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### From the Director

Next month, I celebrate my 15th anniversary as Director of Kamm's Corners Development Corporation. Thank you for the honor to serve my neighborhood in this capacity, and I hope you feel that KCDC has "moved the needle" and brought new life to West Park. Our small but mighty staff works hard every day to see to it, and we are continually seeking new ways to add to the vibrancy of our neighborhood.

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, founded by KCDC and a dedicated group of neighborhood volunteers, will be celebrating its 10th anniversary throughout this market season beginning Sunday, June 12, and every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the municipal parking lot behind Walgreens. You can't fake fresh, so come and see why hundreds of people shop the market each week. The market was voted "Best of the West" by Cleveland Magazine readers in 2015. Mark your calendar for opening day!

The Kamm's Area Special Improvement District Corporation has started operations in our "downtown" business district, maintaining the planters, picking up litter, and generally keeping our best foot forward. Additional services, including security, neighborhood marketing, and snow removal will be phased in as appropriate and as funds allow. Look for the workers in the bright green vests. Our thanks again to the forward thinking property owners who signed on!

Asphalt Cinema returns for its 13th season of family friendly movies at Impett Park. See the calendar of events for dates. Kids who came to the first couple of years of movies on the asphalt (hence the name "Asphalt Cinema") in the municipal parking lot are probably in college now. Can you imagine trying to show a movie in that parking lot today?

The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ returns Saturday, May 14 from noon to 8 p.m. with a great lineup of family entertainment as well as more than 40 artists with hand made merchandise on West 168th Street, thanks to our partnership with Cleveland Bazaar. Walk or bike up to Kamm's Corners and join in the fun! See the article on page 8.

As I reflect on the past 15 years, I am grateful to the residents and businesses of this fine neighborhood. The future is bright. As always, let us know how we're doing.

Steve Lorenz  
Executive Director

*Our cover: Samantha Wohleber, 11-year-old amateur photographer, snapped this up-angled closeup of a piper performing with the West Side Irish American Club Pipe Band at last year's Hooley.™*

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### Mission Statement

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

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# Around the Corners

Get ready Saturday, May 14, for the 7th Annual **Hooley on Kamm's Corners™!** Celebrate West Park with family and friends on Lorain Avenue east of Rocky River Drive. The fun takes place from noon till 8 p.m. Join us for food, music, and family activities! Read about the entertainment, 100 vendor booths, and more on page 8. The event map appears in the centerfold of this magazine.

**Kamm's Corners Farmers Market** celebrates its 10th season this summer, re-opening on June 12, and every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the municipal parking lot behind **Walgreens** at West 168th Street and Lorain Avenue. See page 14 for details about special features being planned! The **Free Perennial Exchange** takes place on Sunday, June 19, from 10 a.m. until noon. Bring your perennials to trade with others. This exchange is a no-cost way to freshen up your garden.

Learn how to harvest rain water for all your garden needs and get a rain barrel for \$60 at a workshop on Sunday, June 26, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the **Kamm's Corners Farmers Market** with the assistance of **West Park Young Professionals**. To register, call **Amy Roskilly** at 216-524-6580, ext. 22.

**St. Joseph Academy** will host **KCDC's 39th Annual Town Meeting** on Wednesday, June 22, at 7 p.m. Please join us! The event is free and parking is plentiful at 3470 Rocky River Drive. The evening's presentation will be followed by refreshments provided by **K&K Portage Market**. See details on page 6.

**Puritas Nursery**, 19201 Puritas Avenue, expanded its retail space. Cleveland's last growing greenhouse of flowers and vegetables has doubled the area inside the front door. Stop by for sincere, personal attention and gardening advice you can trust from these experts. Call 216-267-5350 for information. See the story with photos on page 12.

All young professionals who live, work, or play in West Park are invited to join the **West Park Young Professionals** who meet regularly to pool their talents to help the community. For information email [westparkyp@gmail.com](mailto:westparkyp@gmail.com).

Celebrate or discover the amazing world of comic books on **Free Comic Book Day**, Saturday, May 7. Stop in to **Carol & John's Comic Book Shop** in

**Kamms Plaza** at 17462 Lorain Avenue to receive 10 free comic books per person. Call 216-252-0606 for more information.

Remember that **Ace Hardware**, 3780 Rocky River Drive in **Kamms Plaza**, offers a complete garden center, certified **Weber** grill sales and repairs, fishing and hunting licenses, and more. Ace is one of the sponsors of **The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™**. Call 216-251-4223 for more information. See their ad on page 15.

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

Spend **Cinco De Mayo** (May 5) at **Si Senor Mexican Restaurant**, 16800 Lorain Avenue. Enjoy sizzling fajitas and cold margaritas, along with authentic Mexican cuisine. Food and drink specials will be offered all day. Call 216-941-4424.

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

On June 4, the **4th Annual Pups at the Park** will be held at **West Park Station**, 17015 Lorain Avenue, from 6 to 8 p.m. It's a fundraiser to benefit **The Rescue Inn**. Tickets are \$20 for house wine and beer, pizza, wings, and pasta. There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50. Purchase tickets at **Style Mutt**, 3525 Warren Road, or at the door. It's fun for a great cause!

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

Taste the flavorful cuisine offered by at **AMP 150**, the restaurant inside the **Marriott Hotel** at 4277 West 150th Street. Discover what's on the menu, from small plates to big six-course meals. Call 216-706-8787 for more information or visit [amp150.com](http://amp150.com).

Look inside the May edition of **Cleveland Magazine** for a section that focuses on Cleveland neighborhoods. West Park is featured in a special 8-page pullout, which you may also view at [kammscorners.com](http://kammscorners.com). Extra copies are available in our office, 17407 Lorain Avenue, Suite 200.

The **Cleveland Department of Aging** presents **Senior Day** on Friday, May 27, at **Cleveland Public Hall**, 500 Lakeside Avenue. An information fair starts at 10 a.m. with a program at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Entertainment begins at 12:30 p.m. The event is free of charge. For more information, call 216-664-2833.

The third annual **Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K Race and 1-Mile Walk** for **St. Joseph Academy** takes place on Monday, May 30, on school grounds at 3470 Rocky River Drive. See details in the ad on page 21. Also note registration information for the academy's summer camps.

**Cleveland Police Foundation "Cops for Causes"** presents a reverse raffle on Friday, June 10, at **St. Rocco's Hall**, 3205 Fulton Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Only 200 main board tickets will be sold. Only \$50 per person includes dinner and open bar. For tickets, contact **Captain Sulzer** at 216-623-3334 or **Frank Galizio** at 216-526-4123.

Enjoy a day of golfing for a good cause! The **West Park Family YMCA's Annual Golf Outing "Fore the Kids"** takes place at **Hickory Nut Golf Course**, 23610 Royalton Road, in Columbia Station on Friday, June 24, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. See the article on page 7.

It's time for summer camp registration! Pick up an application at the **West Park Family YMCA**. To learn more about what summer camp has to offer your child, call the YMCA at 216-941-5410. See the ad on page 17.

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

Keep the kids busy and their minds sharp throughout the summer with the activities offered by the **West Park Branch of the Cleveland Library**, 3805 West 157th Street. Call 216-623-7102 or see page 30 for more information about their many programs.

Northeast Ohio's only foreign language immersion school is opening in August at 13442 Lorain Avenue. **Global Ambassadors Language Academy (GALA)** is a tuition-free opportunity offering Mandarin or Spanish language immersion classes. See the article on page 26.

Join the law enforcement community as they honor our fallen heroes at the **31st Annual Police**

**Memorial Commemoration**, May 14 through 22. View the schedule of activities and get ticket information at [policememorialsociety.org](http://policememorialsociety.org).

**River's Edge**, 3430 Rocky River Drive, presents a free **Monday Night at the Movies** once a month. Call 216-688-1111 for the schedule or visit [riversedgecleveland.com](http://riversedgecleveland.com).

Save the weekend of July 22 through 24 for the **34th Annual Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival**, taking place at the **Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds** in Berea. Tickets are \$12 per person. Children under 10 gain free admittance. Parking is free. For more information, visit [clevelandirish.org](http://clevelandirish.org). See the article on page 29.

Congratulations to the **Cleveland International Film Festival** on breaking attendance records again this year, with 100,255 attendees and \$1,444,660 in Challenge Match donations! Once again, **KCDC** is proud to have been among its neighborhood outreach partners.

Looking for freshly restored furniture? Check out **Hue New Painted Furniture**, 15100 Lorain Avenue. It's a studio in the small building in front of **Carpet Center USA**. See the article on page 26.

The **Tower City Chorus** of the Barbershop Harmony Society presents "*You'll Never Go Wrong with a Song*" on Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the **Performing Arts Theater at Magnificat High School**, 20770 Hilliard Boulevard. For tickets, call 216-789-6414. See article on page 27.

Learn about the wonders featured at the **Great lakes Expo** of 1936 in a presentation by local historian **Rebecca McFarland** on Tuesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at the **Cretan Party Center**, 3853 West 168th Street. Light refreshments will be served. Entry is free of charge.

What's happening with the local businesses? Read **Biz Bits** on page 10, a new feature by **Ben Campbell**, Director of Commercial & Industrial Development. It's a quick look at new businesses coming in and changes happening with established places.

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

# Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

**News from Ward 17 and City Hall**



## Dear Neighbor:

Happy Hooley 2016! I am happy to contribute to my favorite magazine edition of the year. This year's Hooley (our seventh!) will be on Saturday, May 14. Starting at noon, Lorain Avenue will be bustling with fun, a wonderful way to wash away the winter blues and welcome spring to the neighborhood. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors to stop by.

Seniors, please note that Friday, May 27, is the Cleveland Department of Aging's 27th Annual Senior Day. The event is free for all seniors and runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cleveland Public Hall. Ward 17's Senior of the Year for 2016 is Sister Rita Petruziello, CSJ. Sister Rita is the retired executive director of River's Edge on Rocky River Drive and a proud resident of Ward 17. Her passion and commitment is an inspiration to anyone who has ever crossed her path. Congratulations Sister Rita! I hope to see all of Ward 17's seniors at Public Hall on May 27.

With spring comes potholes and construction! There are too many of the first and not enough of the second. Please continue to report potholes with as much specificity as you can provide. Residents may call City Hall at 216-664-2510 or my office at 216-941-9509.

The residential street resurfacing program is underway. Among the Divisions of Streets, Capital Projects, and Public Works some difficult discussions have occurred. Our needs are great and resources are scarce. Utilizing the Pavement Management Program, we have started to identify streets for attention. While we continue to work with Cuyahoga County for Munn Road and ODOT for Warren Road, we can count on some traffic interruptions. This includes along Lorain Avenue between West 140th and West 150th Streets for the completion of that section. As always,

please drive safely and patiently as the roads improve. Thanks for your understanding.

A lot of energy, good and bad, is stirring about a little event in Cleveland in mid July. The Republican National Convention will put our city in the national spotlight or cross hairs, depending on who you are asking. My focus remains positive. Throughout my lifetime I haven't seen this much attention on our city. It is an opportunity for us to show the world who we are and what we are about. A lot of great things are happening throughout our wonderful city and region. My sincere hope is that the thousands of visitors who see this will return with their families.

Of course, my big focus is on our neighborhoods, working with Safety Director McGrath and Police Chief Williams to ensure that the neighborhood police districts are not drained to support downtown. Their assurances as well as details of their deployment strategies leaves me comfortable that we will be at full strength for the convention week.

Please keep an eye out for all our neighborhood special events. The Hooley begins a busy season of races, festivals, and concerts outlined in this edition of the magazine. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make such events happen. Gratitude goes to Mayor Jackson and all the Divisions and Departments we rely on to pull them off, especially our First District Officers and Commander Tom McCartney. Without their continued support we simply couldn't do it.

Please have a happy and safe spring. Shop locally, slow down, keep your parked cars locked, start a block watch, and take care of our great neighbors and neighborhoods

All the best!

*Marty Keane*

# Annual Town Meeting Set for June 22

Kamm's Corners Development Corporation's 39th Annual Town Meeting returns to the auditorium of St. Joseph Academy (SJA) at 3470 Rocky River Drive on Wednesday, June 22, at 7 p.m.

Please join us for an informative evening. The event is free of charge and parking is plentiful. On your way in, visit the display tables of local non-profit agencies to learn more about their programs. The evening's agenda includes updates on neighborhood initiatives such as the newly created Special Improvement District for Downtown Kamm's Corners. There will be an update on collaborative efforts with Bellaire Puritas Development. Councilman Marty Keane will provide news about city-related issues.

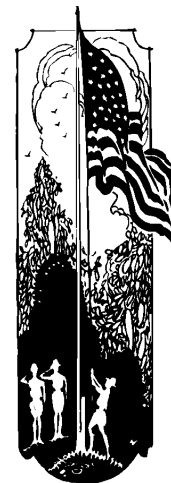
Several awards will be presented, including a Community Impact Award. Our always-popular "Spontaneous Raffle" will round out the evening.

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



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

# Independence Day Parade Registration Information



The West Park Kiwanis Club is seeking brass bands and musicians for the annual Kamm's Corners Independence Day Parade. It takes place on Monday, July 4, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Be sure to watch the parade – or participate with your community organization. It's great patriotic fun.

Community groups, local celebrities, and area merchants are all welcome! Download an application at [westparkkiwanis.org](http://westparkkiwanis.org) or call Cliff LaRocque at 216-252-1364 to have one mailed to you. Before June 25, the registration fee is \$70, except local non-profit organizations pay \$35. After June 25, the registration fee is \$100 for all. Don't delay!



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# Fore the Kids!

## Golf Outing to Raise Funds for YMCA

The West Park Family YMCA hosts its Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 24, at the Hickory Nut Golf Course in Columbia Station, 23601 Royalton Road. This traditional event brings together community leaders, neighbors, and YMCA advocates to raise funds for the Y's Annual Support Campaign.

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

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

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

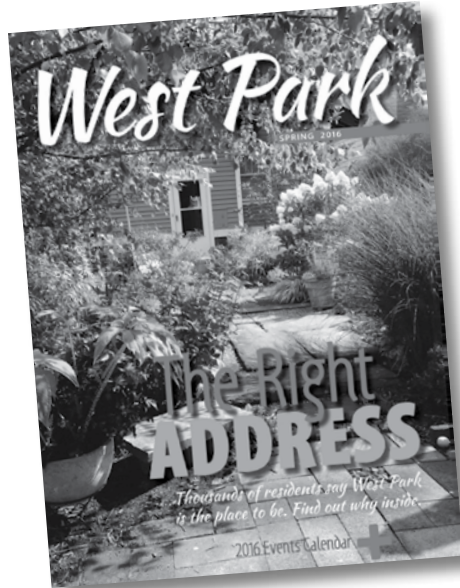
Join the cause and have fun, too! Register online at [clevelandymca.org](http://clevelandymca.org).

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More than 57,000 copies of LiveCLEVELAND! will be distributed with the May 2016 edition of Cleveland Magazine. Through targeted marketing efforts by Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and other neighborhood development organizations, the special section promotes living, working, and having fun in Cleveland.



This year, KCDC once again partnered with Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation to feature all of West Park in an eight-page color pull-out of the magazine. The cover features the garden of resident David Horneck, coordinator and participant in GardenWalk Cleveland last summer.

## Kudos To Our Generous Landscapers!

Many thanks to two landscaping companies for maintaining the planters along Rocky River Drive near Lorain Avenue, free of charge. Liz's Landscaping Ideas cares for those on the Northeast side and Cactus Jack Landscaping has taken one on the Southeast side.

We offer our deep gratitude on behalf of the neighborhood. When looking for landscaping services, please consider them. For Liz's Landscaping Ideas, call Liz Szyarto at 216-513-7042. For Cactus Jack Landscaping, call Jack Kinzie at 216-251-0054. You may also visit Cactus Jack at [cactusjcklandscaping.com](http://cactusjcklandscaping.com).

# Asphalt Cinema Returns June 17

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

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

Also in June, more than 100 bike helmets will be given away, thanks to a grant from the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Bike Cleveland will assist with the fitting and distribution of these helmets.

In August, a City of Cleveland Safety Fair will take place in the area adjacent to the parking lot from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Meet first-hand with law enforcement agency representatives. Walk through the smoke house and get up close and personal with a fire truck, motorcycle, and bomb squad truck. Pick up giveaways and information from city departments.

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

Beverages and popcorn are available for purchase from West Denison Baseball League. Players were still being accepted as of April 22. Visit [westdenisonbaseball.org](http://westdenisonbaseball.org) for the latest information.

The movie and the fun activities are FREE of charge thanks to our Asphalt Cinema sponsor, Fairview Hospital!

## Asphalt Cinema Dates

June 17: Norm of the North  
July 15: Inside Out  
August 19: Zootopia

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# Festival Fun Offered at The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™

Tagged "West Park's Homecoming Celebration," the 7th annual The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ kicks off at noon on Saturday, May 14, and runs until 8 p.m. on Lorain Avenue in Kamm's Corners. Lorain Avenue will be closed to traffic from West 165th Street to Rocky River Drive. "Hooley" is Irish slang for party or celebration. This one started out as a celebration of the new streetscape installed seven years ago. Today, The Hooley™ remains an annual day of live music, festival food, entertainment, and activities for all ages, presented by Kamm's Corners Development Corporation. Once again, there is no charge to enter the area of The Hooley™, thanks to our generous sponsors.

The opening ceremony begins at noon on the main stage at Rocky River Drive, facing east on Lorain Avenue. Expect Irish music, including pipes and drums, ballads, laments, reels, and an infusion of bluegrass and rock music. Here's the entertainment in order of appearance: The Pipes and Drums of the Cleveland Police; JP & the Chatfield Boys, The Whiskey Island Ramblers, Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes and Drums, Mary's Lane, and The Sunrise Jones close out the evening.

The Family Stage at West 165th Street, sponsored by Dollar Bank, will provide entertainment for the younger crowd. Irish dancers from multiple dance schools will perform, each showcasing its own distinctive style, some wearing colorful costumes and ringlet wigs. Also on stage will be Newton D. Baker School of the Arts, Our Lady of Angels School, Tower City Chorus, Cretan Dancers of Cleveland, Saint Joseph Academy's Choral, Taylor's Troupe from Gunning Park Recreation Center, and the All American Karate Studios. Enjoy The West Side Irish American Club Pipe Band, a magic show, and a DJ spinning tunes and hosting interactive audience fun and games till 8 p.m.

Nearby will be the Youth Center, operated by the West Park YMCA and sponsored by Neighborhood Family Practice and Ace Hardware, featuring a bounce house, a thirty-foot tall fire truck slide and engaging games and activities for youth of all ages. The always-popular pop-a-shot returns, operated by a local Girl Scout Troop, raising money for their Gold Award Project.

Purchase unique goods and pick up interesting information from the more than 100 booths lining Lorain Avenue. Indulge in a variety of Hooley™ offerings from more than a dozen food vendors, including gyros, hot dogs, kettle corn, ice cream, and freshly squeezed lemonade. Come hungry! All the restaurants will be open, too.

Back again in 2016, Cleveland Bazaar is hosting a juried handmade arts and crafts show on West 168th Street, sponsored by AT&T. Bring a tote bag for your purchases of unique items, including accessories, stuffed animals, clothing, beach glass jewelry, toys, home decor, and more!

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- Parking at Kamms Plaza is reserved for patrons of those stores. **Please do not park there if you are attending The Hooley™. You may be towed!**

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

***Please remember, the consumption of alcohol will be permitted only within the taverns and restaurants and their associated patios. Alcohol may not be brought to The Hooley™.***



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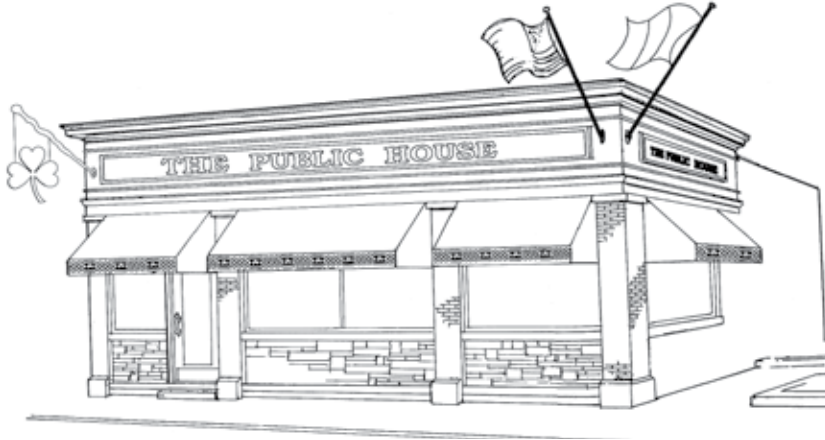
...by Ben Campbell

**Cleveland Moto**, a.k.a. the Pride of Cleveland Scooters, has purchased the commercial building at 16211 Lorain Avenue. The business was established in Cleveland in 2001 and, after nine years of operating in Lakewood, is relocating back to Cleveland. Cleveland Moto is the largest and oldest Vespa and Moto Guzzi dealership in Ohio. The company is proceeding with the City permitting process and exploring the possibility of assistance from the Storefront Renovation Program for exterior renovations and an attractive new sign and awning package. For more information, please call 216-795-5580 or visit [clevelandmoto.com](http://clevelandmoto.com).



**Dante's Pizza**, 4176 Rocky River Drive, recently completed significant upgrades to their kitchen. As a result, they have added fried chicken to their traditional menu of pizza, calzones, stromboli, chicken wings, sandwiches, appetizers, and salads. Call 216-251-0744 or visit [danteswestpark.com](http://danteswestpark.com).

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By the time you read this, the **Garden & Grill Restaurant** will likely have opened in the former Taco Bell location at 4450 Rocky River Drive. It is a diner-style restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinners with a fare of Mediterranean cuisine, corned beef, sandwiches, wraps, salads, and soups. Dine-in and carry-out will be available as well as free Wi-Fi. The owner previously operated a restaurant at Avon Commons but decided to close it and reopen in West Park. Restaurant hours will be from 6 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

**SIS Home Care LLC** has relocated from Fulton Road to 17136 Lorain Avenue to accommodate growth in the business and a need for additional space. According to CEO Gretchen Silva, SIS stands for Service, Integrity, and Serenity and is a provider of quality care to allow its clients to continue living in their home or apartment. The company shares space with Small Business Accounting Services and GP Real Estate Investments. For more information, call 216-744-9129 or email [gretchen@sishomecare.com](mailto:gretchen@sishomecare.com).

The ownership group behind the Ironwood Cafe has renamed and rebranded the establishment at 17209 Lorain Avenue as **Kamm's Cafe**. Visit the website [kammscfe.com](http://kammscfe.com) to view the new menu and learn more about the changes. Other additions include a pool table, skeeball machines, air hockey table, pop-a-shot, and boxing machine. Watch all the big games on their 15 HDTVs. Weather permitting, patrons can enjoy the outdoor bar and patio. Call 216-860-1190 for more information.

# Weber's Ice Cream Buys Cone Zone

...by Ben Campbell

Like the annual return of spring showers and flowers, the Cone Zone and Grill, 4081 Rocky River Drive, has reopened for the year albeit under new ownership. Some of our readers may have seen "For Sale" on the message board last winter when Lucy Champa put this popular place up for sale. The business was recently purchased by David Ford, the owner of Weber's Premium Custard & Ice Cream on Lorain Road in Fairview Park ([webersvintageicecream.com](http://webersvintageicecream.com)). Weber's is a family-owned business, so David's sons will split duties to support the operation of both stores. Our thanks to Lucy for her dedication over the past nine years to the Cone Zone and the West Park community.

Fans of the Cone Zone can breathe a sigh of relief as David plans to make no substantial changes for the coming year. Cone Zone favorites such as soft serve ice cream, shakes, sundaes, and smoothies will remain available. The same goes for the grilled and deep fried menu items such as burgers, chicken, all beef hot dogs, and french fries as well as the daily sandwich specials. David said he hopes to be a resource for the neighborhood and asks that customers communicate suggestions to the staff at the store or through Facebook.

For Weber's fans, David said, "Starting in a few months, look for Weber's products to be added to the menu, and this will continue gradually throughout the summer." The Cone Zone will now remain open year round and will serve as a place to pick-up Weber's products while the Fairview store goes through its annual winter shutdown.

Having grown up on Cleveland's west side, David has long thought about a West Park location for Weber's. His success as a vendor at the annual Hooley on Kamm's Corners™, followed by a conversation over last winter with KCDC's Executive Director Steve Lorenz combined to set in motion this recent purchase of the Cone Zone.

The history of Weber's is intertwined with some icons of Cleveland's history. After being trained to make ice cream at Euclid Beach Park, Nathan Weber established Weber's in 1931 and added five new flavors to the menu in addition to the original vanilla. Among the added flavors was frosted malt, which would later be copied by Higbee's Department Store and gain national recognition.

To this day, Weber's continues to produce their products with the original fresh ice cream machines purchased by Mr. Weber in 1931—exact replicas of the ones on which Mr. Weber learned his craft at Euclid Beach. Using all natural flavors and dairy products, these machines produce the same style of ice cream now as in the 1930s, which contains less sugar and less air than contemporary ice creams and frozen custards. At the Fairview Park store, the daily menu offers about 30 flavors, including vintage flavors such as the vanilla and frosted malt, modern flavors, sorbets, and seasonal offerings, such as cantaloupe ice cream made from hand picked, vine ripened cantaloupes from a local farm.

Spring hours for the Cone Zone are from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 9:30 p.m. Please note that the grill shuts down 30 minutes prior to closing hours. For more information, please call 216-941-8283.



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# Puritas Nursery Expands Retail Area

## New Services Added!



Every year, Puritas Nursery and Garden Center makes capital improvements to its buildings and grounds. Customers notice a fresh coat of paint or new asphalt in the drive, but new plastic on the roof, top soil bins, or a new drip irrigation system usually go unnoticed.

This year, however, everyone is commenting about the retail area expansion! Owner/operator Dale Heyink made a big splash and extended the store into an adjacent garage, adding over 1,000 square feet to the retail space. The store had an opening enlarged, walls installed, and a new layer of concrete put on the floor in addition to a fresh coat of paint. Lighting fixtures have been added, too. The newly expanded area is bright and airy – and uncluttered for convenient shopping.

The garage doors will be opened on nice days. To aid customers with their gardening, a new diagnostic center was added to identify pests, plant diseases, and weeds. They will also perform soil tests. Please stop in soon to see for yourself, and enjoy your spring landscaping and planting!



*The new Puritas Nursery expanded retail space more than doubles your browsing area.*

# No GardenWalk in 2016

## Plans Underway for July 8 & 9, 2017

West Park gardeners participated for the first time in GardenWalk Cleveland last summer with great success, thanks in large part to resident David Horneck, who organized our neighborhood's involvement and whose garden was one of several featured. In fact, a photo of his garden appears on the cover of a special pull-out section about West Park in the May issue of Cleveland Magazine!

Those interested in showcasing their gardens for the next GardenWalk Cleveland will have to wait until 2017. The organizing committee has decided to skip 2016, based on three factors. First, the Republican National Convention will be in town around the same time, overwhelming other planned events. Also, the 37th Annual American Community Gardening Association's national meeting is coming to town in August, seeking funds from many of the same organizations that support GardenWalk. Lastly, the committee is applying for tax exempt status, which will aid in fundraising, but can take up to a year to achieve.

The committee thanks West Park residents for their participation and support, and looks forward to being here again in 2017.



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# Who Are Those Guys in the “Special Improvement District” Vests at Kamm’s Corners?

Thanks to the generosity and the affirmative vote of the property owners in Downtown Kamm’s Corners, a Special Improvement District has been created to maintain the district.

Why is it “special,” and what does it do? A Special Improvement District (SID) is an assessment (similar to a tax) to property owners within a certain defined area. In this case it includes those along Lorain Avenue from West 165th Street to Fairview Hospital.

The assessment funds are pooled together and used for a variety of purposes such as snow removal, litter control, landscape maintenance, graffiti removal, security enhancement, and district marketing.

The SID will create a pool of \$30,000 annually, and KCDC’s Board of Trustees has committed to add an additional \$10,000 per year for a total of \$40,000 to make sure that visitors to the district have the best experience possible.

The SID will operate year round, working within the public right of way to keep our best foot forward. Summer work that began last month includes picking up litter, maintenance of the public planters, changing the seasonal banners, and marketing the district. Adding security services is being considered.

In addition to thanking the property owners within the district, we also want to thank Councilman Marty Keane for his leadership and assistance with the legislative process, and also the City of Cleveland, in particular the departments of Licenses and Assessments, City Planning, and Law.

We look forward to a litter free, and neatly landscaped summer season in beautiful downtown Kamm’s Corners!

# A New Chapter for the Far Mor Cafe

...by Ben Campbell

According to Ross Bassett of the West Park Historical Society, the Far Mor Cafe at 15813 Lorain Avenue was established after the repeal of Prohibition in 1933 by John Farry and John Morley—thus, the name “Far Mor.” It is said to be the longest surviving bar in West Park operating under the same name, at the same location. That legacy will continue as business partners John Granzier and Douglas “Trey” Lamb recently leased, refurbished, and reopened the Far Mor Cafe.

As with any long-time survivor, in recent years, the Far Mor had started to suffer from wear and tear. The original wood bar has been meticulously restored and the barroom was remodeled from floor to ceiling. The bar offerings have been expanded and tailored to meet contemporary, as well as traditional tastes, with beers, craft beers, wines, and spirits. Sports fans will be sure to enjoy the six new flat screen TVs.

Mr. Granzier is no stranger to either the bar and restaurant business or the West Park neighborhood. He grew up off of Rocky River Drive and, as a teenager, he cleaned and cooked at Danny Boys on Puritas and never left the restaurant business. In addition to the Far Mor, he operates the Cleveland Bar & Grill in downtown Cleveland and the Merry Arts Pub & Grille in Lakewood.

As a son of West Park, he always had his sights on opening a business here.

“I am proud of my West Park heritage,” said Mr. Granzier. “And, have always considered it home. When I heard the Far Mor was available, I already loved the history and scale of the place. Purchasing it was my opportunity to provide patrons with a clean, comfortable, inexpensive place to relax and enjoy West Park.”

Future plans include a sidewalk patio for customers’ enjoyment.

The Far Mor Cafe’s hours are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 216-251-7700.



*The renovated balcony is a great place to relax with friends.*



*John Granzier behind the refinished original bar at the Far Mor.*

# Stinchcomb Summer Concert Series Starts in July

Cleveland Metroparks has grown tremendously over the past 99 years! Starting with 3.4 acres in Rocky River Reservation, the park has expanded and now encompasses more than 23,000 acres. Join with friends and family for a free concert series to celebrate founder William Stinchcomb’s vision. They are being held each Wednesday in July from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Stinchcomb-Groth Memorial Scenic Overlook off Hogsback Lane. This is in the Rocky River Reservation between Valley Parkway and Riverside Drive.

## SCHEDULE

- July 6 – The Portersharks (traditional Irish)
- July 13 – FireSide (classic rock)
- July 20 – Cats on Holiday (swamp pop)
- July 27 – Erie Heights Brass Ensemble (popular)

Parking is limited at Stinchcomb-Groth Memorial. Overflow parking is at the Scenic Park/Emerald Necklace Marina. A shuttle will be provided. And, concert-goers are encouraged to ride their bikes from the marina parking lot to the event.



# Kamm's Corners Farmers Market

10 Ten Years – and Still Growing!

Visiting Kamm's Corners Farmers Market (KCFM) on Sundays satisfies the soul. Why? Because going is an opportunity to purchase fresh produce, listen to live music, watch a cooking demonstration, pick up an interesting bit of art or a craft, people-watch, and more!

It continues to be a popular gathering place for our community, thanks to the local farmers, artisan food vendors, and enthusiastic shoppers who keep this market alive and thriving each summer. Join the fun on opening day, Sunday, June 12, and every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 9, in the municipal parking lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue, behind Walgreens on Lorain Avenue in the heart of the Kamm's Corners entertainment district.

On opening day, a hydroponic farmer will have fresh green leaf veggies. Meats, cheeses, eggs, pasta, bread and pastry, scented soaps, olive oil, and everything in-between will be available, too. And, when they ripen, vegetables and fruits will be plentiful. Some of the farmers offer organic produce, and others offer hormone-free, naturally raised meats. Whether from as close as a mile away to dozens of miles away, virtually all of the offerings are from Northern Ohio and are grown or made by the vendors themselves.

Each market Sunday, KCFM visitors enjoy live musical entertainment from locally famous and sometimes internationally famous artists. Dozens of talented singers and musicians perform throughout the season, showcasing a variety of musical styles. A complete list is available at [kc-fm.org](http://kc-fm.org). Twice each summer, local troubadour Alex Bevan entertains at the market. And, on June 19, internationally known bluesman Dave Thomas will perform with a hand-picked band comprised of Cleveland's notable blues musicians.

Catch a cooking demonstration at 11:30 a.m. by notable chefs showcasing their talent. Many utilize produce from the market's vendors, demonstrating what can be done with the great fresh produce available that day. The first chef demo of the season comes from the celebrated "farm

to table" restaurant, AMP 150. Located inside the Marriott Hotel at 4277 West 150th Street, AMP 150 is known for using local ingredients at the peak of quality.

Also this summer, a "Healthy Living" feature will be offered. Local experts will share practical tips on heart health and easy dietary improvements. Free blood pressure checks will be given along with other easily done screenings right on the spot.

As always, the farmers market will host two free Perennial Exchanges: June 19 and October 9. Plan to dig and bring some perennial plants or flowers to share or trade. It's a great way to change-up one's garden.

In addition, special events are planned in celebration of this 10th anniversary summer such as free face painting, balloons, and anniversary deals. Be sure to visit the market booth at The Hooley™ for the latest news!

So grab your shopping bags and head over to the Municipal Lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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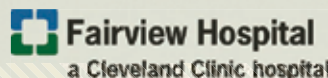
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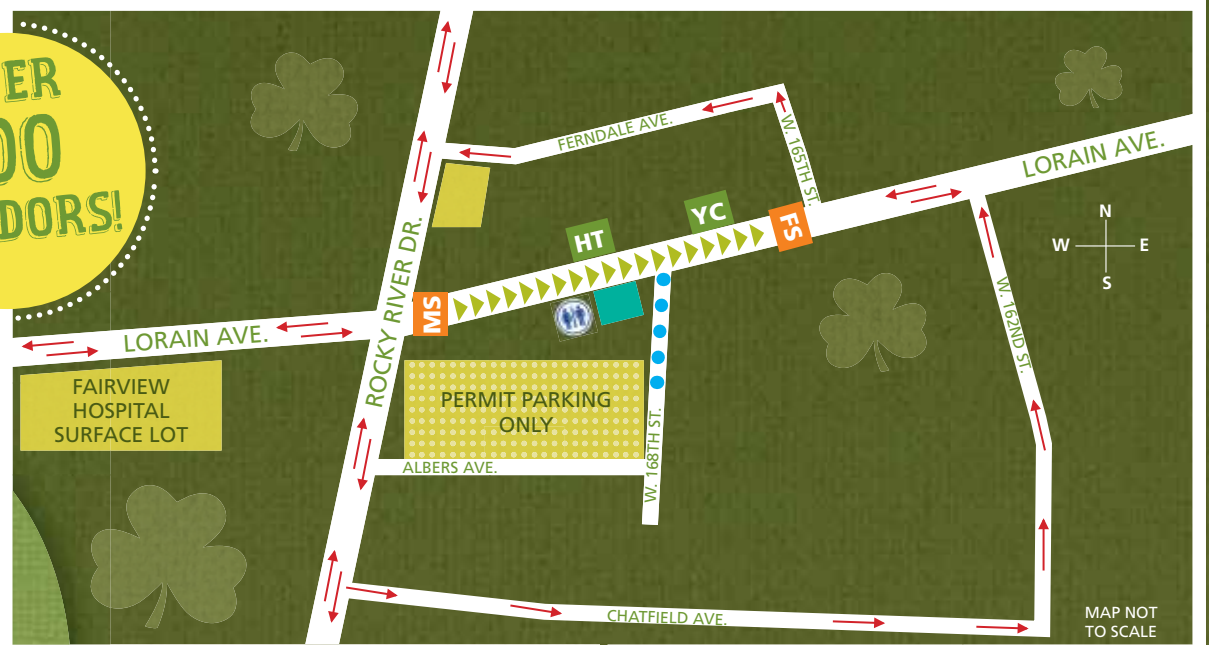
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- 12:30 JP & the Chatfield Boys
- 2:15 The Whiskey Island Ramblers
- 3:00 Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes and Drums
- 3:30 The Whiskey Island Ramblers
- 4:15 Mary's Lane
- 6:00 The Sunrise Jones
- 8:00 See you at The Hooley next year!

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- Noon Burke School of Irish Dance
- 12:30 Our Lady of Angels Fine Arts Council Student Performance
- 1:00 Taylor's Troupe from Gunning Park Rec Center
- 1:30 Tower City Chorus
- 2:00 Cretan Dancers of Cleveland, Ohio
- 2:30 St. Joseph Academy Chorale
- 3:00 All American Karate Studios
- 3:30 Brady Campbell Irish Dance School
- 4:00 Newton D. Baker School of the Arts
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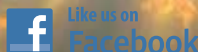
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# Community West Foundation

## Great News from Community West Foundation

The Community West Foundation is pleased to announce the release of our 2015 Annual Report and it is filled with great news worth sharing!

“This is why I affirm the Community West Foundation as the most innovative philanthropic entity I know of anywhere in the United States when it comes to effectively liberating the spirit of generosity.” - Dr. Stephen G. Post, Ph.D., President of the John Templeton Foundation, Founder of the Institute on Unlimited Love, and Professor of Preventative Medicine and Founding Director of the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, and Bioethics at Stony Brook University, and a worldwide speaker who recently addressed the United Nations on October 15, 2015.

Dr. Stephen G. Post delivered a message of hope and encouragement at our annual meeting and spoke about the growing scientific research that doing good unto others is also good for us! Every act of generosity makes a difference and defines us. This is a beautiful lesson and Dr. Stephen Post’s spirit of generosity is profoundly moving and has inspired thousands of people.

The bold praise quoted above is the theme of this year’s annual report. His profound belief in our work has uplifted me, and our leadership. I reflected on his words and I realized how each of us has the opportunity to practice the true spirit of generosity. May we continue to be worthy of this powerful praise and continue to be the “most innovative philanthropic entity” generously caring for others.

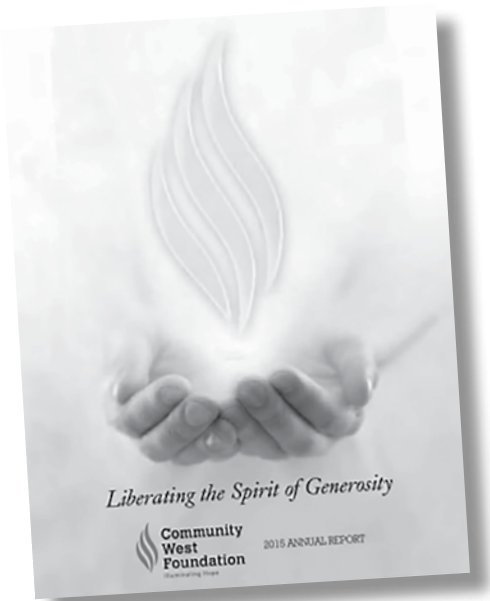
Serving the needs of our community is the most important work of the Community West Foundation, and in 2015 we shared \$3,273,000 in grants to help our homeless, hungry and hurting neighbors. The spirit of hope is a precious gift delivered by the agencies we fund who deserve our special praise for ensuring that the needs of men, women, children, families, and seniors are met. With our grants, we can enable more people to find the assistance, support, and spirit of hope that has not been available to them before. Popular Donor Advised Funds granted an additional \$865,000 at the request of our

fund holders. We carefully manage the gifts of our donors mindful of their objectives and our fiduciary responsibilities. Our donor vehicles are convenient, cost effective, and eliminate the hassle often incurred with charitable gifts. Community West Foundation has also played an active role in supporting Fairview and Lutheran Hospitals with grants of \$1.1 million last year, as well as sponsoring many fundraising events for the benefit of the hospitals.

In 2015, donors contributed \$4.3 million to help us meet our commitment to the community, allowing us to invest resources where the need is greatest. This support affirms our goals of helping those in need.

We are particularly moved by the plight of the homeless, and our SocksPlus initiative has become the Foundation’s important program to provide for those who lack basic necessities. Joining our efforts to help those in need are the many “tribes,” people that have come together to support the homeless through our SocksPlus program. These special stories of sharing fill us with awe and gratitude, and we hope you can join us to help innovate new ideas

for support. Learn more about the work of Community West Foundation by visiting [communitywestfoundation.org](http://communitywestfoundation.org).



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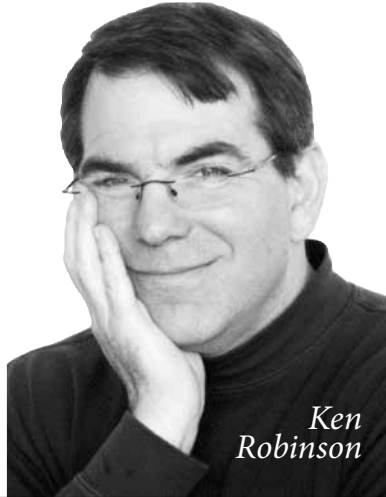
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# Expanded Pulmonary Rehab Program Helps Patients Breathe Easier

A new program of phased care for patients within Fairview Hospital’s Pulmonary Rehabilitation Unit and expanded space for outpatients are helping patients breathe a little easier.

The newly expanded pulmonary rehab program consists of three phases:

**Phase I** of the inpatient program occurs when a patient’s physician requests that a pulmonary rehab staff member provide the patient with information about the state of their health, offers instruction on proper breathing techniques, and explains outpatient programs.

**Phase II** is an intensive 8-to-10 week outpatient program that offers physical conditioning, including the use of chair exercises and exercise equipment. A doctor’s approval is necessary for participation.

**Phase III** is a comprehensive program that focuses on helping patients maintain their level of physical conditioning as they become more independent with monitoring their symptoms.

“A higher outpatient volume created a need to expand pulmonary education and exercise space at Fairview Hospital,” explains Gwen Print, MSN, RN, senior director of cardiovascular services for Cleveland Clinic’s Western Region.

Fairview Hospital’s pulmonary rehab team of registered nurses, respiratory therapists, and exercise physiologists works with physicians and specialists to meet the specific needs of each patient. Patient success is based on comparative statistics taken both at the beginning of the program and at its end.

“Most of our patients have lung conditions brought about from smoking; however, environmental surroundings, genetic histories, and other factors can also affect pulmonary health,” says Margaret Leneghan, manager of cardiovascular and pulmonary services at Fairview Hospital.

Through pulmonary education, patients with a variety of lung diseases are taught ways to manage their lives through breathing exercises and information pertaining to nutrition and diet, as well as anxiety, stress, and depression management.

Pulmonary rehab outpatients receive care in an expanded area, complete with breathing and exercise equipment, and technology used for educational sessions.

“The goal of our pulmonary rehab team is to help afflicted individuals breathe efficiently, which can help them experience a better quality of life,” adds Leneghan.

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# Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism Expands Services to West Side

Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism recently opened an outpatient therapy and autism resources clinic at the Rocky River Recreation Center bringing services closer to west side families. The clinic provides speech-language therapy, occupational therapy, and behavioral treatment to children with autism.

The diagnosis of autism in children has skyrocketed. In the 1980s, the rate was two or three of every 10,000 children. Today, it's one in 68 children overall, with higher incidence in boys (one in 42).

"The massive increase can be attributed to three things," says Thomas Frazier, PhD, Director, Center for Autism, Cleveland Clinic Children's. "First is increased awareness of autism and its symptoms. Second is people waiting longer to have children, which can impact genes important for brain development. Third is medical advances that increase the survival of premature infants but bring with them added complications related to brain development."



Thomas Frazier, PhD.



Neil Smith, DO

Infants as young as six months can exhibit signs of autism, and most children with autism are diagnosed by age two. In all cases, early intervention is key, but treatment can still be effective later in development.

Early signs of autism spectrum disorder typically fall into three categories:

- **Social Challenges** – As early as 6 months of age, infants who go on to develop autism show symptoms like decreased responding to their names, reduced interest in people, inappropriate eye gaze or limited eye contact; toddlers may have difficulty playing social games, imitating actions, or may prefer to play alone.
- **Communication Difficulties** – Young children with autism may be delayed in babbling, using single words or short phrases, and using gestures.
- **Repetitive Behaviors** – These may include excessive staring at fascinating objects, getting upset over minor changes in their routine, or movements like hand-flapping, rocking, or jumping.

"If a young child exhibits these behaviors, it's important to see your pediatrician for screening as soon as possible," says Dr. Frazier. "Once diagnosed, behavioral intervention, speech, and occupational therapy can help the child achieve their optimal functioning."

With a focus on early intervention, Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism in Rocky River is the first community satellite location.

"When I speak with community groups they are concerned about the pervasive autism issues facing our families and schools," says Neil P. Smith, DO, president of Fairview Hospital. "I am pleased with the effort between Cleveland Clinic Children's, the City of Rocky River, and Fairview Hospital to bring an outpatient clinic for children with autism to the west side. The early diagnosis and treatment of this disease will benefit our families and our community."

For more information, please visit [clevelandclinicchildrens.org/autism](http://clevelandclinicchildrens.org/autism) or call 216-448-6440. Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.

## Newton D. Baker School of Arts Wins Two Awards

Middle school students at Newton D. Baker School of Arts, 3690 West 159th Street, won a \$5,000 grant for a Youth Sing Out competition at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. Working with an artist from Roots of American Music, the students created an original song about tolerance and then performed the song for judges. It is their third consecutive win since the annual competition began.



An additional \$10,000 was won for the school because 100% of the students in the 6th through 8th grade middle school participated in an essay contest also held by the Maltz Museum. Students shared personal stories of discrimination and ways they plan to help encourage the end of bullying, intolerance, and indifference in their communities.

A total of \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes were awarded this year, with prizes to be used on programs to encourage tolerance. Be sure to visit their booth at The Hooley™.

# Northeast Ohio's Only Foreign Language Immersion School

Children who learn a second language starting by age five or six, learn the new language at an almost-native proficiency by age 11. Global Ambassadors Language Academy (GALA), a new international school, located at 13442 Lorain Avenue, is offering immersion in Mandarin and Spanish, starting in August. Applications are now being accepted for the coming school year for Kindergarten and first grade only. This tuition-free, public school will eventually go up to 8th grade, as the student body moves up to the next year's curriculum.

Dual language immersion means instruction will be provided in two languages for all of the core subjects (Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies). That means English and the target language, either Mandarin or Spanish, leading to dual proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking by the end of third grade. Neither of these languages needs to be spoken prior to beginning the program.

Small class sizes, extended school day and school year, and state-of-the-art classroom technology are features of the program, with before and aftercare programming available. In addition, hot breakfast, lunch, and snack programs are available.

To learn more about GALA's innovative education model and framework, attend an open house on Wednesday, May 18, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Call 216-315-7942 or visit [gala-prek8.org](http://gala-prek8.org) for more information. Visit their booth at The Hooley™.

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"For as long as I can remember, Interior Design and Home Décor have been my passion! I majored in art and interior design in college. I have worked in the industry over the years, and I have had the opportunity to help many people achieve the look they wanted for their homes. But as an artist, the hands-on, creative process always won out," she explained.

Four years ago, she decided to take her skills and passion to a new level. Now having her own studio and creating beautiful pieces of furniture has united both sides of this artist and interior designer. "Every piece I work on is done with skills I have honed over the years. The joy comes when my work is in its new home and the purchaser is delighted! It's a work of art, but also a work of the heart!"

Visit the next monthly 'Studio Open House' on Friday, May 13, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. And, Sunday, May 15, from noon to 5 p.m. Take advantage of a 30% discount during the open house.

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# Local Men Perform in Tower City Chorus

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This year, a young quartet from Columbus will be joining the show. Called The Con Men, they are a group of award winning International Collegiate Quartet champions that always leave the audience wanting to hear more!

Tower City Chorus has entertained audiences for the past 74 years with their rich and powerful blend of barbershop harmony and has some award winning barbershop quartets within its chapter. The chorus performed with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra in 2002 and 2005. This season, it will be singing at the Lake County Captains Baseball and the Avon Crushers Baseball games.

To purchase tickets, visit [towercitychorus.org](http://towercitychorus.org) or call 216-789-6414. Also enjoy a 30-minute performance on the family entertainment stage at The Hooley™, starting at 1:30 p.m.

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Please join the many family, friends, alumnae and neighbors who line the street to cheer on the proud class of 2016 on Tuesday, May 31. The walk begins at 6:15 p.m. at the school, 3470 Rocky River Drive. Visit the SJA booth at The Hooley™, and watch the chorale perform on the Family Entertainment Stage at 2:30 p.m.



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Pre-registration through Friday, May 27, at 9 a.m. is \$25, and \$15 for SJA students (pre-registration only). Race Day registration is \$30. To register online, visit [hermescleveland.com](http://hermescleveland.com) or call 216-623-9933. For more information, please visit [sja1890.org/earnyourspots](http://sja1890.org/earnyourspots).



# St. Mark's Run for the Arts

St. Mark Catholic School is holding its 15th Annual Run for the Arts on Saturday, June 4. Funds raised from this benefit are used to provide band and drama programs for the students. The 1-mile fun run begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by a 5K road race at 9 a.m. Both start at St. Mark School, 15724 Montrose Avenue, and thread through the lovely neighborhoods of West Park. Participants may download a registration form at [stmarkwestpark.com](http://stmarkwestpark.com) or register online at [peaceracing.com](http://peaceracing.com). Race registration is \$15, and \$20 on race day.

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The festival offers a wide range of music from traditional to Celtic Rock. Rock-n-Reel Headliners include Ronan Tynan of the Irish Tenors, Scythian, Ennis Sisters, and The Fitzgerald's – like Riverdance, only faster! Also, One Shot Paddy, Hedgeband, Derek Warfield & the Young Wolfe Tones, and Socks in the Frying Pan.

In a festival first, enjoy Celtic Rockers Seven Nations with “KIR,” featuring a full Pipe Band. Returning favorites include Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul, Ashley Davis, Mary's Lane, Irish Descendants, Patrick O'Sullivan, and Dermot Henry.

Bring your dancing shoes, your energy, and your friends. Live More Life, Be More Irish, and dance like no one is watching.

The New Barleycorn, Brigid's Cross, James Kilbane, Dennis Doyle, and The Kilroys will also be performing. Irish dance schools Brady Campbell School, Tesse Burke School, and Leneghan Academy join the 87th Cleveland Pipe Band, Firefighter's Memorial Pipe Band, and West Side Irish American Club Pipe Band. “Things will happen!” as Barleycorn's Alec DeGabriel always says!

Presenting the very best of Ireland doesn't stop with the music. The festival showcases championship dancing and pipe bands, and award-winning drama. Authentic Irish food vendors include Claddagh Irish Pubs, Sully's Irish Pub, the Irish Coffee House, and Winston's Import Catering. There will be plentiful American fare for kids and adults, too.

Things new to the festival this year include online admission tickets, Friday, Saturday and Sunday Whiskey

and Beer Tastings, craft beers, online merchandise sales, Irish road bowling, and so much more.

Expanded at the festival this year is Temple Bar & Museum. Modeled after the world famous entertainment district in Dublin city centre, the festival's Temple Bar & Museum has loads of singing, dancing, sessions, carrying on, lessons, workshops, and exhibits. Walk through the beautiful hand painted Irish village storefronts to Temple Bar, have a pint of our new craft beers, a traditional Guinness, Harp, or Smithwick's, or a pop. Have a listen or share a song, a story, or a set dance lesson. You'll find all the tradition of an Irish pub in the Temple Bar & Museum. There are over 50 Irish vendors with everything from Aran knits to delicious Irish chocolate, T-shirts, jewelry, music, and that special gift calling you home.

“The U.S. has been so generous in welcoming the Irish to this country, and we love paying it forward, in thanks. Festival proceeds benefit The Make-A-Wish Foundation, Holy Family Home, and other local and national charities,” said John O'Brien, Jr., Deputy Director of the festival and publisher and editor of the Ohio Irish American News. “Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival has donated more than \$770,000 dollars to charities since its inception in 1983.”

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Register for the Summer Reading Club beginning May 16, and receive two free tickets to visit the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo on Sunday, May 29. Weekly themes for the Summer Reading Club will explore famous Clevelanders, Cleveland sports, food, public art, parks and recreation, cultural institutions, politics/government, and history.

Tuesdays at 2 p.m. – June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, and July 26.

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Thursdays at 2 p.m. – June 23 and July 14.

### Rocky River Nature Center Programs

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### West Park Historical Society Program

Thursday, July 21 at 2 p.m.

### More Crafts & Games

Emoji Mask Craft: Thursday, June 9 at 2 p.m.

Celebrating Dad's Day: Thursday, June 16 at 2 p.m.

Giant Jenga: Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m.

Let's Take a Look at Lighthouses: Thursday, July 7 at 2 p.m.

Let's See What's Under the Sea: Thursday, August 4 at 2 p.m.

For more information, call the library branch at 216-623-7102.

## Homeowners of Ward 17: Ask the Old House Experts!

The Heritage Home Program offers homeowners free, impartial advice on maintenance and repair issues that are unique to older homes, those that are 50 years of age or older. It is a program of the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS).

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

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Board of Trustee positions with both two and three year terms will be chosen by our membership for terms beginning on July 1.

Duties include a monthly board meeting, committee work, and involvement in neighborhood events and fundraising. For additional details, contact Steve Lorenz at 216-252-6559, Ext 1100.

If you are interested in being considered for one of the positions, please send a letter indicating your interest and background to: Nominating Committee, Kamm's Corners Development Corporation, 17407 Lorain Avenue, Suite 200, Cleveland, OH 44111, or email the letter to the Nominating Committee at [info@kammscorners.com](mailto:info@kammscorners.com).

Thank you.

# Grass Cutting Program Offered by Cleveland Department of Aging

The Cleveland Department of Aging is now taking applications for 2016 grass cutting services. The service will begin in May and will continue through October. Lawn cutting services will be provided approximately once per month. There is no charge for this service, however, donations are accepted and appreciated. Donations are turned into the office and are used towards providing future services for seniors.

To participate in this program, everyone in the household must be 60 years of age or older. The only exception to this rule is if member(s) of the household are functionally disabled. The disabled individual(s) must provide medical certification of their functional disability. Priority is given to frail, isolated, disabled, and very low-income persons (using HUD guidelines).

Program users must secure pets away from the service area. Grass will not be mowed when pets or animal waste is present. The house must be owner occupied within the city limits. For more information, call 216-664-2833.

# Kamm's Calendar

## The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™

May 14 (Saturday)

Noon to 8 p.m.

Lorain Avenue between Rocky River Drive and West 165th Street

## Kamm's Corners Farmers Market

June 12 - October 9

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Sundays)

West 168th Street & Albers Avenue

## Annual Town Meeting

June 22 (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Academy

3470 Rocky River Drive

## Asphalt Cinema at Impett Park

June 17: Norm of the North

July 15: Inside Out

August 19: Zootopia & Safety Fair

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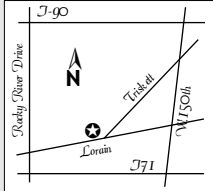


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We appreciate our Friends of Kamm's Corners – neighbors just like you! With generous support from the community, we continue to promote, develop, and guide the Kamm's Corners neighborhood.

If you are not currently a Friend, please send in the membership form on this page with your membership donation of \$20 or more to receive a membership card that may be used for discounts on goods or services at participating businesses in Ward 17.

KCDC has been working for you and your community for over 35 years. We are responsible for administering the Storefront Renovation program, producing Kamm's Corners Magazine, and planning neighborhood events like Asphalt Cinema, the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™, and many more.

To continue our good work, we need your continued support. Please become a Friend of Kamm's Corners!



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Celebrate the amazing world of comic books on Free Comic Book Day! Taking place annually on the first Saturday in May, it happens this year on May 7. Participating comic book specialty shops across North America and around the world give away comic books absolutely free to anyone who comes into their shops.

Carol & John's Comic Book Shop in Kamms Plaza, 17462 Lorain Avenue, is West Park's event headquarters. "This will be our 15th Annual Free Comic Book Day," said owner John Dudas. The shop was one of thirteen businesses chosen to be part of Facebook's Small Business Council in 2016. Facebook currently has over 25 million small business pages, so this is quite an honor.

Although Free Comic Book Day begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday and lasts until 7 p.m., there will be an early release party, beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday, May 6, lasting until 2 a.m. Books are given out at midnight, but a lot is going on before then. And, while the evening event has a different feel than the next day's event, both are absolutely family friendly, according to John. Those who attend either event are encouraged to come costumed as their favorite characters.

More than 25,000 comic books will be given away, and each person can choose ten from the 50 titles being offered. The line forms earlier every year, so come early for the best selection. In addition, 24 local artists will be doing free sketches on a first come, first served basis. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, superhero face painter extraordinaire Janie Walland will be painting faces for no charge, but slipping a tip in the jar would be appreciated.

For all the details on the entire weekend's event, visit [cnjcomics.com](http://cnjcomics.com). Call 216-252-0606 for more information.

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