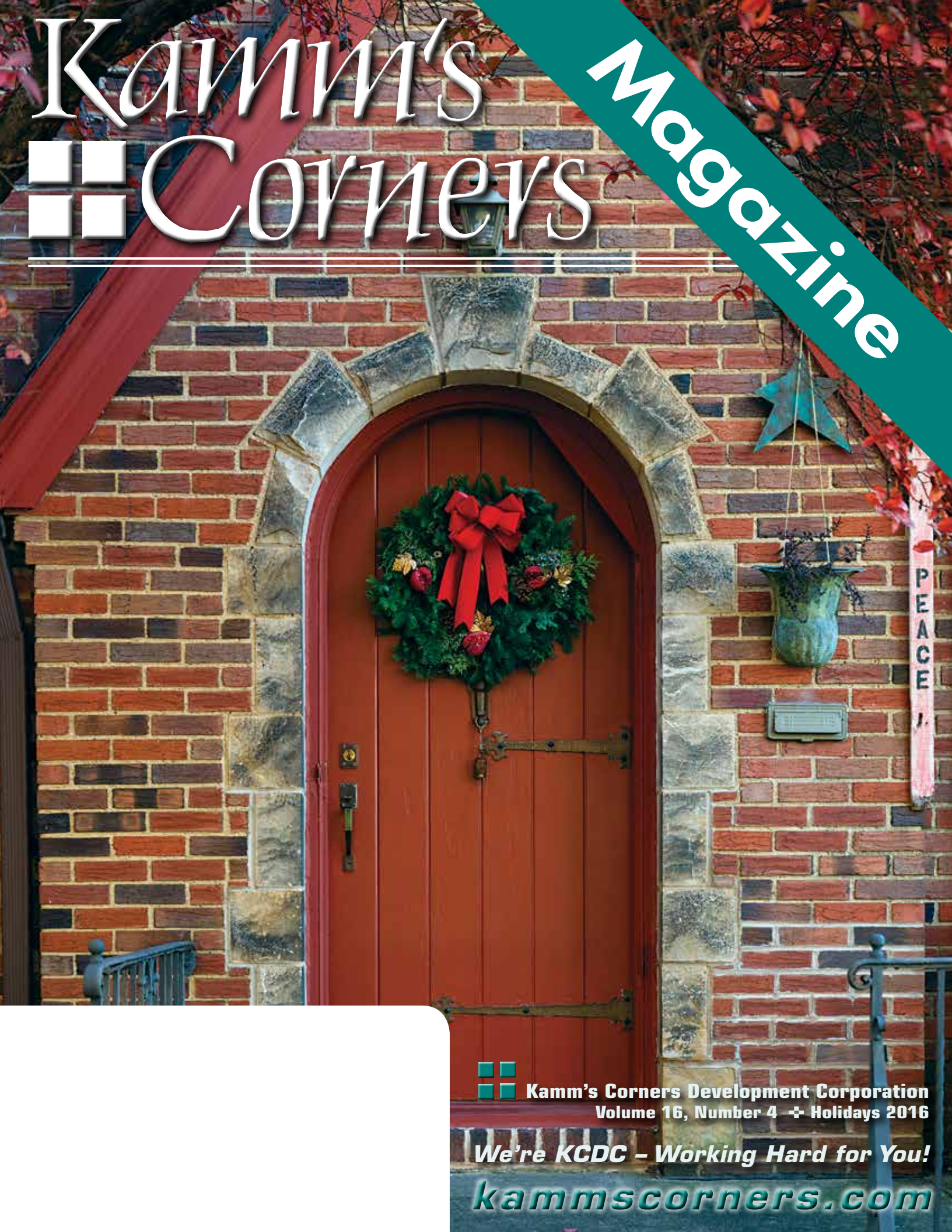


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From the Director

I hope you are enjoying the end of fall in our fine neighborhood!

When our “streetscape” (the new historic lighting, planters and sidewalks) on Lorain Avenue was completed nearly 10 years ago, a few people seized the opportunity to invest in the neighborhood, opening businesses which include West Park Station, PJ McIntyre’s, and the West Park Barber Shop. Those businesses continue to thrive, and many more have opened since, thanks to you and the savvy business people who operate them. Please remember the risks that all of our local entrepreneurs took to open their businesses, and reward them with your business over the holiday season. Shop local whenever you can. Their success in business is our success as a neighborhood.

We have learned that this will be the last year for the “Winter Wonderland” event at Kamms Plaza. One of the reasons is that the plaza is nearly fully occupied, and that’s a great reason! I encourage you to gather with us under the clock at 6 p.m. on Friday December 2, for the ceremonial lighting of the streetscape and Santa’s arrival by sleigh. In a brief ceremony, we will thank Kamms Plaza’s Lisa Kay and Jim Carney, for their many years of kindness and generosity, and for the nativity scene in front of the plaza that has become such a part of the holidays here in West Park. See the article on page 7.

Winter means isolation for many of our seniors. Please reach out to your neighbors, offer a ride, a meal, or a simply a visit to share some time. Perhaps a little “retail therapy” to one of our stores? Maybe even bring them to our annual fundraiser, Wine in the Holidays! Details on page 6.

It’s really hard to play up the holiday theme at this juncture. At this writing, we have just lost Game 7 of the World Series. But what an improbable and amazing run it was! And I know that many of our neighborhood bars and restaurants appreciated the additional business the series brought in. Baseball in November? Yes, please. Quickly followed by a fantastic holiday season in our cozy neighborhood.

Happy Holidays to you and yours, and as always, let us know how we’re doing.

Our cover: Once again Gary Yasaki of Yasaki Photographic (216-781-7330) teamed up with Joe Outlaw Creative Services (216-280-6510) to create a holiday magazine cover. They photographed a classic West Park holiday front door. The wreath was donated by Puritas Nursery (216-267-5350) with decorations donated by Affordable Florals (216-671-5600).

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

On Thursday, December 1, experience the joy of the holiday season under glass at **Puritas Nursery**, 19201 Puritas Avenue, from 6 to 9 p.m. Join us for **Wine in the Holidays**, our annual fundraiser. Connect with friends and neighbors while sipping wine, tasting beer, and enjoying hearty hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$55, and the first 100 buyers will receive a free commemorative t-shirt. Visit kammscorners.com to purchase, or call 216-252-6559, ext. 1000. Read details on page 6.

A **Frozen Fairy Tale Celebration** is the theme for the **20th Annual Winter Wonderland**. This is the final such event taking place at **Kamms Plaza Shopping Center** on Friday, December 2. The fun starts at 6 p.m. under the clock at Rocky River Drive and Lorain Avenue, with the ceremonial flipping of the switch for our holiday lighting. Children especially enjoy singing along with **St. Joseph Academy's** a cappella chorale until **Santa and Mrs. Claus** arrive at 6:25 p.m. on a horse-drawn sleigh to lead the crowd to the indoor festival at **Kamms Plaza**. See the details on page 7.

Have you ever ridden in a horse-drawn carriage? **Winter Wonderland** kicks off the first of three opportunities in December, sponsored by **Kamms Plaza**. Queue up at the tower corner of the plaza for a ride around the parking lot, compliments of plaza management. The rides take place on Friday, December 2, 9, and 16 from 6 to 8 p.m., weather permitting. It's fun for all ages!

Buy a farm-fresh **Christmas Tree** from **Boy Scout Troop 293** this year. Choose from a wide selection during the first weekend in December at **St. Mark Church**, 15800 Montrose Avenue. Sale hours are Friday, December 2 from 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, December 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 4, from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Treat yourself and friends to the **annual Christmas concert** at **River's Edge**, 3430 Rocky River Drive, on Sunday, December 4, from 2 to 3 p.m. The tickets are \$10, with proceeds benefiting the **Women's Outreach Center**. The **St. Edward** and **St.**

Ignatius choirs will be performing with a reception to follow sponsored by **Peace, Love & Little Donuts**. See the ad on page 31.

What happens when you mash up local artisans and craft-makers with the indoor **Kamm's Corners Farmers Market**, **Weber's Ice Cream**, and **Hatfield's Goode Grub** food truck? Find out the weekend of December 10 and 11, at the **Kamm's Corners Holiday Showcase**, taking place at 17401 Lorain Avenue. See all the details in the article on page 14.

Holiday Trains return to **Puritas Nursery**, 19201 Puritas Avenue, for the 14th consecutive year! They run daily from November 25 through December 31. In addition, **Santa** is visiting on Saturday December 3 and 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. free of charge. Bring your camera for family photos of both Santa and the trains. See the article on page 10.

Enjoy an inspiring **Christmas Concert** in the auditorium of **St. Joseph Academy**, 3470 Rocky River Drive. All are welcome on Thursday, December 15, at 7 p.m. The event is free of charge. For more information, call 216-251-6788. See the ad on page 31.

The **2017 West Park Historical Society calendar** is now available. The **Historic Lorain Avenue II** calendar features old photos of Lorain Avenue from West 110th Street to the Valley. The calendar sells for \$10 if picked up or \$12.50 by First Class Mail. See the cover image and ordering details on page 24.

Registration is underway for the January 2017 school semester at **West Park Discovery World**, 3909 Rocky River Drive. Call 216-671-7229 for details or visit discoveryworldwp.com.

On Saturday, December 10, **Santa and Mrs. Claus** will welcome your children to breakfast at **West Park Station**, 17015 Lorain Avenue. Register through the West Park YMCA by calling 216-941-5410. Crafts and photos are part of the fun. Only \$10 for adults and \$6 per child. See the ad on page 15.

The **West Park United Church of Christ**, 3909 Rocky River Drive offers a **free community meal** on the last Sunday of each month, starting in 2017. They take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. inside the church hall, accessed off the rear parking lot through the double doors. All are welcome.

Are you a young professional with the energy to make a positive differ-

ence? Connect with others like you in West Park! Join the **West Park Young Professionals**, a group that meets in the evening on the fourth Thursday of every month at different venues. Find out what they're all about by e-mailing your interest to westparkyp@gmail.com.

Holiday gift giving need not put a major dent in your budget! Check out the unique goods at **My Reclaimed Life**, 16205 Lorain Avenue. It's a boutique offering vintage and antique goods as well as unique crafts and art by local makers. See the story on page 11.

Remember your furry friends and friends with pets this holiday season by shopping at **Style Mutt**, 3525 Warren Road. Check out store-wide sales, specials, and gift coupons for services like grooming. Did you know the store delivers? Call 440-409-0454 for information.

West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Avenue, is holding its **Annual Christmas Craft Show** on Sunday, December 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafters interested in participating may call **Michelle** at 216-235-4878 to inquire about a table. See the ad on page 17.

West Park Dental welcomes **Dr. Brian Gallagher** to their practice at 17001 Albers Avenue. He is the son of **Dr. Michael E. and Cathy G. Gallagher** and is an **Invisalign** orthodontic provider. He is now accepting new patients. Call 216-941-5535 for an appointment. See the ad on page 31.

The **U.S. Marine Corp Toys for Tots** campaign is underway locally at two drop off points to help needy children experience the joys of Christmas. Drop off unwrapped new toys during business hours at **West Park Dental**, 17001 Albers Avenue. Local Star Trek fan club, the **USS Challenger**, is also collecting toys at **Savor the Moment Coffee Shop**, 4080 Rocky River Drive. Donations are being collected now through December 11.

Winter blues? Remember the **West Park Branch of the Cleveland Public Library**, 3805 West 157th Street, offers free entertainment with your library card. Books, CD's, and DVD's are there to borrow and enjoy. Call 216-623-7102 for more information, including special programs and computer training. See news about their January open house on page 25.

West Park Barbershop Premier Lounge is now open! It's an upscale barber shop created by **Patrick Burke** and the people behind the original

West Park Barber Shop, which remains open at 17008 Lorain Avenue. The premier lounge is at 17134 Lorain Avenue, just nine doors west. See more on page 12.

Our Lady of Angels Federal Credit Union offers financial services to its parishioners and to those of **St. Mark Catholic Church** as well as to the **Friends of Kamm's Corners** following a merger with **Saints Margaret and Gregory Federal Credit Union**. See the ad on page 12 for rates and services.

Did you know that the **West Park VFW Post 2533** offers hall rentals for all occasions at 3791 West 150th Street for a reasonable rate? Call 216-671-5849 to inquire. See the business classified on page 29.

The **First District Police Community Relations** meeting takes place at **St. Ignatius of Antioch School**, 10205 Lorain Avenue, on the first Thursday of every month. All are welcome. Questions? Call **Tammy Hanna, Community Relations Board**, 216-664-6634.

Worried about stray cats? Let the **Kamm's Cat Guardians** help. Find out what steps can be taken to reduce the local wild cat population. Call 216-659-4434 or email KammsCatGuardians@gmail.com.

For the highest quality and freshest Christmas greenery, remember **Puritas Nursery**, 19201 Puritas Avenue. **Dale Heyink** offers a large selection of trees drilled with the stay-straight system, wreaths, swags, roping, and boughs! See his ad on page 26.

Save the date! Monday, January 23, is set for the **Third Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off**, from 5 to 8 p.m. at **St. Patrick Church** gym. Get set for all-you-can-eat pizza and a beverage for only \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12, and free of charge for children under 5. Bring extra for raffle tickets for a big screen TV. Pizza shops may enter by emailing stpatshns@gmail.com. See article on page 29.

Second floor office space is available in beautiful **Downtown Kamm's Corners** inside the recently renovated **Alber Building**, 17019-25 Lorain Avenue. First floor office and retail space is available at the **KCDC Building**, 17401 Lorain Avenue, across from Kamms Plaza. Visit kammscorners.com for a photo and more information.

Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

News from Ward 17 and City Hall



Dear Neighbor:

It's hard to believe it's time for the holiday magazine. Time flies, especially in a post baseball season haze, thanks to the remarkable run of the 2016 Cleveland Indians. What an exciting team and an exciting time to call Cleveland home. Everywhere I went, each interaction concluded with a resounding, "Go Tribe!" Despite the final result, I say, "Thank you" to the Indians for a shining example of what is possible when every member of a team works hard for a common goal. Great job!

Mid-November also brings us a reprieve from election commercials and orange barrels. Both are now over for 2016. That is a good thing. I can attest that it hasn't been the smoothest with either, but now we look forward to less congestion on our roadways and in our mailboxes and voicemails.

The Warren Road and Munn Road projects turned out great! Both were completed on time and under budget! Thank you to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Cuyahoga County, NOACA, and of course the City of Cleveland and Mayor Jackson for putting up with all of our static in identifying funding, securing it, and getting the projects started. Those streets, coupled with Lorain Avenue and West 150th Street, mean millions of infrastructure dollars in Ward 17 alone. A very special thanks to the residents, visitors, and those passing through who dealt with delays and interruptions. They showed great patience and understanding throughout.

Thanksgiving and the coming holidays call for all hands on deck. Volunteer opportunities exist in every corner of our great City. Checking in at your respective places of worship or on grocery store bulletin boards, you may see a call to service. Whatever amount of time you can donate makes a huge difference in the holiday of someone less fortunate. Plenty of local hunger centers and food banks need donations, both in food and labor. Make it a family event or get your buddies together to make a difference right where you live.

With the clocks falling back, remember to turn on outside lights throughout the night. What a difference a well-lit street makes. People up to no good avoid pleasantly lit conditions, instead preferring darkness. Keeping the lights on costs very little. And,

keeping car doors and house doors locked sends a clear message to move along.

Please look out for your neighbors, and call the police if something isn't right. I've said it a million times: nobody knows your street like you do. We continue to live in a great community because people watch out for each other. Not that bad stuff doesn't happen; it does. But remaining active and vigilant is the greatest deterrent to crime in your own neighborhood.

Exciting developments are happening along our Lorain Avenue business district. The West Park Barber Shop on the north side of the street has expanded to include an upscale Premium Lounge. Best of luck in the endeavor and congratulations on being named "Best Barbershop" on the 2016 Cleveland Hot List. A few doors east on Lorain is the pending opening of Hatfields Goode Grub. What remains one of the best food trucks in the area is growing roots and opening a restaurant and prep kitchen at 16700 Lorain Avenue. Please visit them for a great meal when the doors officially open.

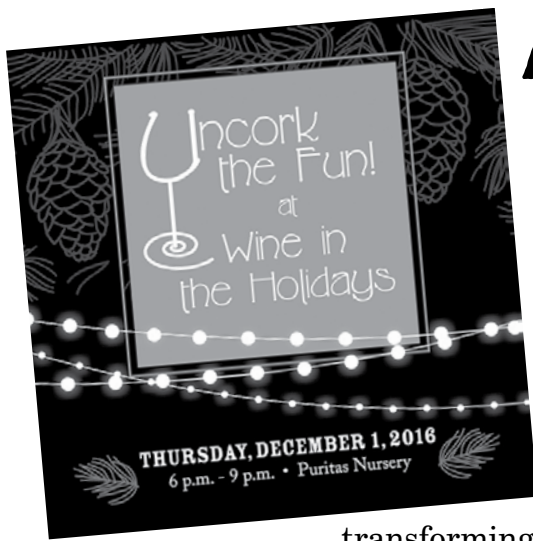
Then Only in CLEV, the newest destination retail in West Park, opens in February. The shop will sell original t-shirts representing all of our Cleveland neighborhoods. This reminds me to remind you to shop locally. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and our neighborhoods. Let's thank them by shopping locally, making sure they know how much we appreciate them.

I'm adding a quick but important "thank you" to members of the Cleveland Rovers Rugby Club. The goal post on the rugby pitch at Impett Park was recently damaged. Thanks to some trusty old boy volunteers; Kevin Shaver, Dave Murray, and Dan Rabewych, along with several other Rovers and perhaps materials from Pipefitters Local 120, the goals now stand straight and true. Thanks to all for pitching in!

Lastly, please refrain from placing raked leaves into the street. Such piles block catch basins and pose a hazard to driving. Also, once the snow flies, avoid parking on the street to allow snow removal vehicles to move smoothly along both sides of our roads.

Please enjoy a happy and safe holiday season! God bless,

Marty Keane



A Delightful Holiday Evening in Support of KCDC

Enjoy the festive splendor of our 13th Annual Wine in the Holidays event at Puritas Nursery, 19201 Puritas Avenue, the result of transforming this historical retail garden center into a party place filled with sparkling lights and holiday decor. From 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, dress comfortably chic and connect with friends while sipping wine, tasting beer, and enjoying hearty hors d'oeuvres accompanied by holiday music.

Pleasures of the palate bloom fully “under glass” at our only fundraiser of the year. Select among six wines and a choice of specialty beers. Our caterer AMP 150, the fine farm-to-table restaurant inside the Marriott on West 150th Street, will be serving a variety of pleasing delights, both savory and sweet. While a DJ sets the mood with holiday music, let the child in you explore the action of twelve train sets traveling on three layouts through the live greenery at this adults-only evening.

Bring your friends and make new ones while supporting your neighborhood. Reservations for this KCDC fundraiser are \$55 per person. Reservations must be purchased in advance. It’s easy to do.

1. Place your order at kammscorners.com. Just click the button provided for convenient online purchasing. While you’re there, you can download an event flyer!
2. Call us at 216-252-6559, ext. 1000. We can take your credit card information over the phone.

The first 100 paid guests will receive a free commemorative West Park t-shirt at the door. When you purchase tickets, your name will appear on our RSVP list, which will be checked off as you enter the greenhouse on Thursday night.

Free parking is available at Clara Westropp Elementary School, MacArthur Elementary School, and along Valleyside Road, West 192nd Street, West 191st Street, and in the Puritas Nursery lot.

Thanks goes to our generous sponsors Rocksolid Stone Works, AMP 150, Public House, and Puritas Nursery. Proceeds will be used to continue the revitalization of Kamm’s Corners and West Park.

Throughout the evening, feel free to purchase poinsettias, Christmas cactus, wreaths, and greens. They will be put aside for you until the end of the evening. Plan now to be among the guests enjoying this delightful event!

Proceeds will benefit Kamm’s Corners Development Corporation – working to enhance the Kamm’s Corners neighborhood.

Thanks to our sponsors:



Whether you are looking for a place to host your company’s holiday party or are seeking a dining experience a cut above the rest, AMP 150 is the place to go! Featuring modern American cuisine, built upon foundations of flavor, freshness, and innovation, AMP 150 is a 200-seat restaurant and bar with an open casual feel, playing classic rock, and serving tasty selections. Many are priced under \$20. There is also a private dining room that accommodates up to 30 people.

AMP 150 now serves Sunday brunch from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 pm.

At AMP 150, the chef turns to the talents of regional farmers and artisans to collect foodstuffs raised, crafted, and harvested locally! The result is contemporary innovation and deep flavors at their peak of quality. All who sampled the food at our KCDC fundraiser “Wine in the Holidays” would agree.

AMP 150 is at 4277 West 150th Street in the Marriott Hotel. Call 216-706-8787 for reservations.





A Winter Fairy Tale Comes to Kamm's Corners

For the 20th consecutive year, families will be welcomed to Kamms Plaza to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at one of the first stops on their busiest month of the year. Join the fun on Friday, December 2, under the clock at 6 p.m. as friends and neighbors gather for a mini-concert and sing along under the stars at the corner of Rocky River Drive and Lorain Avenue. The Academy Chorale of St. Joseph Academy performs a capella and invites everyone to join in crowd favorites.

Sip hot chocolate provided by the Kiwanis Club of West Park and enjoy the ceremonial turning on of the lights, too. The singing continues until Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive from the north by horse-drawn sleigh! They'll leave the sleigh behind to greet the assembled families. And, with his bells jingling, Santa will lead everyone to Winter Wonderland.

This free event is sponsored by Kamms Plaza Shopping Center with the support of KCDC. Special thank goes to Kamms Plaza management – James A. Carney and Lisa Kay – for their many years of hard work, kindness, and generosity in creating Winter Wonderland!

James Carney is the Managing Partner of Kamms Plaza Shopping Center. His family is the majority owner of the Plaza and has been for over 50 years. He enjoys giving back to the community and is appreciative of the community's support of the plaza.

Lisa Kay has been James Carney's Property Manager for 20 years. She manages the company's commercial office buildings and retail shopping centers in Ohio. "I have two daughters who have grown up with the Kamms Plaza Winter Wonderland, and they are sad that this will be its final year."

A new family oriented event will take place in the future, but not around the winter holidays. In the meantime, don't miss this final Winter Wonderland!

The Fairy Tale themed indoor event runs until 8:30 p.m. Meet and greet four famous princesses: Cinderella, Rapunzel, and both Anna and Elsa from the movie, "Frozen," while Santa and Mrs. Claus pose for instant photos with children. Get your 20th Year Celebration token and celebration cupcake.

Catch a Fairy Tale movie and pick up complimentary popcorn. Cookies, hot chocolate, and hot cider will be served by volunteers of the St. Joseph Academy Key Club. And, Peace, Love, & Little Donuts will offer special fairy-dusted donuts.

At 8:15 p.m. there will be a Chinese raffle and a drawing for valuable door prizes, including several flat screen TVs and two large gift baskets. The drawing is for adults only, and raffle ticket holders must be present to win.

Sleigh rides around Kamms Plaza are set for that night and continue free of charge on Friday, December 9 and 16. The complimentary sleigh rides depart from the tower corner at 6 p.m. with the last trip leaving around 7:40. Heavy rain or ice will cause the rides to be cancelled. Dress warmly and enjoy this family friendly treat!

Festive Lights Return to Kamm's Corners

Downtown Kamm's Corners brightens up with a combination of white tree lights and festive red banners for 20 light poles – making spirits bright! The tree lights are LEDs, which use little electricity and last for many years. They will remain in place throughout the holiday season.

While the tree lights will be illuminated just prior to Thanksgiving, a special lighting ceremony to officially illuminate downtown will be held in conjunction with Winter Wonderland under the clock on Friday, December 2. Please join us for the countdown at 6 p.m.



Santa and Mrs. Claus return to Kamm's Corners again this year.

The Academy Chorale of St. Joseph Academy performs holiday songs prior to Santa's arrival.



Kamms Plaza Managing Partner Jim Carney joins Santa and Mrs. Clause at last year's Winter Wonderland.

Enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides around the plaza at Winter Wonderland and on December 9 and 16, 6-8 p.m., weather permitting.



Commander McCartney Answers Questions about Safety

In these changing times, people are concerned about the threat of crime in their communities. No matter where you live, there are ways you can help protect your home and your neighborhood from crime. Cleveland Police First District Commander Thomas McCartney lives in West Park, and he knows first hand about crime and safety here. Here he shares information about perception versus reality, and provides useful advice about how to remain safe in our community.

Some people feel that crime is on the rise in West Park. What would you say to that?

I'm in touch with police chiefs in the nearby communities of Lakewood, Brookpark, Fairview Park, Parma, and so on. What's happening here is the same everywhere – a certain erosion of our culture has produced an uptick in crimes of opportunity, such as garage break-ins and stealing copper pipes.

Not long ago, people could leave their doors and windows unlocked on their houses and cars. Nobody would think of entering the house or car. For complex reasons, that's no longer true anywhere. As a result, the best practice is to keep your doors and windows locked on your house and your vehicle, not only for theft prevention, but as a measure against ransacking and for the safety of curious children. It's also a



First District Cleveland Police Commander Tom McCartney.

good idea to keep valuables out of sight. At night, close your curtains. Nobody needs to see your television or computer. Secure basement windows, too. Glass block is ideal. Buy a high quality lock for your house.

In your car, put packages in the trunk, and never leave your purse or wallet in the car. Don't leave the keys in the car either. If you have a GPS, remove it from sight, too. Furthermore, clean your motor vehicle regularly. Clear out home address items such as mail, bank slips, and store receipts. Don't leave anything valuable in your car. Put it in the trunk only temporarily, and always keep things out of view and in your trunk when shopping.

What about reports of violent crimes?

Felonious assaults and homicides are rare here and have not increased recently. Basic statistics show that over 93% of felonious assault victims know their attacker. Over 90% of sexual assault victims know their attacker, and the assault takes place in a quasi-home setting. The boogie man in the bushes is rare.

What can women do to be safer?

Go in pairs for pre-dawn running. Don't leave yourself open to situational opportunity crimes. Be aware of your surroundings. Don't telegraph where you are going by clicking the key fob too early on the way to your car! If you see someone lurking by your car, use the alarm or panic button on your key fob. Have your keys ready when going to your car. Then get in, lock the door, and drive away.

Be sure to carry the essentials in a small purse. When women carry large purses, they tend to put them down or the purse gaps open to reveal their wallet. Take your

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What about break-ins?

Break-ins – yes. There has been a slight increase, but what I’m seeing are the stories of crime here getting blown out of proportion. The perception of crime is more damaging than the reality. In this close-knit community, people talk. That’s generally good, but sometimes in the telling things get added. Social media posts about crime go unconfirmed and that sometimes adds to the negative perception. One garage gets broken into, but that becomes four.

When there is a theft, how often are the stolen items found?

Frequently! But, stolen items must have identifying marks or names on the article. So as not to devalue rare or expensive items, maintain a log of model and serial numbers on all your valuables when you get them: bikes, computers, and televisions. Take photographs of valuables. Keep the record with photos separate – NOT on your computer, which may also get stolen. Instead, put them in a cabinet or under a mattress. Thieves aren’t looking for papers.

Are there any other records we should keep when it comes to crime prevention?

Keep a copy of fingerprints and snippets of hair for locating or identifying missing or lost family members, especially children.

Any other advice about kids?

Have a plan for picking up children at school, including who can and can’t pick up the children. Establish a “safe pick-up plan” with the school. Know where your children are and set limits on where they can go and what time to be home. Teach them their phone number and address when they are old enough to learn that. Teach them when and how to call 911. Get to know all their friends. Pick a neighbor’s house where your children can go if they need help while you are away. Point out other places they can go for help like the library, the YMCA, a certain church, or store.

What about the local businesses and organizations? Any advice for them?

Yes, they should use lights and alarms. Money should not be left on the premises overnight. Engage your customers in conversation. Say, “Hello, how are you?” Look people in the eyes. Security cameras are good. A great investment, but they are not always a deterrent if someone is desperate. However, they may help find the suspect after the fact. The Cleveland Police conduct business audits and offer advice on safety by contacting Community Policing at 216-623-5080.

We have a thriving business community and a vibrant nightlife. If you go out for the evening, especially young people should know the following: Order your own beverage and always keep it in your sight. If you come with a group, leave with that group. Our business district is a safe, thriving entertainment district.

Are safety audits offered for homeowners?

Yes. Call the community services unit at 216-623-5080. An officer will be able to identify things the homeowner may overlook, such as yard implements. Shovels left in the yard can become a weapon. If you have sliding windows, the officer may show you how to put a stick to block them from sliding when you are inside or away. Even replacing burnt out lights increases the safety of your home. A safety audit points out measures you can take that are unique to your home.

What can a neighborhood do to keep safe?

Know your neighbors. If their garage is broken into, they will tell you. Tell your neighbors when you are having service done such as floors refinished. Any time tradespeople will be at your house, let your neighbors know. “We are our neighbors’ keeper.” If you are away in the winter, arrange with a neighbor to ride up and down your driveway and walk around by your doors after a fresh snowfall. This makes your house look occupied. Use timer lights throughout the house and motion sensors outside.

Sometimes people are reluctant to bother the police. Should they be?

If you see something suspicious, call the police! Trust your gut. If you think it is suspicious, then it is! Know your neighbors’ phone numbers, too. Have a phone tree to pass the word quickly if something happens and someone needs help. If someone does something suspicious, look at his or her shoes! Criminals often change their clothes but forget to change their shoes. Those Nikes with a tangerine stripe will stand out.

What’s the best way to keep West Park safe?

It is best to be an actively engaged community. Utilize your police services. Get to know the police officers in your area. We hold a First District community meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Ignatius of Antioch, 10205 Lorain Avenue. In addition, if you really want to know more about what the police do and how policing works, sign up for the Citizen’s Police Academy. Call the Bureau of Community Policing at 216-623-5080 to sign up. Consider forming a Block Club. Contact KCDC for assistance in setting one up. (See the article on page 23.)

Any final words?

This is a thriving and safe community. It’s family friendly and offers fantastic amenities. Good schools, great shops, lively entertainment, and traditional worship mean a strong bond. We are each other’s protectors. Stay involved. If you are not involved, get involved. Engage in the richness of our neighborhood. We have a lot to offer!

The commander welcomes your questions by phone at 216-623-5105 or by email at tmccartney@city.cleveland.oh.us.

Fun for the Entire Family!

Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains Return November 25 Complete with a Visit from Santa!

Toy train displays are a family favorite for the holiday season – and Puritas Nursery has one of the finest holiday model train displays in the region. That’s why families return year after year to build fond memories of a cherished tradition. There is no charge to enjoy the variety of locomotives traveling through miniature villages and living vegetation inside the heated greenhouse at 19201 Puritas Avenue.

This year marks the nursery’s 14th annual holiday train show, which is their most popular event of the year. Twelve model trains of three different sizes can be seen on three distinct layouts. The main HO gauge layout is on a beautifully landscaped 8’ x 30’ table with five trains and three trollies chugging through hills and valleys of live trees, shrubs, and flowing water. Living plants include miniature evergreens and conifers along with herbs and junipers. Poinsettias add color and may be purchased right off the train layout.

Children delight in using the two carpeted tunnels beneath the display as a “kids only” shortcut to cross from one side of the layout to the other. The size, extent, and variety of the displays make for great family photos, so cameras are welcome.



The Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains are a West Park family favorite tradition!

The G scale layout features several captivating garden themed scenes, including Wizard of Oz, Lion King, Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market, a circus, Star Wars, and a fairy garden. Young and old are invited to a scavenger hunt to locate various items in the displays. Children are encouraged to try the O-scale track that allows them to run Thomas the Train themselves!

Presented by hobbyist Mark Gombar, the Lionel O gauge layout spreads across a 4’ x 30’ area utilizing four trail loops across rural, urban, and wintry scenes with lots of action for kids to enjoy. The main HO display was designed by Dan Gryczan, an ardent model railroad enthusiast and a good friend to Puritas Nursery. He and owner Dale Heyink work with the entire nursery staff and numerous volunteers to construct the displays.

Santa visits from 1 to 3 p.m. twice during the season: on Saturday, December 3 and 10. Personal photos with Santa are encouraged and are free of charge! The event runs through December 31. For more information and photos from previous year’s events, visit puritasnursery.com.

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The HO gauge layout is 30 feet long.

My Reclaimed Life

Vintage Boutique Offers Art, Too

...by Marilyn Osborne

New to the neighborhood, My Reclaimed Life, 16205 Lorain Avenue, offers an amazing array of vintage and antique goods in great condition for a fair price. The cozy shop has everything from a copper watering can, maps, dishes, furniture, clothing, accessories, and a bevy of household items begging for a new home. Uniquely, it also features the works of local artists and artisans who create home décor, candles, soaps, and jewelry.

Owner Chelsea Jenkins discovered her love for all things vintage as a small girl, visiting thrift shops with her depression-era grandmother, who learned to live luxuriously, but within her means by bargain hunting and bartering. "She dressed me in beautiful outfits. I even had my own fur coat, but she never paid full price for anything. We'd take the bus downtown to see operas and ballets," recalled Chelsea. "In addition, my mother would not pass up a great find on someone's tree lawn. So, I learned to recognize a good value."

Over the years, Chelsea accumulated a collection of interesting finds. Then, through a series of unfortunate circumstances, she took a month off from work to care for her two children as a single mom.

"To make ends meet, every day I packed a van with a friend, took the kids with us, and I sold much of my collection at flea markets, creating suitcase collections that became quite popular," she said. "I decorated vintage suitcases in various themes and paired items with them."

Her inspired suitcase collections became so popular that customers often asked for the location of her shop. What's more, her income doubled! "Rather than find daycare for my children and return to work that was not soul fulfilling, I decided to open my own store." Within three weeks of making that decision, the space at the end of her street now honors her natural born talents. "So I call it My Reclaimed Life," explained Chelsea.

The grand opening in September featured live music, light refreshments, raffles, and door prizes. Since



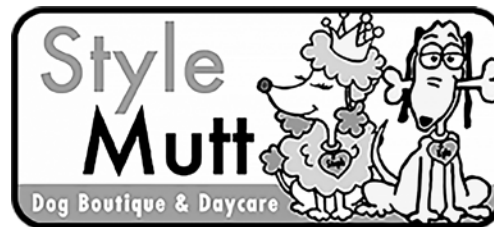
Chelsea Jenkins



then, one-of-a-kind unique finds continue to make this shop a "must visit." Not only does Chelsea breathe new life into the vintage items she carries, but she helps local artists by giving them an outlet for their work. "Buying a piece of art brings more than pleasure to the buyer. It also feeds the artist!" she said.

Chelsea welcomes people to shop for something old or new! Now through December 15, Chelsea is collecting artificial Christmas trees for families in need. To donate, bring your tree to the store or schedule a pick-up at 216-532-5236. Donors will receive a 15% off coupon for purchases made through December 31.

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Biz Bits

...by Ben Campbell

Having recently signed a lease for storefront space in the Alber Building at 17025 Lorain Avenue, ONLY IN CLEV apparel shop plans to relocate their store from Lakewood to Kamm's Corners. The Lakewood store will remain open through the holiday season and the Kamm's

Corners store is tentatively scheduled to open in February of 2017. With an inventory of 100 original designs based on Cleveland themes, ONLY IN CLEV offers custom printed t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, and tank tops. Additional products include bandanas, greeting cards, bumper stickers, and wall designs. Call the store at 440-315-0357.

Pat Burke has expanded his local business profile with the soft opening of the West Parker Barber Shop—Premier Lounge at 17134 Lorain Avenue (next to KeyBank). Haircuts and shaves are by appointment only and performed by some of Ohio's best, award-winning barbers. As the barber shop grows, it has attracted regional recognition and, more recently, national attention. The new space features high ceilings, exposed brick walls, and flat screen TVs. The original West Park Barber Shop at 17008 Lorain will remain open for walk-ins offering low prices and discounts for seniors, kids, military, and public safety forces, police, fire, and EMS. Patrick also owns the West Park Beauty Salon and Spa located at 17100 Lorain Avenue. For more information, call the barber shop at 216-252-6666 and the salon at 216-671-6666.



West Park Barber Shop
Premier Lounge

With assistance from the City of Cleveland Storefront Renovation Program, a comprehensive renovation is planned for the commercial property owned by Joe Coreno at 15716-18 Lorain Avenue. The building is home to the Lorain Triskett Bicycle Shop and the former home of Lorain Triskett Locksmiths, which recently relocated to 15802 Lorain Avenue. The renovation plan includes new signage, storefront upgrades, painting, and site improvements including stamped concrete pavers and landscaped planter beds. Depending on weather conditions, construction will start this fall or next spring.

The VIP Inn at 4107 Rocky River Drive is another Storefront Renovation Program project progressing toward construction. The proposed building design represents a dramatic change from the current appearance—new storefront windows across the facade, a new outdoor patio with a pergola and stamped concrete pavement, new signage, masonry updates, and building lighting. As with the above project, a fall or spring start date will be guided by weather conditions.

Ever since purchasing the building at 3600 West Park Road, Conor Boylan and his partner, Bridget Kelly, have been busy making plans to open 5 Points Coffee & Tea. Preliminary plans call for indoor seating, a walk-up sales window, and an outdoor patio. The poor condition of the building at the time of purchase will necessitate a complete rehab to the interior and a new roof. The exterior of the building will be renovated with design and financial assistance from Cleveland's Storefront Renovation Program. Staff of Kamm's Corners Development Corporation has worked closely with Conor and his partner on zoning and permitting issues as well as financing options for the project. To the delight of neighbors, the initial cleanup of the property has been completed. However, since the construction has not yet begun, there is no firm date set for the grand opening.

Working Class Brewery is moving closer to opening their micro-brewery and tap room next to the Red Lantern restaurant in the Kamms Shopping Plaza at 17448 Lorain Avenue. Construction on the interior space is slated to begin in November and the installation of the brewery equipment will take place over the winter. The brewery will likely open in the early spring of 2017. Stay tuned for more details.

If you have any business updates or news, please contact Ben Campbell of Kamm's Corners Development Corporation at 216-252-6559 Ext. 1200 or ben.campbell@kammscorners.com.



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Hatfield's Goode Grub Parks in Kamm's Corners

...by Ben Campbell

Most of us have heard of the legendary Hatfield-McCoy feud. If you had to choose a side, you may want to go with the Hatfields. Ken Hatfield, a descendant of the Hatfield family is working with his newlywed wife Jessica to open Hatfield's Goode Grub: The Pork N Bean at 16700 Lorain Avenue.

After spending the last year serving southern comfort food from his food truck, Hatfield's Good Grub had outgrown its small commissary kitchen and was looking to settle into a permanent restaurant location. Formerly Jasmine's Bakery, the built-out commercial kitchen with 3,000 square feet of space in Kamm's Corners caught Ken and Jessica's eyes as an opportunity to put down roots and keep growing. The food truck business will continue. For the restaurant, Hatfield's Goode Grub: The Pork N Bean concept was conceived.

The Pork refers to deliciously smoked pulled pork. Ken's restaurant background includes a four-year stint in the kitchen of an international hospital ship and studying under chefs at the House of Blues and Hard Rock Cafe. Combining his international and corporate experience with his upbringing in North Carolina, he has created a style of cuisine he refers to as "southern comfort fusion food." The restaurant menu will add daily specials such as meatloaf with mashed potatoes and hearty beef stew to the regular food truck offerings of BBQ pulled pork, BBQ chicken sandwiches, burgers, the Hillbilly Philly sandwich, blackened catfish tacos, and chili. Sides will include brown sugar-bacon mac and cheese, beans and rice, and hand cut fries. Restaurant service will be family style sit-down and carry-out.

The Bean refers to the coffee shop that will be run by Jessica. Customers will choose from a variety of brewing styles. Traditional drip coffee will be available. Cold brew coffee, a process of steeping the coffee for 12 hours that produces a coffee that is smoother and less acidic, will also be available. Siphon brewed coffee will also be offered, which is produced in a contraption that Jessica said resembles a still. Coffee drinkers can enjoy their brew at the coffee bar or with food from the restaurant menu.

Ken said their goal is to create family friendly environment that is rich in history and comfort that, well, feels like home. He said no alcohol will be served. A soft opening using their food truck was held with their Hillbilly Halloween event on October 31. A formal opening date will be set once the restaurant has passed all of the required inspections.

KCDC helped Hatfield's with the city permitting process, signage assistance from Cleveland's Storefront Renovation Program, and to negotiate a parking spot for the food truck at the U-Haul Moving and Storage across the street.

"We saw the attraction of having Hatfield's in the neighborhood," said KCDC executive director Steve Lorenz. "They're completely different from anything else in the neighborhood."

The expanded menu will include breakfast items such sausage and biscuits and pulled pork eggs benedict.

Tentative restaurant hours will be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, with a later closing time on Friday and Saturday nights. For more information, please go to *hatfieldsgoodegrub.com* or call 440-263-5221.



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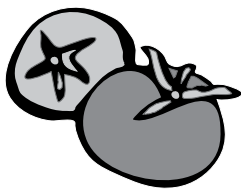
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by Bill Markowitz
Market Manager

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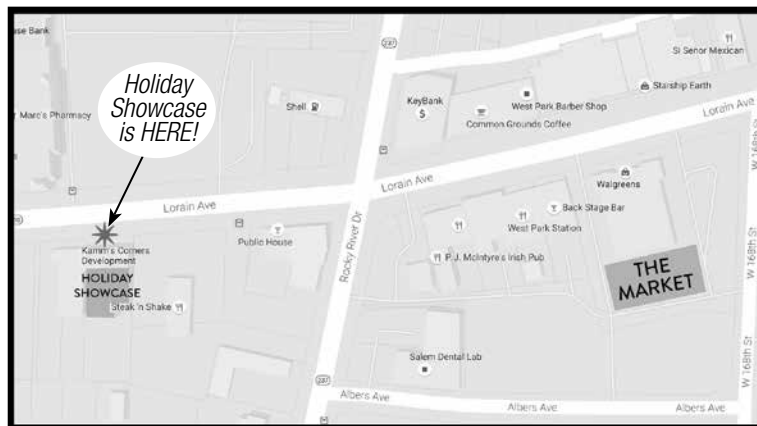
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For Aggie and her late husband, Tom, their passion for helping children stems from a personal experience. They lost their daughter, Jennifer, to breast cancer in 2007. It was Jennifer's love of children that was the impetus for establishing the Jennifer Fund at the Foundation. Through this fund, the family can celebrate Jennifer's generous spirit and lifelong commitment to children.

The Jennifer Fund has given in excess of \$150,000 to serve children in need, helping Able Families, Bishop Lyke Elementary School, Boys and Girls Hope, Central Catholic High School, Cleveland Furniture Bank, Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries, SocksPlus, St. Joseph Ministries, Denison Avenue UCC, Domestic Violence Center, The Edna House, FrontLine Service, Garden Valley Neighborhood House, Cleveland Foodbank, Lakewood Community Services Center, Malachi House, The Metanoia Project, Metro Catholic School, ONIX Outreach, Our Lady of the Angles, Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, St. Baldrick's Foundation, St. Colman Church, St. John of the Cross Church, St. Joseph Academy, St. Kizito Foundation, St. Paul's Community UCC, The Bowman Center, and West Side Catholic Center.

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William Oatey, Chair of the Board, Community West Foundation with Aggie Hoskin, the 2016 Art of Caring Award Recipient, and David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO, Community West Foundation.

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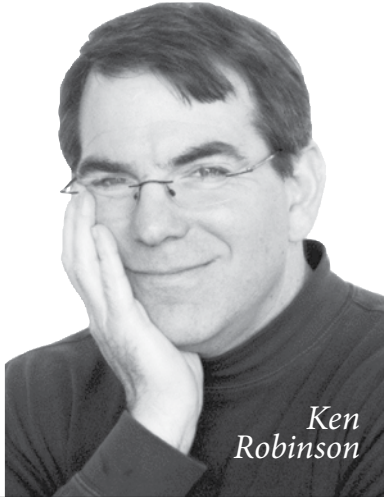
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Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital's Birthing Center

Expansion Adds Rooms & Services to Make You Feel At Home

Are you looking for a more natural labor alternative than what a traditional hospital birthing plan offers? New options are opening up at Fairview Hospital for pregnant women who want the best of both worlds: a natural, low-intervention delivery in the safety of a hospital.

Six newly-renovated suites for labor, delivery, and post-partum care – all three in one room – and three post-partum rooms are expected to be complete in March 2017, as part of an expansion at the Birthing Center at Fairview Hospital.



Catherine Wilkins, MD

The larger, private rooms will provide a soothing environment where babies room with mothers to begin the bonding process immediately. “The new birthing suites will have a more relaxed atmosphere,” says Catherine Wilkins, MD, obstetrician hospitalist at Fairview Hospital’s Birthing Center. “They provide comfort and the latest technology if required.”

Keeping It Natural

“More women are opting for natural delivery for low-risk pregnancies over traditional childbirth where anesthesia, epidurals, and birthing instruments are used,” explains Dr. Wilkins. “Giving birth naturally at Fairview is almost like delivering your baby at home, but at the Birthing Center, mothers have the care of physicians and midwives right at their side.”

What is involved in natural childbirth?

- Labor isn’t induced, allowing for natural progression
- Alternative pain relief methods are used, such as hydrotherapy, positioning, and nitrous oxide
- Larger rooms allow expectant mothers to move freely to work through or reduce the pain

Expert Care

In the new units, midwives – who specialize in natural childbirth – are the primary caregivers. Midwives are health-care professionals who provide a variety of medical services for female patients in their teens through menopause. Offering expert care during labor and delivery and after birth makes midwives unique.

Fairview Hospital has a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and physicians are available, so you can feel comforted knowing we’re prepared for the unexpected and are ready to respond with compassion and high quality care.

For more information about the Birthing Center at Fairview Hospital and to find out if natural childbirth is an option for you, call 440-356-0347 or visit clevelandclinic.org/fairviewbirthingcenter.

Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital Offers Advanced Surgical Options for Cancer

Patients with bile duct, liver, stomach, gall bladder, and pancreatic cancers now have access to advanced surgical options at Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital.

“Fairview Hospital offers some very advanced cancer operations with the advantage of a community environment close to home for our patients,” says Cleveland Clinic general surgeon Toms Augustin, MD, MPH, who sees patients at Fairview Hospital. “By opting for surgical care at Fairview, patients living on the West Side are closer to their families and primary care doctors, reducing stress and ensuring continuity of care,” he adds.

And, by investing in advanced surgical instrumentation and expanding its team of surgeon specialists with expertise in robotic-assisted and laparoscopic techniques, Fairview Hospital continues to be a recognized leader in minimally invasive surgery.



Toms Augustin, MD, MPH

During a minimally invasive or laparoscopic procedure, the surgeon makes a small incision(s) and inserts a thin flexible tube which has a miniature video camera. Miniature surgical instruments may be attached to the tube, allowing the surgeon to operate while viewing the patient’s organs on a computer monitor.

Robotic-assisted surgery is another option. With this technique, the surgeon operates from a console equipped with robotic equipment and highly magnified 3-D imaging, providing enhanced dexterity, and greater precision and maneuverability.

“Because minimally invasive surgical procedures cause less tissue, skin, and muscle damage, recovery time is reduced and the patient can return to normal activity more quickly,” says Dr. Augustin.

In addition, Dr. Augustin offers minimally invasive ablation for liver tumors – a treatment that destroys tumors without needing removal of the liver.

“Patients are assessed for their eligibility for minimally invasive surgery on a case-by-case basis,” he says. “We can perform many of the same procedures here at Fairview as Cleveland Clinic’s main campus.”

Dr. Augustin has been a practicing surgeon with Cleveland Clinic since 2012, and recently completed a fellowship program specializing in liver and pancreatic surgery. His specialties also include cancer of the biliary system, stomach, and gastrointestinal tumors.

To schedule an appointment with a Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital general surgeon, call 216-252-9191.

The Montrose Pillars

...by Gary Swilik

For decades, two pillars of brick and stone stood like sentries at the entrance to Montrose Avenue on the east side of Warren Road. These were not simple upright posts but elegantly designed pieces of architecture. Each pillar consisted of a central column about twelve-feet high with two adjoining smaller shafts about eight-feet high, forming an open triangle with one side fronting on Warren and another on Montrose. Each pillar was topped with a carved stone cornice.

These twin pillars were so imposing it was natural to assume they once guarded the entrance to something wonderful, perhaps a palatial country estate. To the east of the pillars, Montrose Avenue meets Glencliffe Road. Both streets then diverge to form a vast oval-shaped plot of land now occupied by Riverside Elementary School. It is easy to envision a grand mansion once stood on the site.

“I went to Riverside School for the first half of kindergarten, and again for sixth grade,” remembers Julieanne Appleson Phillips of Vandalia, Ohio. “I liked going to school from the Warren-Montrose side because the pillars formed such a majestic entrance. They seemed to be

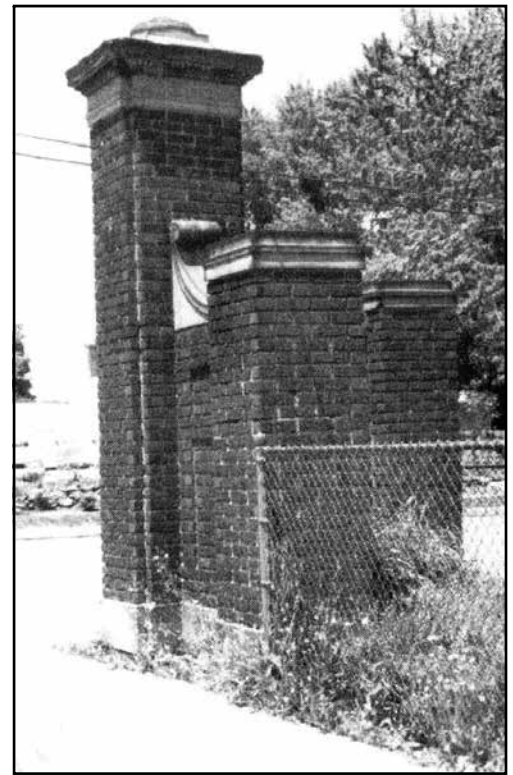
built of the same brick as the school. I always imagined I was approaching some millionaire’s home.”

“I rather liked those pillars,” says Jeff Bowell of Cheyenne, Wyoming. “They added a touch of class to the school approach, although that’s not a concept I really understood at the time.”

“My grandparents lived on Montrose until the late 1990s,” recounts Dan Holahan of Cleveland. “As a kid, I always thought those pillars were the last remaining part of some old castle which had been there.”

The true origin of the Montrose pillars is less glamorous. In *From Rockport to West Park*, published in 2004, local historian Ralph Pfungsten reported the pillars were built in the early 1930s at the entrance to an exclusive community which was never completed. The pillars were as far as they got.

In 1936, Riverside Elementary School was built on the oval plot at 14601 Montrose Avenue, one of several Cleveland projects sponsored by the Public Works Administration as part of President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal legislation. By 1940, Plain Dealer classified ads were promoting new homes being constructed on the Claridge subdivision surrounding the school.



Northeast pillar. Looking west along Montrose Avenue toward Warren Road. Circa 2000. Laura Pfungsten photo.

Both Montrose pillars are gone today. In the 1970s a driver lost control and plowed his car into the southeast pillar. The pillar was badly damaged and removed shortly thereafter. The northeast pillar stood alone for another thirty years before being taken down in 2004 due to deterioration. For many, the intersection at Montrose Avenue and Warren Road will now always look barren.



The southeast pillar was damaged by a car and removed. All that remains in this photo is the foundation at the lower left. Photo circa 1973. Barbara Unterzuber Collection.



Pillar at northeast corner of Warren Road and Montrose Avenue. Montrose at right. Photo 1972. Barbara Unterzuber Collection.

Block Club Basics

...by Julie Dahlhausen

A block club is a group of people who live on specific blocks and have organized to improve the quality of life in their community. Block clubs can organize to help their local school, plant gardens, save parks, plan local greening efforts, and keep their neighborhood vibrant. Block clubs create a powerful voice for the community and are the backbone of an organized neighborhood!

If you want to begin a block club, where do you start? First, introduce yourself to the families living around you. Tell them who you are, where you live, and that you are interested in creating a block club. At this time, you may want to gather phone numbers, addresses, and email information. You can cover as much or as little ground as fits your neighborhood. Some block clubs are exclusive to the street while others include two or three blocks.

After you have met your neighbors, it's time to plan a meeting. Pick a date, time, and gathering place. Backyards, driveways, and living rooms make for great meeting spots. Our community also has plenty of spots to choose from, including the Kamm's Corners Development Corporation Community Room. Next, get the info out there. Pass out flyers, make phone calls, send out emails, and knock on doors!

It is helpful to have a written agenda going into the first meeting. An agenda is like a map for the meeting. It explains where the meeting will go and how it will get there. It also helps define a meeting's purpose. Input from your neighbors can help determine the content of the agenda.

We're here to help! Contact me, Julie Dahlhausen, at 216-252-6559x1300 or julie.dahlhausen@kammscorners.com to coordinate representatives from the First District Police Department, Councilman Keane, and other neighborhood leaders to join you at your block club meeting.

Now that you have brought a group of neighbors together, be sure to find out when they can meet again. Schedule the next meeting during the first meeting so that you will be able to start publicizing it right away. You can use the contact list that you have already created to help reach out to those who were not able to make the first meeting, but might be able to make the next one.

It may take some time before your block club takes shape and finds its role in the community. However, if you're reading this, you've already completed one of the hardest steps: you've begun!

Local Foundation Helps Youngsters Communicate

West Park residents Joe Pulizzi and Pam Kozelka built a successful business, Content Marketing Institute, and internationally recognized event, Content Marketing World, to help brands find their voices and tell their stories. Additionally, since 2014, they have channeled their resources and expertise to empower children and young adults by creating The Orange Effect Foundation.

The foundation strives to make sure that everyone gains the ability to communicate. The foundation, while officially formed in 2014, actually began back in 2001, when the Pulizzi's son Joshua was born with autism. Early intervention has led him to be an independent and engaging young man. Knowing the importance that early intervention had for their son, Pam and Joe wanted to help other children and young adults receive the speech therapy and tools they need communicate effectively and lead fulfilling lives.

In 2007, Golf for Autism was started, an annual fundraiser that has donated over \$100,000 directly to the Easter Seals of Northern Ohio, Autism, and Speech Therapy Services, over the years. Their son, Joshua, speaks every year at the event.

Since the Orange Effect Foundation began accepting and awarding grant applications in December 2015, the foundation has assisted children and young adults in Northeast Ohio and throughout the United States including New Jersey, Texas, and Idaho. The foundation awards grants for speech and sign language ther-

apy and funds assistive communication devices for individuals who are nonverbal.

Pam explains, "We were so lucky. We found early intervention and tackled issues head on, with full force." Today, Joshua is thriving at St. Edward High School and is an active member of his freshman class. "We are so fortunate that he is able to express himself to the world around him now.

Pam and Joe's wish is for every family to get that same opportunity and feel that same joy. "It might not be vocal communication, it might be sign language, an iPad, or a hearing aid. Whatever it takes to communicate, to get that connection. The Orange Effect foundation is here for just that. If you can help by donating that is great, but as importantly, if you know a family struggling, encourage them to apply for funding."

The Orange Effect Foundation awards quarterly grants through a competitive application and review process. For more information and to obtain a copy of the grant application visit theorangeeffect.org.



Joshua Pulizzi, son of Orange Effect Foundation founders Joe Pulizzi and Pam Kozelka, speaks at the Golf for Autism fundraiser each year since it began in 2007.

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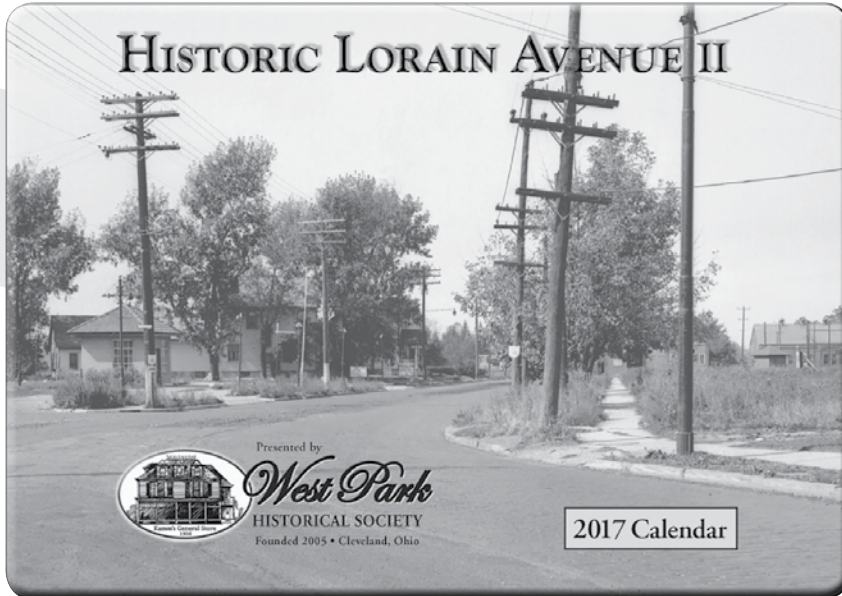
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West Park Calendar 2017 Makes a Fine Gift

The 2017 West Park Historical Society calendar is now available. The Historic Lorain Avenue II calendar features old photos of Lorain Avenue from West 110th to the Valley.

Images include Kresege's, Jerry's Restaurant at Triskett, West Park Deli (Tafel's), a rare photo of The Oswald Kamm building when it was Bender's Cafe, and many more.

The calendar sells for \$10 in person or for \$12.50 by First Class Mail. There are no online sales. Proceeds from the calendar fund the historical society. To order, call Dar McGeady at 216-476-8214 or email wphs-news@earthlink.net.



Lorain Avenue at Grovewood, looking west. Cleveland, Ohio, 1934.

Kamm's Cat Guardians Aim to Make Feral Cats Better Neighbors

The weather is getting colder, and whether you love cats or hate them, we all want to see fewer feral cats wandering our neighborhoods, especially in the winter. The good thing about feral cats is that they are an essential part of the ecosystem by keeping down the rodent population. The bad thing is that they may eat a bird at your bird feeder or use your mulch as a litter box.

In 2015, Kamm's Cat Guardians (KCG) was formed to educate and advocate for the stray and feral cat population in our community, and to do it in such a way that benefits not only the cats, but also those who love them and those who don't. Trap-neuter-return (TNR) is a program KCG uses through which free-roaming cats (not pets), are:

- Humanely trapped
- Sterilized and medically treated
- Returned to the outdoors where found

If you would like to be part of the solution for feral and stray cats, call and leave a message at 216-659-4434 or send an email to KammsCatGuardians@gmail.com. To learn more, follow the group on Facebook or visit KammsCats.PetFinder.com.

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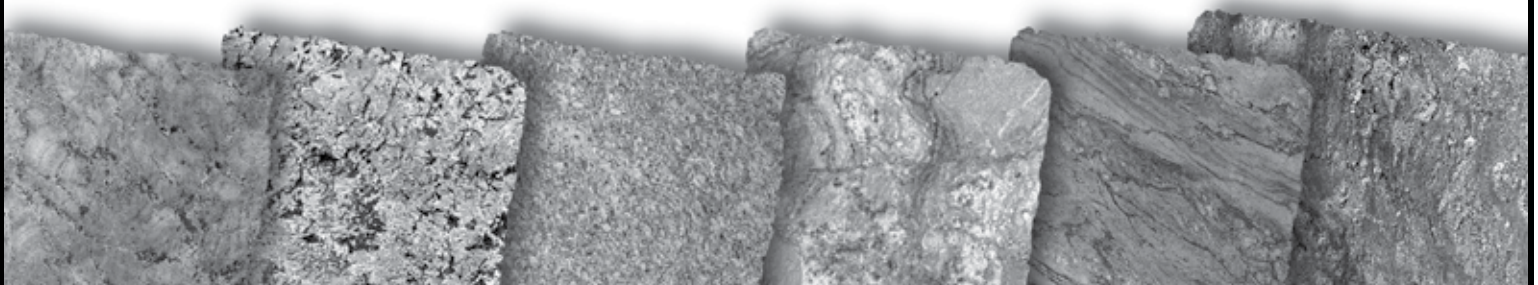
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In addition, the following programs are taking place as noted through January:

Tween Time: Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Fashion Club: Tuesdays, December 6 & 20 and January 3 & 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate Native Ohio Peoples: Thursday, November 17 at 4 p.m.

Snowman Bingo: Tuesday, December 13 at 4 p.m.

A Season of Celebrations: Thursday, December 15 at 4 p.m.

Candy, and Gingerbread, and Fun! Oh My!: Tuesday, December 20 at 4 p.m.

After School Drop-In Crafts: Mondays through Fridays at 3:30 p.m. on December 5 through 23 and January 12 through February 29.

Retro Movie Madness: Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. during Winter Break

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Thursday, January 12 at 4 p.m.

Share Your Vision for the West Park Library at an Open House

On Thursday, January 26, between 4 and 7 p.m., visit the West Park Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 3805 West 157th Street, for an informal open house kicking off the branch's Community Vision Plan

Participate in a range of work stations to describe what you'd like to see at the branch in the future, including ideas for the building, grounds, and services. Please see cpl150.org for more information on the Community Vision Planning process.

Local Public Funding Supports & Enriches Our Community

Over the past nine years, Kamm's Corners Development Corporation has received nearly \$25,000 in support from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC), which has helped to present the Kamm's Corners Summer Arts and Entertainment Series. This funding strengthens West Park and enriches the quality of life for people of all ages.

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. Each year, the series 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.

We are grateful for the volunteer work of the residents and business owners who take part in planning and running these events. Their work helps to make the series a great success!

Funding from CAC is different from other funders because Cuyahoga County residents voted to create this agency to fund the amazing arts and cultural 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. Created by voters in 2006, CAC won new life last November, as voters said "yes" to Issue 8. That renewed tax, which was set to expire in January, 2017, will provide another 10 years for CAC to invest in local arts and culture programs.



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All year long, but especially during holiday shopping, reward locally owned independent businesses by shopping in their establishments. They return a great deal to our community simply through city taxes, employer wages, and contributions to local non-profit organizations. Also, the unique character of our community is defined in large part by our businesses – and that plays a big factor in our overall satisfaction and the value of our home and property. We want our local businesses to thrive!

An added bonus to shopping locally is the customer service is better because it is more personal. After all, we see our local merchants frequently, both in their shops and around town – and they see us! So, we matter more to them, too.

Shop for gifts or services at the stores that add so much to the character of Kamm's Corners. Each time you choose to spend your dollars here, you increase the vitality of your neighborhood. While on your holiday outings, dine at local owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip, too. Spread the happiness! Remember, too, that gift certificates are available from our many fine neighborhood businesses.

Here are just a few shopping ideas:

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"It is functionally perfect," said Gino. He added new linoleum and carpeting in 2000, but likes everything else just the way it is! Gino has long carried on a family tradition. Both his grandfather and his father were in the business. His wife, Karen, works at the shop a few days a week to keep things going and to free up his time to work on shoes rather than on paperwork. Their grown children have pursued other careers.

What does the future hold for the shop? "I plan to keep working at least for a while," said Gino.

Customers rave! "I had a pair of black leather over-the-knee boots that were expensive, but had seen a lot of wear and tear over the years. I took them to Gino, and he gave them new zippers, glued the soles back down, and sewed up the heels, even replacing one at no charge," said a first time customer. "I am so glad I didn't throw them away!"

Congratulations to Gino on achieving this 50-year milestone! We are all richer as the beneficiaries of his quality craftsmanship and bits of magic!

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Third Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off Set for January 23

Back by popular demand, the Third Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off will be held on Monday, January 23, at St. Pat's gym, 4427 Rocky River Drive, from 5 to 8 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10 for all-you-can-eat pizza and a drink. For kids 6 to 12 tickets are \$5. There is no charge for children under 5.



Based on two year's experience, organizers are making a few changes this year to help the event run more smoothly. For one, more pizza will be ready and on plates at 5 p.m. so guests can grab a favorite slice and sit down.

In addition, guests are encouraged to take their time after work rather than rushing to arrive at 5 p.m. because fresh hot pizza will be delivered all night long. After the initial rush, more seating will become available.

For the first time, celebrity judging is taking place in addition to the peoples' choice votes. The judges include:

- Ross Keller owner of Italian Creations in Lakewood
- Patty Harken from FOX 8 In the Morning
- And, an adopted West Parker, Carmen Angelo from Cleveland's News Radio WTAM 1100

As January 23 approaches, check for updates about participating restaurants, parking, and all bake-off news at [Facebook.com/West Park Pizza Bake-Off](https://www.facebook.com/WestParkPizzaBakeOff).

For more information or if your pizza shop would like to participate in this event and has not yet been contacted, please call Jeff at 216-402-7621 (voice or text), or email stpatshns@gmail.com.

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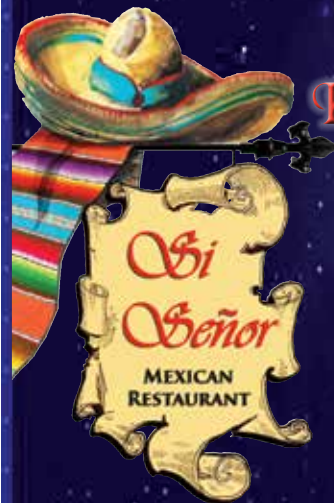
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