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From the Director

With summer in West Park in full swing, we'll soon see our schools opening their doors and students heading back to the classrooms. Seems like we just get the ball rolling and it's time to switch gears!

Looking back, we were blessed with amazing weather and great attendance at West Park's Homecoming Celebration, The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™. There has been so much rain---we were extremely lucky to have such a beautiful day. I hope you came out to enjoy it. About 30,000 of your neighbors did!

We appreciate the wonderful Independence Day parade made possible through the hard work of the West Park Kiwanis Club. As participants, we are always thankful for the great job they do organizing a very large and unwieldy group!

There is still a lot of fun to be found around the neighborhood in the coming weeks. Our final Asphalt Cinema is approaching August 21st. And of course there's the venerable OLA Fall Festival. But there are two other really fun festivals coming up, too: St. Mary's Romanian Festival and the Kamm's Corners Greek Festival. You really need to visit both! Details can be found in the pages that follow.

This issue of Kamm's Corners Magazine includes short snippets about long time local businesses that call West Park home, some for generations. Remember that small business is the backbone of solid neighborhoods like West Park. Support them, and help keep our commercial districts vibrant and attractive. Shop outside the box!

Thanks to those of you who attended our Annual Town Meeting at St. Joseph Academy in June. We appreciate the hospitality of the academy and congratulate them on their 125th Anniversary. At the meeting, we provided an update on our ongoing talks about a possible union with Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation, our colleagues serving eastern West Park. See the story on page 11 for details on this exciting exploration.

Enjoy the remaining summer days, visit the award winning Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, and be safe. And, as always, let us know how we're doing.

*Our cover photo once again portrays an iconic scene from the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market. Dazzling blossoms such as these are available at the Enchanted Lotus booth. If you miss OUR market, you miss a LOT!
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Steve Lorenz
Executive Director

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Around the Corners

Asphalt Cinema includes a **City of Cleveland Safety Fair** on Friday, August 21, at **Impett Park**. Be sure to bring the family for an evening of free games with prizes, engagement with members of our safety forces, interactive fun with a DJ, and **Big Hero 6** shown outdoors under the stars. Learn more on page 29.

Summer's bounty fills the tables as more farmers offer their weekly harvests here every Sunday at the **Kamm's Corners Farmers Market**. Visit the outdoor market at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue in the municipal parking lot behind Walgreens from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October. See the article and photos on page 14. Make visiting the market your Sunday tradition as so many of your neighbors already have.

The **West Park Historical Society** celebrates its 10-year anniversary on Sunday, August 30, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the **Metroparks at The Terrace at Big Met Grille**, 4811 Valley parkway, between Lorain Avenue and Puritas Road. See details on page 19.

Each summer, **Crain's Cleveland Business** salutes a handful of the countless, brilliant female leaders in Northeast Ohio as "**Women of Note.**" **St. Joseph Academy President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis** is one of 2015's noteworthy honorees. Mrs. Corrigan-Davis, a 1971 graduate of **Saint Joseph Academy (SJA)**, is joined by another SJA alumna in the honor, **Natalie Leek-Nelson**, a 1985 graduate, as a "Woman of Note." Congratulations!

Certified Hypnotist Jerome Masek is celebrating the 10th anniversary of his business, **Time for Change**. A member of the **National Guild of Hypnotists**, he has worked with more than 1,500 clients on a variety of issues. He now sees clients at **River's Edge** in West Park. You can contact him at 216-210-5504 or JeromeMasekCH@aol.com.

Discovery World, 3909 Rocky River Drive, is receiving a grant for income-eligible preschool families through the **Ohio Department of Education**. They are also members of **Pre4Cle**, Cleveland's plan to expand access to high-quality preschool for Cleveland families. Families may contact them for further eligibility information at 216-671-7229. See their ad on page 10.

Congratulations to **Maureen Powers**, the new Executive Director at **River's Edge**, 3430 Rocky River Drive. She most recently served as Marketing Manager and is replacing **Sister Rita Petruziello** who retired after serving for 10 years at the helm of this decade old institution. A gala celebration took place on July 18, marking River's Edge 10-year milestone in West Park. Best wishes to all!

Riveredge Dentistry recently added a fourth location to its family of dental offices, which started in Kamm's Corners with **Dr. Bill Waters**. Next year, he will be joined by his son **David Waters** who is finishing up his last year in dental school. For the office locations, see the ad on page 27.

Cleveland Public Theatre's Student Enrichment Program (STEP) returns to the **West Park Family YMCA** for a free indoor performance on August 11, at 1 p.m. **Lost in the Water** is a family-friendly performance, free of charge. The Y is at 15501 Lorain Avenue.

Thai Elephant, 17015 Lorain Avenue, is the perfect place to try your favorite Thai dish or introduce yourself to the Thai dining experience. Open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Call 216-671-9999 to place an order to go.

The **Cretan Center** will hold its **6th Annual Kamm's Corners Greek Festival** over Labor Day Weekend, starting on Friday and continuing through Monday. West 168th Street will be closed to traffic. Enjoy Greek food, traditional Greek music, dancing, and vendor booths. See article on page 25.

The **West Park Young Professional Group** meets on the fourth Thursday of every month to work on community improvement projects. Young professionals who are interested in participating are welcome and may email for further information at westparkyp@gmail.com.

The **West Park United Church of Christ** is offering a free Sunday meal once a month at 11:30 a.m. in **Barter Hall** at the rear of the church, 3909 Rocky River Drive. The dates are: August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22, and December 27. Dates are subject to change and will be posted on a sign in the front yard.

Our Lady of Angels Church, 3644 Rocky River Drive, will hold its annual **Fall Festival** on Friday, September 11, from 6 to midnight, and Saturday, September 12, from 2 to 11 p.m. Enjoy live music, games for all ages, food, and beverages. New this year, a raffle takes

place Saturday evening for a grand prize of \$1,000 followed by 52 smaller prize drawings each week throughout the year averaging \$100. Some will be larger. For more information, call the church at 216-252-2332.

The **West Park Family YMCA**, 15501 Lorain Avenue, is offering a babysitting class from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 29. The fee is \$75. Sign up by calling 440-871-6885 or email cdunn@clevelandymca.org.

A **classic car and music show** is coming to **Jefferson Park** on Saturday, August 8, from noon to 5 p.m. sponsored by **Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation**. Classic car exhibitors are welcome for a fee of \$10 in advance and \$15 at the show. The park is on Lorain Avenue at West 133rd Street. Contact Rachel at 330-635-8047 or email friendsofjeffersonpark@gmail.com to exhibit.

Planning a block party? Remember to obtain a permit to conduct a recreational activity upon a street. Applications must be received by the city at least 14 business days prior to the event. Call the office of **Councilman Marty Keane** at 216-664-4239.

Neighborhood Connections offers small grants to groups of residents in Cleveland to do projects that improve the quality of life in their communities. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000. The next grant deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, August 14.

Office and retail space is available in beautiful **Downtown Kamm's Corners** inside the **Alber Building**, 17019-25 Lorain Avenue. Call **Ben Campbell** at 216-252-6559, ext. 1200 for more information.

Learn all the dance steps to **Michael Jackson's Thriller** line dance before Halloween in a 5-week course at **West Park Massotherapy**, 4168 Rocky River Drive. The course is only \$40 before August 22. In addition, **Zumba** sessions are available every Sunday at noon and on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for only \$5 per class.

Known for its fresh from the farm cuisine, **AMP 150** at the **Cleveland Airport Marriott**, 4277 West 150th Street, also offers a double burger, named one of the top burgers in Greater Cleveland by two local magazines. To celebrate, the burger is offered for only \$6 every Thursday, dine-in only, from 5 to 9 p.m. Why not take advantage of this special offer?

Neighborhood Family Practice has been offering primary healthcare services to folks on the west side for 35 years. Join in celebrating their anniversary at a gala

event on Saturday, August 29, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at 6412 Franklin Boulevard. The evening fundraiser costs \$75 each and includes dinner, drinks, and live music by the **Sunrise Jones** band. This is the same great band that opened **The Hooley™** this year! See the ad on page 9.

Soup isn't only for cold weather! Try a refreshing gazpacho and triple grilled cheese sandwich from **Souper Market**, 16804 Lorain Avenue. Other summer favorites include strawberry salad, spicy shrimp ceviche, and chilled borscht. Call 216-941-4604 for the daily menu. Hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Is someone in your household interested in taking karate? **All American Karate** offers a non-obligatory single free introductory lesson. Visit the special training facility at 16600 Lorain Avenue. Call 440-331-0010 for more information.

The **West Park Branch** of the **Cleveland Public Library**, 3805 West 157th Street, offers an array of classes for adults who want to improve their computer skills. Call 216-623-7102 for details and to reserve your space in class!

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral hosts its **10th Annual Romanian Festival** the weekend of August 21 through 23 on the cathedral grounds at 3256 Warren Road. Free admission and parking! For details, see the article on page 22.

On Sunday, September 27, the **14th Annual Cleveland Heroes Run** takes place, starting at 8:30 a.m. The race starts and finishes at **St. Joseph Academy**, 3470 Rocky River Drive. Read the details on page 21.

The **8th Annual Patrick Joyce Fund 5K/1-Mile Walk & Kids race** takes place on Saturday, August 15, starting at 8:30 a.m. The course starts on Albers Avenue and runs through West Park. See registration details and more about the race at hermescleveand.com.

A capacity crowd attended our **38th Annual Town Meeting** on June 16. Thanks to all who participated. Congratulations to the award winners, too. For a recap of the evening's event, visit the community events page on our web site at kammscorners.com/events.html.

Thanks to all who visited **The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™**, our annual homecoming festival of live music, family friendly activities, great food, and fun attractions. The beautiful weather brought an estimated 30,000 to the event. See links to photos and videos on our community events page at kammscorners.com.

Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

News from Ward 17 and City Hall



Dear Neighbor:

I can only hope we are finished with all the rain and can now appreciate our summer in the City. The quantity and duration of the rain was trying to all involved. Not only were almost all local baseball games cancelled, nearly all experienced some flooding in or around our properties, myself included. I believe it has finally passed, and ever since the remarkable Independence Day Parade, thanks to the West Park Kiwanis, we are able to enjoy the neighborhood we all know and love.

I was a bit concerned when the block party applications slowed considerably. However, I am happy to report a significant uptick in applications. I know how hard they are to plan, let alone when you haven't seen the sun in a month. Please call my office should you need assistance in obtaining the necessary paperwork. Along the same lines are the neighborhood block watch meetings. June was tough due to the weather, and there was little to report. A few new block watches started this year, and a few that have been dormant have been resurrected. I urge anyone interested in forming or re-convening a neighborhood block watch to call my office or KCDC for more information. I can't think of a better way to get accurate information, keep in touch with your neighbors, and enjoy all that our neighborhoods have to offer.

Another great way to get out and enjoy the neighborhood is to participate in or volunteer for the 14th Annual Heroes Run on Sunday, September 27, at St. Joseph Academy. The Heroes Run is as much a part of West Park as is the granite of the Police and Fire Memorial on Rocky River Drive. We simply can never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the City of Cleveland. As always, a huge thank you goes out to those tireless organizers and volunteers who make it a reality. There will also be the 8th Annual Patrick Joyce Scholarship Fund 5K or 1-mile walk with kids' races available on August 15th at West Park Station. These are just a few of the great events scheduled in and around our neighborhood. Please call

my office or visit the KCDC website for events and details.

Summer always brings with it the concern for public safety. We work very closely with the First District Command Staff as well as those of the Division of Police to ensure proper deployment and manpower. The most heavily weighted criteria for deployment, city wide, is calls for service. While we have argued extensively to consider the per-capita deployment model, it remains calls for service that predominantly dictate deployment. I would urge all of West Park to call the police as needed. From low-level property issues to suspicious individuals trolling our streets, please call. There have been burglaries, both during the day and at night, which I obviously never like to see. Please see the crime statistics along with some general safety hints provided by First District Commander Tom McCartney later in the magazine. Overall our stats are down. That's the good news. However, all crime is concerning, and we need to remain diligent and cognizant of our surroundings at all times. The most important thing to stress is please lock your doors and windows.

Impett improvements are still being considered by the Department of Capital Projects as well as the Law Department. Different renderings were provided at the Annual Town Meeting and the vast majority preferred the restroom/concessions concept. In order to make that a reality, a "Use Agreement" has to be prepared and ratified prior to constructing a building. The final plan has not yet been approved, but, hopefully, we can finally get something going before the snow falls.

Please continue to patronize our local small businesses. Shopping local and staying in the City keeps neighborhoods alive and thriving. Remember our award winning Kamm's Corners Farmers Market on Sundays! The fresh veggies and other assorted offerings are a welcome addition to any table. Please stay safe and happy this summer season!

Marty Keane

Be Well West Park An 8-week Adult Wellness Challenge

Residents are invited to take part in a free, fun competition being sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic's Fairview Hospital, local businesses, and the City of Cleveland. The goal is to educate and inform participants about current health trends as well as provide the motivation to stick with a fitness program. Each Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. starting August 18, programming will include a Walk and Talk with a health professional and "Tasty Tuesday" recipes.

The first step is to sign up for the starting assessment, which takes place on Saturday, August 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gunning Recreation Center, 16900 Puritas Avenue. Screenings for total cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure, and BMI will be conducted. Registration for a time slot is required. Call 440-331-0618 to register by phone, or stop by the Gunning Recreation Center in person ahead of time.

On registration day, participants will receive a Cleveland Clinic starting toolkit of a string bag, journal, and tracking forms. Prizes for the top three participants will be based on participation in walks, screenings, classes, and improvements in personal health numbers such as weight.

First Prize: \$250 • Second Prize: \$150 • Third Prize: \$100

Be Well West Park will run weekly from August 18 through October 6. A final weigh-in will take place on Saturday, October 10, at Gunning Recreation Center, starting at 10 a.m. Winners will be announced shortly thereafter.

KCDC is pleased to be among the sponsors of this fine wellness challenge. To see the flyer, visit our website at kammscorners.com.

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market Voted Best in the West!



For the second time in three years, *West Shore* and *Cleveland Magazine* have chosen Kamm's Corners Farmers Market as the **Best of the West** in the category of "Farmers Market."

Voting by the general public chooses candidates and winners for this award. Many thanks to our volunteers, staff, our vendors who make the market worthy of such distinction. Most of all thanks, to our customers and everyone who voted! Now come on down to the Kamm's Corners Farmers market and find out why! See article on page 14.



Volunteers Joe Outlaw, Bill Markowitz, Carol Silway, and Tyler Gogolek at the Best of The West event.



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All in the Family — Profiles of Five West Park Family Owned Businesses

This is the first in a series that will focus on the family businesses in West Park.

These clever, hardworking individuals identified a good business opportunity, scraped together some money, and started a company that took off! We appreciate the services or products they provide to the community.

White Wheel Aligning A Sweet Success Story

Small bottles of pure maple syrup sit in a box on the front counter at White Wheel Aligning Services, at 15207 Lorain Avenue. Although seemingly out of place next to the parts catalogs and tire brochures, the syrup is as much a part of the family business as are the cars hoisted up on lifts to be expertly aligned.

White Wheel Aligning Service was founded by George P. White, a graduate of the Bear Alignment School in Iowa. But before he got into the alignment business, George grew up on a 176-acre farm in Auburn Township. As a young man, he believed the farming life was not exactly how he wanted to make a living. Instead, he learned frame straightening and front end alignment and moved to the big city to work on cars. He started at City Auto Frame on Carnegie Avenue where he met his wife, Isabel. He worked at Sefang Towing and Frame in Toledo. Then, he and Isabel moved to Cleveland's west side. George worked at Riverside Body and Frame in Fairview Park, and then Kamm's Corners Auto Body and Ignition. His wife took a job at Fisher Foods, now the site of Ganley Ford.

It was 1950, and George decided to go into business for himself. So, he bought both the property at 15207 Lorain Avenue and a house in the back facing 152nd Street, which was perfect for raising a family. In 1967, White Wheel took over a gas station property next door, and, in 1980, expanded into the former West Park Dairy building. "My dad and uncles dug out the pits,



The iconic White Wheel sign, vintage 1950, was recently repaired and painted.

opened up the door, and knocked out the one wall to open it up. It's the main alignment section," George's son Mike explained showing off the building. "We have multiple alignment machines and multiple balancers. But, in here, we can fit the big trucks."

George and Isabel raised four boys and three girls in the house, enjoying a short commute to work – only 200 feet! White Wheel remains family owned and operated, now in its third generation as George's grandchildren help out in the shop after school or during summer vacation. George's sons Mike and Tom have worked there the longest. Their sister Jean returned from Walsh Jesuit College as an accounting major, but decided she enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing the end result of a job well done – a car fixed properly – and the pride that comes from it rather than dealing with numbers on a computer or document. So, she's working with her brothers once again.

George died in 1998, but he never let go of his interest in the family farm, sharing it with his brother who ran it. After they both passed away, the farm went to their children – cousins. One cousin lives on the farm and works it daily. But, Tom White has become more involved in farming the land along with his son and daughter.

"We like going out there to Auburn and planting raspberries, blueberries, melons, squash... you name it!" said Tom White. "We tap the maple trees and produce maple syrup out in Geauga County, participating in the annual Geauga County Maple Festival."

...by Marilyn Osborne

The White Family Farm sells their ever-expanding line of produce and goods every Sunday at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market. "Nine years ago, we started with a card table and a basket of veggies," said Tom. "Each season brings more farm experience and more efficient methods and equipment resulting in better, earlier, and more bountiful harvests." Tom's teenaged son, Nick, is Mr. Personality Plus at the market. He knows the other vendors and can talk farming with the best of them. "Our staff has grown to include Nick's godmother Suzie, nephew Calvin, and family friends Pat Cotter and Pat Gibbons. Each brings more vitality to our farm operation and markets." It seems farming is in the family's genes after all – along with the knack for vehicle repair!

Next time your car needs service, stop by White Wheel. And, pick up a bottle of maple syrup, too. Where else can you get your car expertly aligned and really good maple syrup at the same time? Said Tom, "We look forward to seeing all of our friends and valued customers at the shop, at the Kamm's Corners Farmers market, or both!"

Gino's Shoe Repair

Working Magic for Nearly 50 Years

Next May, Gino Nardo will mark 50 years repairing shoes in his shop at 17116 Lorain Avenue – a shop filled with polishers, buffers, stitching gizmos, and a Singer sewing machine from the 1940's – still working!

He has seen a lot of changes since opening here in 1966. Since then, his shop has remained virtually unchanged except for the addition of new linoleum and carpeting in 2000. "I like it the way it is," said Gino, adding, "It is functionally perfect."

Born in Sicily, Gino was 14 years old when he came to Cleveland. Every day he walked from John Hay High School to his uncle's shop on East 98th Street and Euclid Avenue to learn about shoe repair. Eventually he opened his own shop in Medina, but after a couple of years there, he returned to Cleveland and worked at the Sears and Roebuck



Over the years, demand for White Family Farms homemade pickles has increased. Pick up pickles and fresh produce at their stand every Sunday at Kamm's Corners Farmers Market.

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store at West 110th Street. He had a little shoe shop in the arcade, and many of his current customers followed him here to West Park.

Gino is carrying on a family tradition. Both his grandfather and his father were in the business. After his father retired, he spent some time working with Gino in his Kamm's Corners location.

Besides shoe repair, Gino does orthopedic work, such as adding lifts to shoes. He fixes handbags, briefcases, and belts. He also sells waxes and cleaners, too.

The most common request is for new heels or soles to be added to a favorite pair of shoes. Repairs may take a week or a day, depending on how much needs to be done.

Gino is married and has grown children, none of whom are in the business. His wife, Karen, helps out a few days a week to keep things going and free up his time to work his magic. But, as far as the future of shoe repair goes, Gino said, "I see more shoes that are plastic and vinyl than leather. Synthetics can be repaired, but when they are cheap to begin with, many people simply throw them away and buy new ones." Leather is still the best option for shoes that last.

His advice? Keep your shoes clean and polished! Occasionally, waterproof them with a liquid or spray. And, avoid wearing the same pair of shoes every day. They need a rest every 24 hours for the leather to dry out and breath. "Plus, your feet appreciate the change in pressure points," he said.

See whether Gino can work his magic on repairing a favorite leather – or leather-like item – before parting with it. You'll be glad you did!

Wiemels-Hiros Plumbing Keeping Things Flowing

Wiemels-Hiros Plumbing Company has long been a supporting business member of Kamm's Corners Development Corporation. Joseph and Brad Hiros are the third generation of the Wiemels family in the plumbing business, and they are currently running the business. However, callers hear the voice of their mother, Deanna, who answers the phone. She keeps the office running each day. It was her father, Stephen H. Wiemels, who started the Wiemels Plumbing Co. with his brother, William, in 1931. The business moved to its current location at 16419 Lorain Avenue in 1945. When Stephen Wiemels passed away in 1972, his brother William decided to retire, and the business was purchased by Stephen's two sons-in-law, Dick Hiros and Edward Wiersma. Dick had been with Wiemels Plumbing as a Local #55 plumber since 1954, and Ed concentrated on the sewer building part of the business.



Gino Nardo

Between 1945 and 1980, Wiemels Plumbing was very involved in new residential plumbing. Many homes on the west side of Cleveland and in the western suburbs have plumbing installed by this company. After Ed retired in 1986, and Dick's two sons moved into management positions, they decided to add their name to the company, hence Wiemels-Hiros Plumbing Co.

Today, the company offers home remodeling and service work. They not only solve plumbing problems, but they do complete bathroom remodeling from the floor up. And, if you have a sewer problem, they can fix it with minimal digging required.

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Carol & John's Comic Book Shop

Comic Books Are For Everyone

In October, Carol & John's Comic Book Shop will be celebrating 25 years in business – all of them inside Kamms Plaza. The shop's origins began in the late 70's, when young John would visit his great-grandfather in what was then the Polish neighborhood around East 78th and Ovington Avenue. In an effort to learn English, the old man read comic books given to him by the family. "I remember visiting him and looking through his stacks of comic books," said John. "Ironically, it was an Avengers comic from 1977 that really caught my eye and led to many years of my lunch money going to buy more comics."



Carol Cazzarin and John Dudas

At age 11, John began working part time in a comic book shop called North Coast Nostalgia in Parma. When he was 14, the store owners hired John's mom Carol to do the bookkeeping. The world of comic books was new to her, but she embraced it, reinventing herself to become a comic book aficionado.

Three years later, they both were laid off. By then, John's passion for comics had grown as well as his collection. It filled 56 boxes that each held 300 comic books – all cataloged. (Serious collectors catalog everything!) So, they decided to open their own shop using John's extensive collection as inventory and Carol's newly acquired expertise. John was too young to sign any legally binding contracts, so the first store was called, "Carol's Comics." They opened in Kamms Plaza on October 28, 1990.

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a time when most comic shops had a reputation of being small, dirty, hole-in-the-wall places, their shop offered a clean, well-organized environment.

In 1994, John turned 21 and the store officially became Carol & John's Comic Book Shop. That same year, John became a Cleveland firefighter. Although he spends most of his time at the fire station these days, he still takes care of maintaining the inventory at the comic shop. Carol recently retired, but she still shows up one day a month to keep tabs on the store and interact with the regulars who stop by on her day there – just to say hi.

"I've always had this thought and inspiration," said John, "When we first opened, I was 17 and mom was 46. She reinvented herself at that age and created a business that will be passed down through the generations. My

daughter, Zoe, may even take over one day. Hopes are that she will learn the trade from her father and grandmother, but for now she's a regular presence in the shop."

John and his wife Apryl have another another girl on the way. "Having a daughter definitely helps me keep the shop not only family friendly, but female friendly in a business that has been traditionally male dominated," said John. "At first it was clunky, but having a woman's name in the store's title makes women feel welcome here, which they are."

The store is a regular winner in "Best of Cleveland" lists in local magazines and newspapers. Last year, Facebook chose the shop for a panel at "Small Business Boost – Cleveland" where John shared their success stories in using social media. In addition, they were voted by their peers for "Best Halloween Event" and given a Diamond Best Practice Award from a premier national comic book distributor.

Check out the comic books, graphic novels, and action figures at Carol & John's Comic Book Shop. Hours are Monday through Friday; noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday; noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 216-252-0606 or visit www.cnjcomics.com.

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Agnes B. and William F. Chambers

When founder William F. Chambers, Sr. passed away unexpectedly in 1950, at the age of 45 years, Agnes assumed leadership of the business and, with the encouragement of her sons, she kept the business going until they were old enough to take over.



William F. and Daniel B. Chambers

With great enthusiasm, they did! In 1955 William F. Chambers, Jr. and 1959 Daniel B. Chambers, Sr. received their funeral directors licenses. And, under their leadership the company grew.

In 1974, a second location was opened in Berea, adjacent to St. Adalbert Catholic Church.

In 2003, a third location was opened in North Olmsted. It is on Lorain Road at Stearns Road near the new North-South connector between I-90 and I-480. This offers a convenient location for all west side families.

Many changes have occurred over the years, and the third generation of Chambers are committed to following the lead and example of their parents and grandparents. It is their goal to provide memorable and meaningful funerals to every family served.

Crime Stats from First District

With more and more people online and so many posting to Facebook, NextDoor, and other sites, it is easy to believe that crime has increased in the neighborhood, when in actuality the crime statistics say otherwise. Here are some actual statistics from Cleveland Police First District:

Robbery: Down 5.29%

Felonious Assault: Up 1.47%

Burglary/Breaking & Entering: Down 52.19%

Theft from Vehicles & All Other Theft: Down 31.07%

It is extremely important to report all crimes to the First District Police. More calls mean increased attention! Additionally, follow these tips:

ALWAYS lock your cars and keep valuable items elsewhere or at least in the trunk. Lock your windows, doors, and garage. Add outdoor lighting and consider motion detectors. If you see any suspicious activity, do not hesitate to call police!

The Bureau of Community Policing will provide safety audits of your home or business. Just give them a call at 216-623-5080. The local First District Commanders office may be reached at 216-623-5105 with any questions or concerns.

Strategic Alliance Discussions Continue with Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation

Attendees at KCDC's Annual Town Meeting in June at St. Joseph Academy received an update on discussions with Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation (BPDC) regarding a possible strategic alliance or union.

The board of trustees of both organizations decided in May to continue working towards a model that would serve all of West Park more effectively and efficiently. These discussions are expected to lead to a vote this fall.

A steering committee consisting of members of both boards has been meeting intensively for months, studying the respective service areas, programming, staff, budgets, resources, and neighborhood needs.

The trustees of both organizations clearly have the interests of the residents of West Park as their highest priority. Everyone involved in the process agrees that any future relationship, including a unification, would only happen if it produces better and broader services and programs for all, and is supported by a stable and sustainable financial model.

We will continue to diligently analyze this opportunity and keep you informed of the process along the way.

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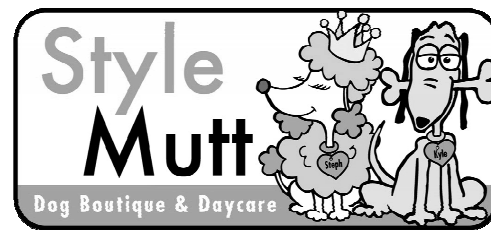
Over the past eight years, Kamm's Corners Development Corporation has received more than \$19,000 in support from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC), which has helped to present the Kamm's Corners Summer Arts and Entertainment Series. This type of funding strengthens West Park and enriches the quality of life for people of all ages. Here is a little bit more about this extremely important funding partner.

The financial support received from the residents of Cuyahoga County through CAC helps to present a wide breadth of musical, visual, and culinary arts at family friendly events as part of the Summer Arts and Entertainment Series. It launches with The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ on the second Saturday of May and continues weekly throughout the summer at Kamm's Corners Farmers Markets every Sunday from June through October. It is also a feature of Asphalt Cinema, a free outdoor movie evening on the third Fridays of June, July, and August at Impett Park.

Thank you for the volunteer work of the residents and business owners who take part in planning and running these events – making the series such a great success! In addition, special thanks to the residents of Cuyahoga County for supporting this program through a public grant from CAC.

Funding from CAC is different from other funders because Cuyahoga County residents voted to create this agency to fund the amazing arts and culture movement with local tax dollars. As a result, many arts and culture organizations, programs, and events in Cuyahoga County are publicly funded by CAC. Its sole funding source is a dedicated cigarette tax levied within Cuyahoga County. Established by voters in 2007, CAC has awarded over 1,200 grants since then, distributing over \$125 million in tax dollars to more than 300 organizations based in the county. Renewal of this funding source will be on the ballot on November 3, for voters to consider.

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The first Music of the Market CD came out in 2007 and offered 17 songs. Music of the Market II features 18 songs donated by musicians who have played at the market. It is now available exclusively at the market info tent for \$10. The CD was assembled under the guidance of long time market volunteer Joe Outlaw. He also did the design work on the packaging and audio mastering.

"This CD was truly a labor of love," said Joe. "I began talking to the musicians last year, and I was overwhelmed by the enthusiastic support I received. Everyone wanted to contribute something special for the market."

And there are indeed many unique "behind the scenes" anecdotes about the songs that populate Music of the Market II, such as:

- Alex Bevan, one of Cleveland's most prolific and talented songwriters, offered up a delightful original song that details the making of an omelet! It's incredibly creative, very appropriate to the market, and exclusively available on our CD!

- There is a very special cut on the CD that is dedicated to and in memoriam of Tim "Froggy" Wallace, who was at the heart of the greatly loved Smokin' Fez Monkeys. Five Cent Song showcases Tim's wonderful voice and joyous spirit. Tim passed away in March of this year but lives on in many a song!

- For the first time we have international content by UK blues vocalist and guitarist Dave Thomas. His double CD release "Repossession Blues" with special guest Wallace Coleman was recorded here in Cleveland, and Dave donated a song. The CD was to include performances by the legendary Robert Lockwood Jr., but he suffered a debilitating stroke when Dave was on his way to Cleveland. Robert passed away during the mastering of the CD, and Dave attended Robert's funeral at Old Stone Church on his way to the airport going back to England. Dave considers Cleveland to be a blues center in America and a second home city for himself. Of course, Wallace Coleman is featured on the CD as well, as is his wife, Jody Getz with guitarist John Lucic, who also plays on the Hollywood Slim Trio cut.

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Scouting Offers Year-Round Activities

...by Tom Frank, Scoutmaster

The year was 1899, and Lord Baden-Powell hosted a camp at Brownsea Island near the southern coast of England. It was at this camp that the Boy Scouting movement was launched, and it grew throughout the country of England.

Fast forward, if you will, to the year 1909 when, as legend has it, an American business man named William D. Boyce was having trouble finding his way on a foggy street in London, when a young English Boy Scout approached and offered to help. This event so moved Mr. Boyce that he wanted to bring scouting to the United States – and he did. On February 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America became incorporated in the U.S., and the rest is history.

The Boy Scouting program not only involves outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, canoeing, backpacking, high adventure programs, service opportunities, etc., but through the various ranks and many programs also teaches citizenship, leadership skills, and development utilizing the principles and ideals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. For many young men, scouting has given them the tools necessary for future success in life as well as friendships that have lasted a lifetime.



Scoutmaster Tom Frank with the scouts of St. Mark Troop 293 doing a great job volunteering at the Hooley.

The year-round program is open to young men between the ages of 11 and 17 years old. Each Boy Scout has the opportunity to advance and earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award a scout can earn in the Boy Scouting program. Earning the Eagle Scout

award is recognized by many in the United States (high schools, colleges and universities, corporations, the U.S. military, etc.) as an exceptional achievement. It has opened doors for many who have earned it. Only about 4% of all registered Boy Scouts reach this rank.

The Cub Scouting Program was launched in 1930 to meet the requests by younger boys and their families to be part of the Scouting program. It also is a year-round program designed for boys between the ages of 7 and 10 years old. This family program involves leaders, parents, and organizations working together to help the younger scouts learn and have fun. The scouts and families have the opportunity to camp, work on crafts, learn games, enjoy the outdoors, tour, and advance as well earn the Arrow of Light, the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve.

The West Park area of Cleveland is fortunate to have several Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops to join. There are active Cub Packs located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church – West Park Lutheran School (Pack 42), Our Lady of Angels Church (Pack 182), St. Mark Church (Pack 268), and St. Patrick Church (Pack 293). Active Boy Scout Troops are located at Christ Methodist Church (Troop 178), Holy Cross Lutheran Church – West Park Lutheran School (Troop 42), St. Mark Church (Troop 293), and St. Vincent DePaul Church (Troop 176).

During the school year, several Cleveland Public Schools also host a Scoutreach program for In-School Scouting serving youth of both Cub and Boy Scouting age. For the latest contact information for any of these units or programs, call the Greater Cleveland Council at 216-861-6060. You can also learn more about the Scouting movement by logging on scouting.org and about the Greater Cleveland Council by logging on council.scouting.org/council440.

Tom Frank is Scoutmaster for St. Mark Church Troop 293.



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Cleveland Culinary Launch and Kitchen is a new vendor at the market this season. Stop by their tent for exclusive northeast Ohio foods from: Back Attack Snacks, Carhops Burger Sauce, Clark Pope Catering, Comrades BBQ Sauce, Erie Bone Broth, Finally Ginger (all natural ginger cookies), Holmes Mouthwatering Applesauce, Molly's Crafted (small batch cocktail mixes), Montana Girl Mustard, Randi's Pantry, Red Lotus Foods (100% vegan), and Tailgate Wings (sauces and rubs).

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Popular restaurants like AMP 150 and The Red Lantern Kitchen & Bar share their recipes each week during the chef demonstration. The demo kitchen heats up at 11:30 a.m. and all of the chefs bring plenty to share with the crowd that gathers.

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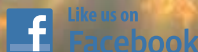
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Then, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. all are invited to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the West Park Historical Society inside the Metroparks at The Terrace at Big Met Grill, 4811 Valley Parkway, between Lorain Avenue and Puritas Road. Park in the Big Met lot across from the rangers' building. Follow the path and footbridge to the south. Enjoy light refreshments and a video presentation.

For more information, call Elaine Staley at 216-267-3857 or visit WestparkHistory.org. The West Park Historical Society is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization.



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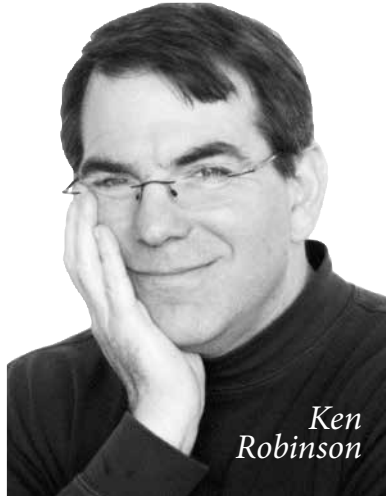
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The Latest Options in Prostate Cancer Treatment

Improvements in the effectiveness of prostate cancer treatments are changing the outlook for men diagnosed with the cancer for the better.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, and the second leading cause of cancer death among men in the United States. One in six men is likely to be diagnosed in their lifetime; most cases are found in men over age 65.

Today’s prostate cancer treatments include surgery, radiation and drugs that slow cancer cell growth. The safety and effectiveness of these treatments are steadily improving.

“Each treatment has its own benefits and risks, and choosing the right approach can be complicated,” says Rajan Ramanathan, MD, a Cleveland Clinic urologist who sees patients at Fairview Hospital and Richard E. Jacobs Health Center in Avon. “Narrowing treatment options depends on the stage of the cancer and how quickly cancer cells are growing.”

In some cases, no treatment might be the most appropriate first step. Called “active surveillance,” this strategy allows men with early-stage or very slow-growing prostate cancer to avoid treatment and its side effects. The patient’s cancer is regularly monitored so that action can be taken if the cancer grows or spreads.

Radiation therapy is a treatment option that kills cancer cells and shrinks tumors. Radiation can be produced from a machine outside the body (external radiation) or by putting materials (often referred to as radiation “seeds”) that produce radiation into the area where the cancer cells are found (internal radiation or brachytherapy).



Rajan Ramanathan, MD

One of the most common surgical treatments for prostate cancer is radical prostatectomy, which involves the removal of the entire prostate. This can be done through an incision in the lower abdomen (open approach), or using the newer robot-assisted surgery. Robotic prostatectomy is a type of minimally invasive surgery that uses robotic equipment and allows surgeons to operate through small ports rather than large incisions.

“Unlike many cancers, prostate cancer usually allows the patient a significant window of time to consider their options,” says Dr. Ramanathan. “Make sure you understand all of the information before you and your physician agree on a course of treatment.”

Download a free prostate cancer treatment guide at clevelandclinic.org/prostatecancer. Call our Cancer Answer Line at 216-444-HOPE for answers to your questions or to schedule an appointment with a Cleveland Clinic prostate cancer specialist. Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.



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Catheter Ablation is Effective Treatment Option for Atrial Fibrillation

An estimated 2.7 million people in the United States have a serious heart rhythm abnormality called atrial fibrillation. One in four individuals over the age of 40 is at risk of developing atrial fibrillation.

Atrial fibrillation results in an irregular heartbeat and can lead to blood clots, stroke, heart failure and other complications. Left untreated, atrial fibrillation doubles the risk of heart-related death and increases the risk of stroke up to five-fold. Yet many patients are unaware that atrial fibrillation is a serious condition.

“The timing of the heart’s contractions is directed by the heart’s electrical system,” says Christine Tanaka-Esposito, MD, a Cleveland Clinic cardiologist who sees patients at the Cleveland Clinic main campus, Fairview Hospital, and Richard E. Jacobs Health Center in Avon. “In atrial fibrillation, the atria, or upper chambers of the heart, beat erratically instead of synchronously to move blood into the ventricles. This fast and chaotic rhythm decrease the heart’s pumping ability and increase the risk for blood clots.”

Many options are available to treat atrial fibrillation, including lifestyle changes, medications, direct current cardioversion to electrically “reset” the heart, an implantable pacemaker and catheter-based and surgical ablation. The type of recommended treatment depends on an individual’s heart rhythm and symptoms.

While anti-arrhythmic medications are effective in suppressing atrial fibrillation 30 to 60 percent of the time, they may eventually lose effectiveness. A non-surgical procedure called catheter ablation is often recommended for symptomatic individuals who cannot tolerate medications, or in whom medications are not effective in



Christine Tanaka-Esposito, MD

maintaining a normal heart rhythm.

“A catheter is guided through the blood vessels into the atrium of the heart,” says Dr. Tanaka-Esposito. “Heat energy is delivered through the tip of the catheter to the tissue responsible for triggering or maintaining atrial fibrillation. This energy disconnects the source of the abnormal rhythm, allowing for the restoration of a normal heart rhythm.”

Experienced centers, such as Cleveland Clinic, report that 75 to 80 percent of patients experience freedom from atrial fibrillation with no need for anti-arrhythmic drugs the first year following catheter ablation. Up to 90 percent are successful following a second catheter ablation procedure.

Cleveland Clinic’s Center for Atrial Fibrillation team includes Dr. Tanaka-Esposito and other specialists from cardiology, electrophysiology, cardiac surgery, cardiac imaging and arrhythmia research with expertise in diagnostic testing, medical management, and interventional and surgical procedures. The team specializes in the care of patients with atrial fibrillation and provides a full range of treatments aimed at rhythm control, rate control and stroke prevention strategies.

To make an appointment with Dr. Tanaka-Esposito, please call 440-695-4000 or visit fairviewhospital.org. Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.

The 14th Annual Heroes Run Sunday, September 27

Whether you’re a fast runner or prefer to stroll, the Cleveland Heroes Run invites you to support the local community and those who gave their lives in the name of serving others. The race raises funds for the West Park Cleveland Police and Firefighters Memorial Fund, established in 2002 to create a lasting Memorial to honor both Police Officers and Firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty while either serving the citizens of Cleveland’s West Park area or while living in the community.

The Memorial itself is set in the Memorial Walkway along the west side of Rocky River Drive. At its center is the Memorial, a granite and bronze sculpture overlooking the scenic Metroparks. Designed by local artist and sculptor Paula Blackman, it not only represents the tremendous sacrifice made by these Police Officers and Firefighters, but also offers their families and the community a gathering place to honor their memory.

Joining to support this Memorial are the Cleveland Police Patrolmen’s Association, Cleveland Fire Fighters Association, Local 93, local government, and local citizens. To show appreciation and support for the West Park community, a scholarship is given each year to a local school in the name of one of the fallen Police Officers and Firefighters.

The Cleveland Heroes Run, a 5-mile and 2-mile Community Race, was created to raise funds to make this tribute possible and to establish and fund annual scholarships for family members of the honored fallen West Park Police Officers and Firefighters. The 14th Annual Cleveland Heroes Run is set for Sunday, September 27, at 8:30 a.m. It begins and ends at St. Joseph Academy, 3470 Rocky River Drive. The entry fee is \$22 through Sunday, August 31; \$25 through Wednesday, September 23; and \$30 from September 24 through race day. Visit the website at westparkmemorial.org for a link to register for the 5-mile run or 2-mile run/walk.

St. Mary Romanian Festival Returns

Preparations are in full swing for the 10th Annual Romanian Festival August 21 through 23 on the cathedral grounds at 3256 Warren Road in West Park. Visitors have come to expect great food, a unique neighborhood ambiance, and an opportunity to get acquainted with the ancient and unique Romanian culture and heritage. Parking and admission are free and open to everyone.

Sample delicious Eastern European foods, either indoors or under a tent. Take one of the scheduled tours of the cathedral and admire its mural iconography, named "the Sistine chapel" of Kamm's Corners. Besides enjoying music and food, visit the Romanian Ethnic Art Museum or admire the bi-millennial historical frieze of Romanian history. The statues and mosaics evoke the Romanian and Roman cultures.

There will be plenty of mititei, sarmale, chicken and pork, the traditional mamaliga and langos, as well as a huge variety of desserts. A representative selection of Romanian wines will be served in the scenic garden. European beer and refreshments such as Socata and others, will give guests the opportunity to be immersed in the ethos of Romania. There will be boutiques, too. Major credit cards are accepted. Come and rejoice in one aspect of Cleveland's cultural diversity!

The orchestra, presided over by taragot player Gheorghe Trambitas and well known soloists, will entertain for the duration of the festival. Folk dances for all ages will be offered by Doina, Sezatoarea, and Mioritza children's group. Sunday afternoon, the Parade of Romanian Costumes will present traditional outfits of all regions of Romania. Children are welcome! In a specially designed area, there will be plenty of games and activities for the children.

The parish of Saint Mary Cathedral was founded in 1904, and it is the oldest Romanian Orthodox Christian parish in the United States. The church is listed among the sacred landmarks of Cleveland. Proceeds from this festival will be used for improvements to church facilities.

Festival Schedule:

Friday, August 21, 4:30 – 11 p.m.

Saturday, August 22: 2 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Sunday, August 23: noon – 10 p.m.

For more details, please visit smroc.org or call the parish office: 216-941-5550.



ST. MARY ROMANIAN Festival

August 21st-23rd



More about the Festival Food

...by Betty Catana

The women of St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral are hard at work finalizing the food preparations for the 10th Annual St. Mary Romanian Festival. The word of the day is "sarmale," that is, stuffed cabbage!

About 7,000 are being cooked up fresh as visitors arrive at the festival. In addition to this classic Romanian dish, there will be many other tasty treats! These include the ever-popular mititei (Romanian mighty burgers hot off the grill), mamaliga, which is polenta baked with sour cream and cheese, homemade sausage and sauerkraut, chicken paprikash, and other tasty treats.

The pastries are all home-baked by St. Mary's ladies. Among the many are the ever-popular elephant ears – a huge attraction. The ladies promise that you will not find a bigger, or more delicious, selection of desserts anywhere else in the area!



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St. Joseph Academy Fall Open House Sunday, October 25

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Enjoy Al Fresco Dining & A Great Burger!

AMP 150, the popular "farm to table" restaurant in the Cleveland Marriott Hotel, 4277 West 150th Street, now offers courtyard dining al fresco. Their on-site garden is producing an abundance of vegetables, which are part of the new summer menu.



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Calling all burger lovers! AMP 150 offers a double burger, named one of the top burgers in Greater Cleveland by Scene Magazine and the Sun News. To celebrate, the burger is offered for only \$6 every Thursday, dine-in only, from 5 to 9 p.m. Why not take advantage of this special offer?

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Call 216-706-8787 for reservations (not required, but preferred).

GardenWalk Cleveland A Big Success in West Park ...by David Horneck

Wow! Fantastic! So much fun! These words were uttered over and over again during the 5th Annual GardenWalk Cleveland, which took place July 11 and 12. With an estimated 1,500 garden seekers on the five-neighborhood tour, West Park was buzzing with activity. Even a little bit of rain on Sunday didn't deter people from visiting the neighborhoods. They simply showed up with umbrellas. Many host gardeners commented on how guests were so nice, so polite, and asked a lot of questions about the gardens.

"We met new friends" was another common refrain from participants. People came from over 99 different zip codes -- from as far away as Toronto, Wisconsin, Connecticut, and South Carolina, to name a few.

As West Park's garden finder and garden tour participant, I know we couldn't have been part of the tour without great gardens to show. So, I want to thank the amazing gardeners I met in West Park. Kudos to the gardeners, to the volunteers, and to West Park Station, which served as our headquarters during the event, for making West Park's first time in GardenWalk Cleveland a very successful one.

Monies raised at the headquarter tables for this free event to offset production costs were above projections, which is great, since corporate sponsorship dwindled this past year. To make a donation, see photos of this year's event, or to get involved, please visit gardenwalkcleveland.org. It's never too early to start thinking and planning for next year! So, all who had fun on the tour should talk it up, get involved, and look for information in the Spring 2016 issue of this magazine.



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Storefront Renovation Program Assistance Available

...by Ben Campbell, Director of Commercial & Industrial Development

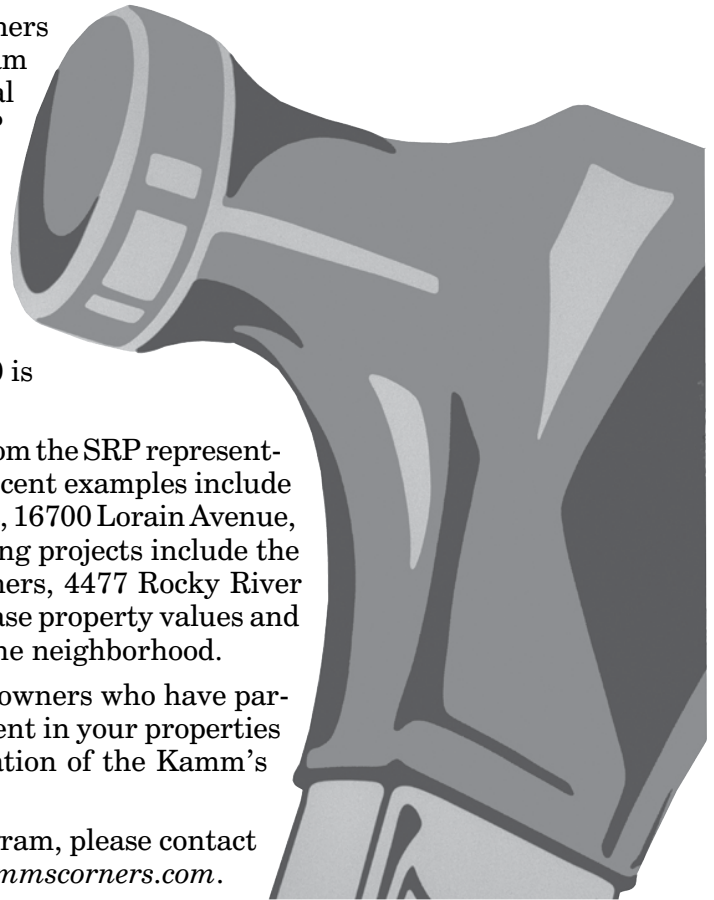
Kamm's Corners Development Corporation (KCDC) partners with the City of Cleveland on the Storefront Renovation Program (SRP) to offer design and financial assistance to commercial property owners for exterior building renovations. The SRP is a comprehensive exterior rehabilitation program with the goal of making a visual and economic impact in neighborhood retail districts to keep Cleveland strong and competitive in the regional shopping market.

The SRP provides a 40% rebate grant of up to \$25,000 for exterior renovations to the building façade and the walls visible from the street. In addition, a 40% rebate grant of up to \$3,000 is available for business tenant signage.

Since 1988, 78 projects have been completed with assistance from the SRP representing millions of dollars of reinvestment in our neighborhood. Recent examples include Irish 32, 15715 Lorain Avenue, Damascino Market & Restaurant, 16700 Lorain Avenue, and Glass Block Headquarters, 15149 Lorain Avenue. Upcoming projects include the Alber Building, 17019-25 Lorain Avenue, and Sunshine Cleaners, 4477 Rocky River Drive. These significant investments in Kamm's Corners increase property values and attract new businesses, employees, residents, and visitors to the neighborhood.

KCDC would like to thank the many property and business owners who have participated in the Storefront Renovation Program. Your investment in your properties and businesses has been a major contributor to the revitalization of the Kamm's Corners community.

For more information about the Storefront Renovation Program, please contact Ben Campbell at 216-252-6559 Ext. 1200 or ben.campbell@kammscorners.com.



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Greek Festival Returns Labor Day Weekend

See, taste, and hear Greek culture at the 5th Annual Kamm's Corners Greek Festival hosted by the George Varouh Cretan Club of Cleveland, taking place Labor Day weekend. West 168th Street from Lorain Avenue south to Albers Avenue will be closed for festival use. The festival begins on Friday, September 4, and it will run through Monday September 7, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. On Friday, lunch specials will be available for the local businesses in the area. Live music, Greek folk dancers in traditional costumes, and plenty of food will highlight the festival weekend. Parking is available in the municipal lot, and admission is free.

Amazing Greek food can be purchased inside the Cretan Center hall, a 200-seat banquet center located at 3853 West 168th Street. Additionally, the grill outside will feature gyros, souvlaki (shish kabob), fire-roasted lamb on the spit, along with calamari, saganaki, and french fries. Other of-

ferings include plenty of lamb shanks, Greek roasted chicken, vegetarian platter, pastistio, moussaka, and more. For dessert there will be an assortment of traditional Greek pastries like baklava and galaktoboureko (custard in phyllo), but a "must try" is the baklava sundae with whipped cream and cherry.

A DJ will keep the music going from 2 to 6 p.m. Then, there will be live music both in the dining hall and outside in the main tent. Dimitri will entertain patrons in the main hall with his bouzouki solos, and Stigma will perform live under the main tent until closing. Plenty of dance groups will also be performing each night under the main tent. This year, the Cretan Club's very own senior and junior dance groups will be featured. Watch as this dance group starts out slowly, but ends with a high kicking performance. Take part in a 50/50 raffle. Enjoy Greek beer (Mythos) and Greek wines. New this year will be a popcorn sale and child-oriented refreshments along with glow sticks.

"We are looking forward to another great festival in Kamm's Corners this year. I grew up in Kamm's Corners and understand how fortunate we are



Young lamb on the spit is just one Greek delicacy freshly prepared at the Greek Festival.

to have the support of such a great community. Thank you all for your support," said John G. Elliott, Club President and Festival Chairman.

This year the Celebrity Dunking Tank returns, hosted by both the West Park Kiwanis Club and the Cretan Center. The dunk tank will feature servers from area taverns as well as other surprise celebrities. This annual festival started out small, but has grown to be greatly anticipated here in West Park and in the surrounding area. Take a trip to Greece without leaving the corners, and enjoy the festival. For more information please call 216-941-4455.

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New Business Opens in Kamm's Corners

...by Ben Campbell

Lotty Lewis recently opened Lotty Designs & Alterations in the storefront located at 15901 West Park Road. Ms. Lewis said she selected the West Park location because of its regional accessibility and she likes “the Kamm’s Corners vibe, which provides the tranquility and feel of the suburbs with all the convenience of being within a large city.”

Lotty Designs & Alterations provides custom-made “dream” gowns, specializing in couture bridal gowns from all ethnic backgrounds. She also designs bridal party gowns, special occasion attire, prom dresses, cocktail dresses, quinceaneras (Sweet 16 gowns), and christening gowns. Services include alterations, whereby the client’s garments can be redesigned to create a new look and a perfect fit.

The business also provides a collection of high-end, luxury made-to-order gowns and accessories by Ms. Lewis’s private label Lotty, which combines her unique style with flowing fabrics, eccentric details, and fresh new designs. As the business grows, she plans to hold monthly community events that will be collaborations with local businesses that promote bridal services by having fashion shows, fashion do’s and don’ts parties, exclusive make-over parties, and private party wine and cake tastings.

Ms. Lewis studied Fashion Design in New York City at Parsons School of Design and then worked for several different design companies and personal clients as a designer, pattern maker, and alteration specialist. After years of living between New York and Cleveland, Ms. Lewis and her husband decided to settle in Cleveland to raise their children.

With an ever-increasing clientele, Ms. Lewis thought the time was right to open a business to provide her services and introduce her label on a greater scale.

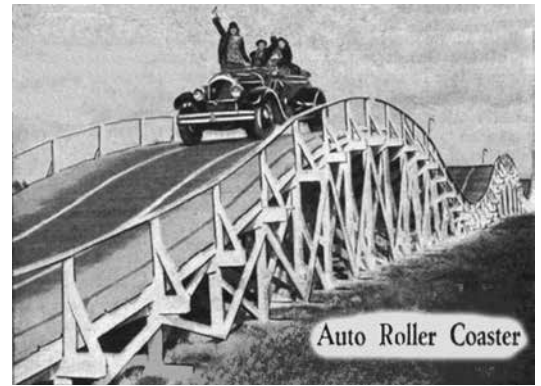
Ms. Lewis plans to welcome the West Park community to Lotty Designs & Alterations at a “Grand Opening” party this summer that will include a fashion show, special guests, and media.

For more information, please call (216) 924-6649.

The Automobile Roller Coaster

...by Gary Swilik

From the moment people discovered it was fun to ride down hills in anything on wheels the development of the roller coaster was probably inevitable. The first real roller coaster, with cars locked onto a track, was built in Paris in 1817. By the 1920s no amusement park was complete without an impressive roller coaster. Many remember that West Park had their own world-class coaster – The Cyclone – which ran at Puritas Springs Park from 1928 to 1956. Far fewer know there was once a roller coaster for automobiles near Cleveland Airport.



Yes, a roller coaster for cars. People paid a fee to drive their automobile over a series of eleven hills on a U-shaped elevated roadway constructed of wood. The peak of each hill was nine feet high and the distance from crest to crest was 112 feet. For about a dime riders could experience the thrills and chills of a roller coaster without leaving their own car.

Constructed by the American Amusement Corporation at the southeast corner of Rocky River Drive and Brookpark Road, the auto roller coaster opened on May 2, 1930. Such coasters were then popular on the West Coast, inspiring entrepreneurs to build one here. Reports indicate opening day was a big success with motorists waiting in line for their turn on the track till the wee morning hours. Vehicles of every description, from rusty hulks to expensive touring cars, made the bumpy trip.

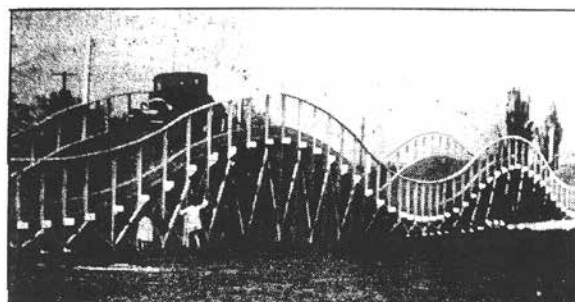
Ed Brinkman, of Strongsville, remembers his experience on the auto roller coaster. “You actually paid to drive your car on this thing,” Ed told the author. “It was made of wood and had guard rails on each side so you couldn’t run off. I was about six years old when my Uncle James, a real live-wire, took my sister and I on the coaster in my dad’s Chrysler Royal. My father, who wasn’t even with us, had just bought the car, and it was his pride and joy. I was scared to death!”

A second auto roller coaster was opened at about the same time at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and SOM Center Road, near Willoughby, Ohio. How long the auto coasters survived is hard to determine. There seems to be nothing published about them after opening day in 1930. The operator, American Amusement Corporation, canceled its Ohio charter in November 1932. So it appears their success was short-lived.

Considering the danger and liability, it’s surprising an automobile roller coaster could operate at all.

You’d imagine there would be accidents all the time. Of course, some safety precautions were taken. Speed was limited to 20 miles an hour, white guide lines were painted on the roadway, curves were banked, and railings protected cars from skidding off the edges. No motorcycles were permitted. And a second auto was not allowed to start until the first was three hills away. Still, safety was in the hands of individual drivers. And a wooden railing is no match for a car!

Although no accounts of accidents have been found, newspapers reported the steep hills caused cars to leave the ground slightly, the dips and rises could throw cars out of control, and drivers sometimes traveled at high speeds. All of which is a no-brainer by today’s standards. Some drivers, heavy on the gas pedal, must have unexpectedly caught up with the car ahead of them.



Automobile roller coaster at the corner of Brookpark Road and Rocky River Drive. Newspaper photo. May 3, 1930.

The auto roller coaster was definitely gone by June 1940 when the West Side Drive-in theater opened the site at Rocky River Drive and Brookpark Road. An odd location for a drive-in as the planes landing at the nearby airport made it hard to hear the movie. The drive-in closed in 1955. Today the former location of the automobile roller coaster is vacant land next to the Berea Freeway.

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Triskett Road Project Nearing Completion

...by Ben Campbell

Work continues on the street improvements to Triskett Road from Lorain Avenue to West 117th Street. Phase I of the project began last year with the repaving of Warren Road from Munn Road to Lorain Avenue and Triskett Road from West 140th to West 117th Streets.

Phase II of the project has been underway since April of this year and addresses the section of Triskett Road from Lorain Avenue to Berea Road. One highlight of this phase is the realignment of the Triskett-Lorain intersection to a more traditional T-intersection and the installation of a pedestrian crossing island. The change was one of the recommendations included in the Master Plan for Lorain Avenue that was commissioned by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency through Kamm's Corners Development Corporation. This reconfiguration will improve sig-

nalization, allow left turn movements for southbound traffic on Triskett Road, and dramatically reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians. The overall safety of the intersection will be greatly enhanced as a result of the changes.

With regard to the section of Triskett Road from Berea Road to Lorain Avenue, the street will be striped to accommodate one eastbound lane, one westbound lane, a continuous center left turn lane, and bike lanes along each of the curbs. The reason for the traffic lane changes was that the curb-to-curb width of Triskett Road did not meet the Ohio Department of Transportation's standards to accommodate two travel lanes in each direction. The one exception to the new traffic design will be on the north side of Triskett adjacent to St. Mel's Church in order to maintain on-street ADA parking.

One other change will be to reduce the southbound right turn lanes at the Triskett-Berea intersection from two to one.

Roadwork is slated to be completed by the end of October. The total cost of the project is \$6.6 million.

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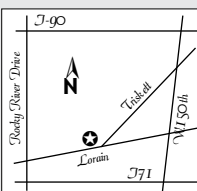
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A DJ starts at 7:30 to engage everyone in the entire family while the sky darkens for the outdoor movie. Purchase popcorn, hot dogs, beverages, and more from West Denison Baseball League with proceeds going to benefit the league.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for this **FREE** fun night out, thanks to our sponsors Fairview Hospital and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

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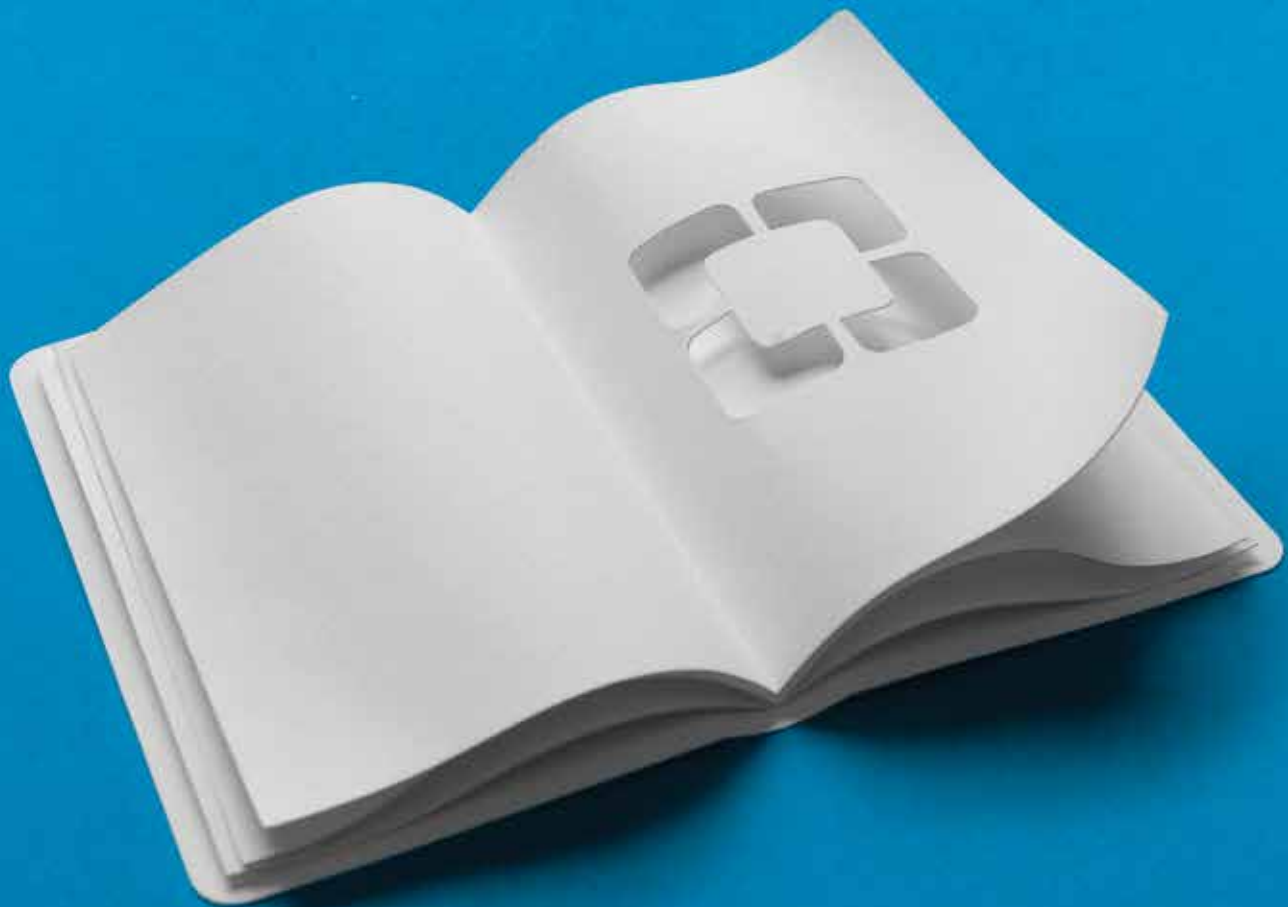
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