tool room. The walls were bare of ornament and the monk's rooms were simply furnished with an iron bed, washstand, desk, bookcase, and chair. At odds with the austere image of life in a monastery, the facility included a tennis court, swimming pool, and bowling alley!

The new institution was originally called "St. Mary's of the Angels Monastery" although it was most often referred to simply as the "monastery." Novices began their studies at the Franciscan order in Teutopolis, Illinois, before coming to West Park to learn philosophy and fundamental theology. They went on to higher studies in St. Louis before final ordination to the priesthood.

By 1909, the monastery in West Park was home to 38 Franciscan monks, most of them students studying for the priesthood, all of whom made a vow of poverty, chastity, and obedience. A typical day for the monks began at 4 a.m. and was spent in meditation, study, chanting, recitation, and daily housekeeping. However, periods were also set aside for recreation or just strolling the countryside.

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For nearly sixty years the monastery on Rocky River Drive offered philosophy classes to students preparing for the priesthood. The classes were discontinued in 1964, when the philosophy program was moved to another facility in Quincy, Illinois. However, the building continued to serve the Franciscans, in one form or another, up until the late 1970s. When the Franciscans finally left the monastery, it was converted into senior apartments and an 82-unit addition was added to the building. First Lady Rosalynn Carter spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony on October 29, 1980.

Maureen Scalley-McGlynn, of West Park, lived on Dartmouth Avenue near the monastery. "In 1948 my parents were married in the front parlor of the monastery," Maureen said. "In the late 1950s, the monks kept a pet collie that would come to the fence to visit with the school kids. Every Christmas at midnight Mass the monks would come into Our Lady of Angels Church holding candles and singing. They still used the Gregorian chant and their singing was beautiful."

"I think the Franciscans closed the monastery sometime while President Carter was in office," said Maureen. "There was talk of tearing the monastery down but the neighborhood was horrified. Fortunately Franciscan Village took over the building."

Krista Guardi, of Avon Lake, also grew up on Dartmouth Avenue. "The monastery played a big part in my childhood," said Krista. "As a kid, to see the monks in their robes working in the garden was always intriguing. I'd chat with many of them and they'd often give us veggies through the fence. I'd sometimes play on the grounds, always thinking of it as a sacred and holy place."

"My grandmother's backyard butted up against the monastery," remembers Diane Williams Beal of Cleveland. "She would go out every morning and buy bread from the monks. It smelled wonderful when they were baking!"

Edward Kelly grew up across the street from the monastery and shared some of his memories: "Theology classes had been discontinued when I was still very young," Edward recalled. "However, about twenty Franciscan monks remained in the building, enough to run their household and host various ministers to the community. They'd have vocational awareness days and invite a group of us boys to spend a day in the monastery. Everything was wood: simple, clean, and immaculately polished. There was no carpeting. Sometimes they let us swim in their pool in the courtyard."

"They had an indoor two-lane bowling alley," Edward continued. "They let us use it provided we took turns being pin setters. There was a manually operated pin-setting machine. You were careful never to return the ball until you were well out of the pit!"

"Each 'brother' had his own responsibility," said Edward. "Brother Matthew Middlebeck was in charge of the plumbing, electrical system, washers, dryers, and mangles. Brother Luke Boehmer was the tailor. He took about two days to make a single habit. Each monk had two; cotton for summer and a wool-blend for winter. They also made their own sandals in the cobbler shop."

Look closely at Franciscan Village on Rocky River Drive. The monks, orchards, and gardens are gone but the building's distinctive medieval architecture makes it easy to recognize as the monastery, which was built over one hundred years ago.



*Monks in the fields surrounding the monastery. Circa 1940. Courtesy of Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart.*

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# Students Hold Book Club Meeting at West Park Restaurants

Patrons of West Park restaurants on Lorain Avenue may have noticed a group of students enjoying an after school snack while listening to the book *Holes* being read aloud. They are from Constellation Schools: Westpark Community Elementary and Middle School, and have been holding book club meetings at Dunkin' Donuts, Chipotle, Steak 'n Shake, as well as the West Park Branch of the Cleveland Public Library.

Mrs. Elizabeth Conroy, Intervention Specialist at the school, said that all the establishments and the library have been very welcoming to her students and have even offered some kind of special service to help with the book club.

Books are competing with after school diversions such as Xbox, Netflix, sports, and more. "This book club is designed for kids who don't love to

read," Mrs. Conroy said. "By making it fun, I am hoping to infect them with some of my own love of reading!"

The students are allowed to order food at each meeting and do not have to pay for their food, thanks to donations received. Generous contributors include a retired Army Colonel, the school's principal, and family members of the students.

Ryan, a fourth grader and member of the book club, said, "I thought the book club would be boring, but we do activities, and the story is fun!" As a result, the students have walked through all the weeks of bitter cold weather to attend.

The book club concludes next month after the students enjoy watching the Disney movie based on the book, *Holes*.



Teacher Elizabeth Conroy with members of her unique after-school book club.

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# Young Couple Buys Newly Renovated Home

...by Marilyn Osborne

Zachary and Alexandra Belcher bought the Dutch colonial newly renovated by KCDC on Sedalia Avenue, and moved in during February with baby Eloise and their “poodle mutt” Hazel in tow. The young couple grew up west of Toledo, in Ottawa and Findlay, Ohio. “Zachary grew up in Ottawa farm country, where everything is far apart,” said Alexandra. “Findlay is a little bigger, but not by much.”

While at college, they met for the first time at a curry party held by a mutual friend. Five months later, they were engaged. Now married three years, Alexandra is a pharmacist for Walgreens in Independence, and Zachary is graduating this month from Marshall Law School. They had been renting a house in Lakewood and enjoyed the kind of lifestyle offered by an established, urban community, especially the walkability factor.



*A very happy selfie!*

– cheesecakes, and even an occasional wedding cake. Our previous place had a tiny galley kitchen where we banged into each other a lot. Here, all three of us can be in the kitchen, and the baby’s in a high chair! Plenty of room for everyone!”

This previously abandoned 2-story Dutch colonial home on Sedalia Avenue is now beautifully restored and full of life. Lovable, friendly Hazel sits by the sliding door, watching squirrels and birds in the large backyard. The property features a deck, and flowers are blooming. “I texted a picture to my mom of the daffodils and tulips

coming up. Pleasant surprises, unlike the little shop of horrors at our rental,” Alexandra quipped.

Now that the weather is warming up, people are outside on foot and bicycle. “We bought bikes off Craigslist and already got lost in the Metroparks our first time out,” Alexandra confessed.

“Our neighbors greet us and say they are happy to see the house transformed and a young couple living here,” she continued. The couple is looking forward to cookouts and outdoor activities in the yard – and beyond.

“Everyone is so nice! We have lots of young teens here,” said Alexandra. “I see potential babysitters in the years to come!”

Working with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank, KCDC’s goal was to acquire and completely renovate this previously abandoned house for new occupants.

***Mission accomplished!***

# Excellence Recognized Here

West Park Discovery World, 3909 Rocky River Drive, has some exciting news to share! The preschool was awarded 5 stars from Ohio’s Step Up to Quality rating system, the highest award granted!



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If you, or someone you know, would like more information, please contact Nora Litchney or Gayle Kovach at 216-671-7229. Feel free to visit their website at [discoveryworldwp.com](http://discoveryworldwp.com) or you may view many of their fun activities on Facebook!

## Spring Tips For Your Garden

...by Dale Heyink

Wow! What a winter! Spring is trying to get started. Please be patient, as many perennials will be a little late breaking dormancy.

This is a great time to feed all trees, shrubs, and perennials. If the ground is workable, you can get it ready to plant. I know everyone is anxious to get the garden planted, but all in good time.

Onion sets, potatoes, asparagus, shallots, and garlic should be planted now. Cold crops such as cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, kohlrabi, Brussels sprouts, and lettuce can also be planted now. Please be patient with tomatoes, peppers, and squash and wait. They need the ground to warm up to start growing.

I hope this growing season is a good one for everyone.

*Dale is the owner of Puritas Nursery, 19201 Puritas Avenue. See his ad on page 6.*



*The spacious kitchen features marble counter tops, tiled floor, and stainless steel appliances.*

“So, when we began house hunting earlier this year, neighborhoods in Cleveland were high on our list of possibilities,” explained Alexandra. They liked Ohio City, and visited several homes for sale in communities around town.

“Nothing popped out at us till we drove up to this one,” she said. “We were immediately charmed by its curb appeal.” They went inside and liked the house even more, especially the kitchen. Thoroughly renovated, the house features a spacious kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. “I love to bake cakes

# GardenWalk Cleveland Expands to West Park

The long winter is a distant memory and summer gardens are becoming brilliant. That means it's time for GardenWalk Cleveland. The fifth annual Walk is Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and features over 200 gardens in the West Park, Detroit-Shoreway, Larchmere, Old Brooklyn, and Slavic Village neighborhoods of Cleveland.

GardenWalk Cleveland is a free, self-guided tour of private and community gardens, farms, vineyards and orchards. Each neighborhood will have a designated headquarters where visitors can find maps, garden guides, restrooms and water, enter a drawing, and mingle with other garden enthusiasts. The goals of the Walk are for people from in and outside of the city to connect through the power of gardening, and to create a catalyst for rejuvenating urban neighborhoods. Gardeners and farmers will be available to answer questions, educate visitors, and share gardening ideas.

As it has in past years, the event will showcase all types of gardens, including shade, fruit and vegetable, herb and rock, and a wide variety of plants and flowers. There will also be many interesting garden creations, like a fence made of colored wine bottles and concrete, a patio garden with tables and benches made of stones with cushions, stone fountains, grapevines shading a chicken coop, and garage-top bee hives. The Walk is also a place to greet neighbors, meet new friends, learn new gardening techniques, and maybe hear some secret tips.

This is the first year West Park has been part of the Walk, and as of early April there are 15 gardens scheduled to participate. David Horneck, a West Park resident and member of the Walk's planning committee, is celebrating his house's 100th birthday this year by being on the Walk.

"I've only lived here seven years," said David. "When I moved in, it was all grass and one half dead lilac bush, and now I have a sandstone patio, informal garden 'room,' veggies, fire pit, and a water feature made out of my old cement washtub."

The headquarters for the neighborhood will be West Park Station, a restaurant at 17015 Lorain Avenue. There is parking in the parking lot behind it, accessible from Albers Avenue. Those interested in having a garden included may contact David Horneck at [dborneck1@gmail.com](mailto:dborneck1@gmail.com) or 216-543-4277.

GardenWalk Cleveland is modeled after GardenWalk Buffalo, which has been in existence for over 20 years. The Cleveland event is planned and carried out entirely by volunteers. Find more information at [gardenwalkcleveland.org](http://gardenwalkcleveland.org).



# Soil Testing Tips from the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County



Now that spring has arrived, many are beginning to think of their lawns and gardens. The basis of all healthy gardens and lawns is healthy soil. Soil holds water, air, and nutrients necessary for optimal plant growth. If you've never done a soil test, you should before planting gardens. Soil tests can be an inexpensive investment to find out important information about your soil. A basic soil test that gives readings for soil pH, phosphate, potassium, and magnesium levels is sufficient for most home gardeners, unless you are on an urban site and would also like to test for heavy metal contaminants such as lead.

How do I do a soil test? Soil test results are only as good as the sample provided. The first step is to scrape away or discard surface debris, sticks, and leaves. If using a trowel or file, cut slices about 1" wide. Sample the lawn or garden area to the sampling depth indicated below.

1. Existing grass – sample 0-3"
2. New grass – sample 0-6"
3. Gardens – sample 0-6"
4. Trees/shrubs – sample 0-12"
5. Lead test – sample only surface ¾"

Take approximately 15 samples in the area using a zigzag pattern and mix them in a bucket. The larger the area, the more cores or slices should be taken. Any area that has different soil qualities or has been managed differently should be tested separately. Once you have a mixed, composite sample, remove about a quart of the soil and place on some newspaper to air dry. Pick out any debris, rocks, and plant material. Break up any clumps that remain. When the sample is air dried, take a pint of the soil and place it in the bag provided by the soil testing company or a Ziploc bag and send as instructed. You should receive the results in two to three weeks.

How do I read my soil test results?

Soil test reports from all of the labs will provide data on the nutrient levels, usually in some type of graphical form, and usually the nutrient levels are listed as low medium, high, or excessive. "Optimal" and "excessive" levels mean that the nutrient concentration in the soil is more than adequate for optimum plant growth.

Adding more of nutrients that are already present will not help plants grow better. The test results will provide recommendations. However, for additional and more detailed information, call your local Extension service or Master Gardener Volunteer Hotline (see days and hours below). Soil tests should be done every three years. Problem areas could be done more often.

For more information and a list of local soil testing labs, call the Cuyahoga Master Garden Volunteer Hotline at 216-429-8200, ext. 235, Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from mid-March to Thanksgiving.

# Cleveland International Tattoo Takes Place Saturday, May 16

Throughout European military history, musicians marched out from barracks at the end of the day to play signals and alert troops to return home before the castle gates were locked for the night. In the 17th Century, when these musicians called the soldiers to retire, the Dutch phrase “doe den tap toe” or “shut off the taps” could often be heard in the village pubs of Holland and Flanders. As these nightly occurrences became popular sources of entertainment to the villagers, they also became evermore elaborate. This popular tradition of public musical and drill displays evolved into the modern-day tattoo, condensed from “tap toe,” much like the solemn tune Taps.

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officer’s Memorial Society (GCPOMS) invites all to enjoy the displays of marching, music, dance, and song by

the finest men and women from across North America, and join the international community in remembering the fallen heroes who have returned home for the final call. Annually, the entire community joins together in remembrance, fellowship, and celebration to salute safety forces, military, and country.

The Tattoo is on Saturday, May 16th at the State Theater, 1519 Euclid Avenue, at 7 p.m. Tickets start as low as \$20 and discounts are available for “liking” them on Facebook at “Cleveland International Tattoo (CIT).”

In the time-honored tradition of the military tattoo, the pipes and drums of numerous police departments throughout the United States and Canada, as well as marching bands, drill teams, dance and choral groups, combine their talents in a spectacular display of pageantry and music.

This family friendly, patriotic concert highlights the best musicians, dancers and performers from across the globe. Past performers include



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The CIT is produced and coordinated by the GCPOMS. Each May, the GCPOMS sponsors the Greater Cleveland Police Memorial Commemoration in conjunction with National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15).

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Your home does NOT need to be historic and does not need to be in a historic district – it only needs to have been built prior to 1964. The property must be zoned residential, contain three occupancy units or less, and be current on taxes. Other restrictions apply.

To find out whether your home is eligible, call a technical staff member at 216-426-3116.

# Run for the Arts

St. Mark Catholic School is holding its 15th Annual Run for the Arts on Saturday, May 30. Funds raised from this benefit are used to provide a full-time art teacher for the school as well as band and drama programs for the students.

The 1-mile fun run begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by a 5-K road race at 9 a.m. Both start at St. Mark School, 15724 Montrose Avenue, and thread through the lovely neighborhoods of West Park. Participants may download a registration form at [stmarkwestpark.com](http://stmarkwestpark.com) or register online at [peaceracing.com](http://peaceracing.com). Race registration is \$15, and \$20 on race day.

Immediately following the race, an Art Festival features art displays and performances by the talented students of St. Mark. There will also be crafts to make, raffles, and fun summer refreshments.

Corporate or family sponsors are welcomed and greatly appreciated. For more information, call 216-521-4115.

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## St. Joseph Academy Earn Your Spots 5K/1 Mile Walk is Memorial Day

...by Susan Condon Love,  
SJA Communications Director

Attention West Park residents! Lay out your running or walking shoes and participate in the 3rd Annual Earn Your Spots 5K/1 Mile Walk sponsored by St. Joseph Academy. Don't waste the holiday in bed! Join us, either as a volunteer or a participant, on Monday, May 25! In previous years, nearly 400 friends of St. Joseph Academy participated in the race, earning more than \$4,000 for academic scholarships.

The race/walk starts at 9 a.m. at 3470 Rocky River

Drive. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Not interested in running or walking but still want to be part of the fun? Consider volunteering on race day. We would love to see you! For more information or to volunteer, please call 216-251-6788 ext. 245 or contact Alumnae and Events Coordinator Betty Hjort at [bhjort@sj1890.org](mailto:bhjort@sj1890.org). For online race registration, visit [bermesccleveland.com](http://bermesccleveland.com). A race t-shirt is guaranteed for the first 300 registered participants. Come on! Earn your spots!



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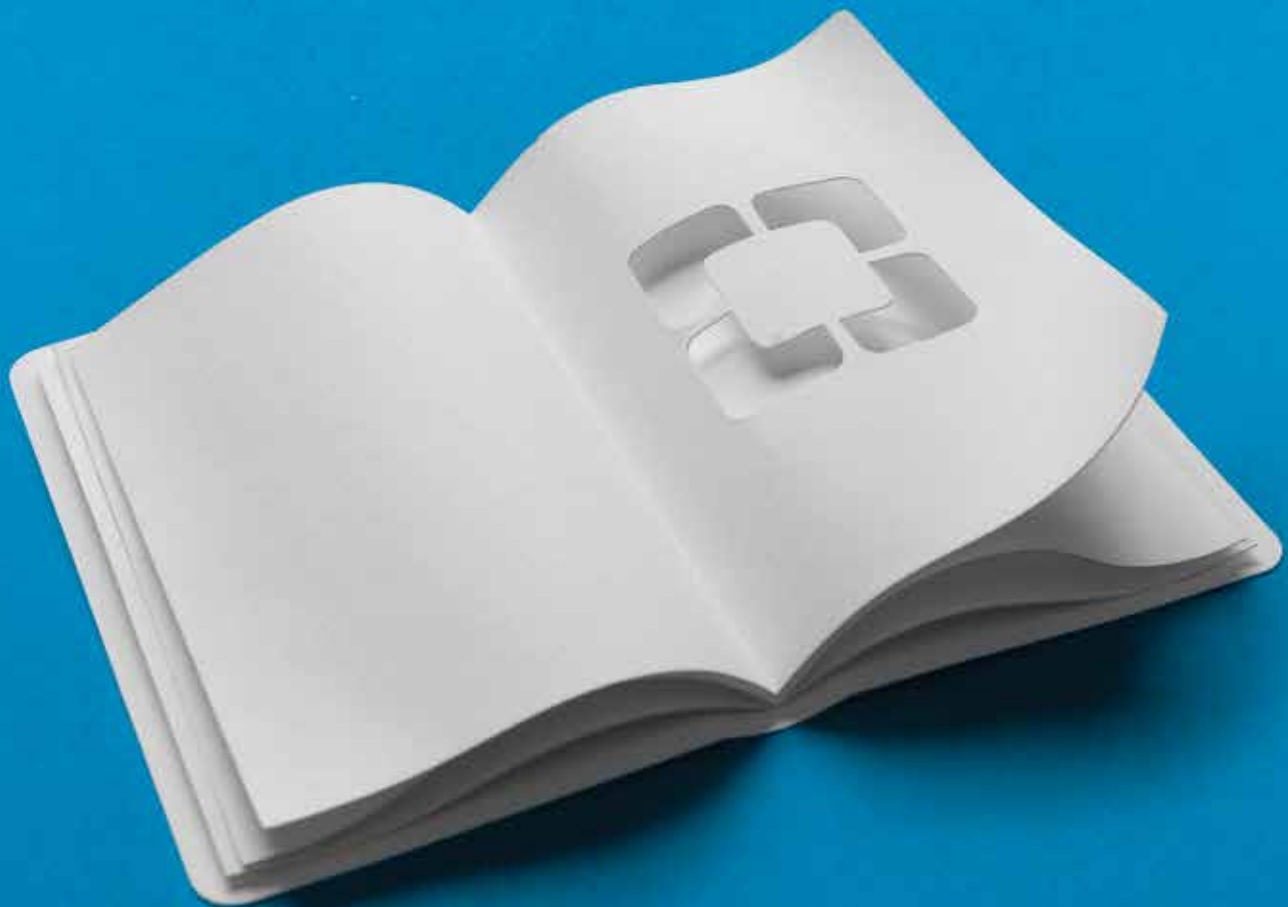
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