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From the Director

My mom used to tell me that the years fly by faster as you get older. I always thought that was nonsense, but not so much anymore. This year has been a blur.

As you may remember, KCDC was in discussion with Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation to merge the two organizations into one large community development corporation. In June, for reasons that varied, our business membership voted to remain an independent organization serving Ward 17. As our annual election of trustees was deferred until after that vote, in July we had an election that brought six new faces to our Board of Trustees. All of them are neighborhood residents with impressive skill sets that will propel us to greater heights. Learn about them and our six returning trustees on pages 6-9.

The celebration of the 10th season of Kamm's Corners Farmers Market continues every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through mid-October in the municipal parking lot behind Walgreens. We have a great group of vendors ready to serve you. If you haven't been to the market in a while, give it a try! You'll be impressed by how long your produce lasts when it's freshly picked. And, you can learn how to cook it at our chef demonstrations and enjoy some live tunes to boot!

Our final Asphalt Cinema of the season takes place Friday, August 19, with a safety fair including participation by our safety forces and others. Stop by and meet our first responders, and thank them for keeping us safe through the Republican National Convention and in our neighborhood, too. I also want to thank Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, and Councilman Keane for their support of Asphalt Cinema.

Several businesses are expanding or moving to West Park. Check out our "Business Bits" section for details, and please patronize these merchants who have invested in our neighborhood!

Look for notice of neighborhood meetings with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), as Valleyview Boys Leadership Academy and MacArthur Girls Leadership Academy will be demolished and rebuilt on the same sites, and Newton D. Baker Elementary will be substantially renovated. We will assist CMSD and Councilman Keane in coordinating these meetings.

To stay in the know between issues of Kamm's Corners Magazine, sign up for our bi-monthly e-newsletter at kammscorners.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

As school begins this year, please slow down and watch for kids and bikes. Be safe, and as always, let us know how we're doing.

Our cover: The mouth watering, fresh picked ear of corn photo was captured by area photographer Joe Outlaw at the Quiroz Farm stand at our Kamm's Corners Farmers Market.

Steve

Steve Lorenz
Executive Director

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

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Around the Corners

Meet members of our safety forces at **Asphalt Cinema** on Friday, August 19, at **Impett Park**, West 153rd Street north of Edgecliff Avenue. From 6:30 p.m. to dusk, a **City of Cleveland Safety Fair** will be held west of the parking lot. Be sure to bring the family for an evening of fun that ends with a **free showing of Zootopia** under the stars. Learn more on page 29.

The **10th summer of Kamm's Corners Farmers Market** is underway, featuring farm fresh produce, live music, chef demos, and healthy living advice! Visit every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 9 in the municipal parking lot behind **Walgreens**. Join in this Sunday tradition with your neighbors. See what's coming up on page 14.

Let **KCDC** help you tackle your summer painting projects! We've partnered with **Sherwin Williams** to offer residents great deals on paint and painting supplies. Call **Julie Dahlhausen** at 216-252-6559, extension 1300 or email her at julie.dahlhausen@kammscorners.com for details.

Congratulations to **Carol Cazzarin** on her retirement from **Carol & John's Comic Book Shop**, an enterprise she started with her son, Cleveland firefighter **John Dudas**, when he was still in high school. A popular destination in Kamm's Corners since 1990, the shop won't be quite the same without Carol. "I'm leaving it in good hands," she said. Read the full story on page 20.

Family owned **Gino's Shoe Repair** celebrates **50 years in business** this summer! Working out of his shop at 17116 Lorain Avenue since the beginning, Gino's skills are legendary and appreciated as he works his magic on leather, cloth, and synthetic shoes. Join us in wishing Gino all the best!

West Park Lutheran Preschool, 4260 Rocky River Drive, is now enrolling for state licensed full-day and half-day programs. For more information, call 216-941-2770. See the ad on page 31.

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 3256 Warren Road, hosts its annual festival on the weekend of Friday, August 19 through Sunday, August 21. Enjoy great Romanian food, dancing, music, and more! See the festival hours and details in the article on page 25.

Are you a renter or a landlord with a residential property? The **Cleveland Tenants Organization** is available to help you understand your rights and responsibilities under the **Ohio Landlord Tenant Law**. Call 216-432-0617 for more information. See the ad on page 27.

The **West Park Historical Society** presents "**Transportation Vehicles of the Western Reserve**," on Tuesday, August 23, at 7 p.m. inside the **Cretan Party Center**, 3853 West 168th Street. Enjoy light refreshments while discovering West Park history!

The **George Varouh Cretan Center** will hold its **6th Annual Kamm's Corners Greek Festival** over Labor Day weekend, starting on Friday and continuing through Monday. West 168th Street will be closed to traffic. Enjoy traditional Greek food, music, and dancing. See the article on page 25 and ad on page 12.

The **City of Cleveland** is urging all residents, businesses, and visitors to sign up for a new mass notification system known as **Code RED**. It lets city officials quickly deliver emergency messages about severe weather, train derailments, or toxic spills within a defined, affected area via text message or e-mail. To sign up, visit public.coderedweb.com.

Style Mutt Dog Boutique, Day Care, & Grooming Salon, 3525 Warren Road, celebrates its **9th Anniversary** with a party on September 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. Enjoy **free food and drinks** from West Park businesses: **Cafe Falafel, Brothers Pizza, Thai Elephant, and K&K Portage Market**. Raffle items will benefit **The Rescue Inn**. See their ad on page 11.

Congratulations to the following students of **Newton D. Baker School of Arts**, 3690 West 159th Street, for winning the **KeyBank Student Billboard Contest** this summer: **Diana Nascembeni, Stella Costin, Chris Conel, and Camryn Matis**.

Mark your calendar for the **15th Annual Cleveland Heroes Run**, taking place on Sunday, September 18. Read the article on page 11 for details about this event to benefit the **West Park Cleveland Police & Fire Fighters Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

There will also be a **fundraiser** for the **Heroes Run** at **PJ McIntyre's Irish Pub**, 17119 Lorain Avenue, all day, Tuesday, August 30, sponsored by the West Park based **Star Trek fan club, USS Challenger**. There will be a 50-50 raffle, door prizes, and 20% of your tab will benefit families of our fallen heroes. Contact USS Challenger **Captain Joe Outlaw** at 216-280-6510 for information about the fundraiser.

The **West Park United Church of Christ**, 3909 Rocky River Drive, is holding a "**Gigantic Trash & Treasures Sale**" on Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, September 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be something for everyone.

While the weather remains mild, why not plan a **neighborhood block party**? Call **Councilman Marty Keane's** office at 216-664-4239 for the application at least 14 days ahead of the event to close your street to traffic. Allow 10 days for processing the application. The kids will love it, and it's a great way to get to know everyone a little better.

The **West Park Young Professionals** are tackling a number of community improvement projects. They meet on the fourth Thursday of every month and welcome all area young professionals who are interested in participating. For more information, e-mail westparkyp@gmail.com.

Calling all seniors! The **12th Annual Cleveland Senior Walk** takes place on Thursday, September 15, at **Mall C** downtown. Registration and health screenings begin at 8:45 a.m. followed by a brief program at 9:30 a.m. The walk begins at 10 a.m. Free t-shirts go to the first 1,000 registered walkers. Call 216-664-2833 for more information.

The **5th Annual Stroll & Roll 5K Race and 1-Mile Fun Run** is set for Saturday, September 24, at

9:30 a.m. It begins and ends at **West Park Station**, 17015 Lorain Avenue. The event raises funds for **Friends of Mothers & Infants**, which serves Cleveland area families in need. Event participants are encouraged to dress up as their favorite super heroes or princesses. Register online at pearceracing.com.

Neighborhood Family Practice has been offering primary healthcare services to folks on the west side for 35 years. Their annual fundraiser, "**Summer in the City-Hot Time, Cool Cause**" takes place on Saturday, August 27, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at their **Detroit Shoreway Health Center**. The evening includes dinner, drinks, a silent auction, and live music by **The Sunrise Jones Band**. Call 216-961-2090 for ticket information.

Check out the **West Park Branch** of the **Cleveland Public Library**, 3805 West 157th Street. It offers an array of activities for the entire family, from story telling hours to computer classes. Call 216-623-7102 for details.

Known for its fresh from the farm cuisine, **AMP 150** at the **Cleveland Airport Marriott**, 4277 West 150th Street, recently welcomed the return of a rising star, **Bridget Austria**, sous chef. She was featured in a great story in **Cleveland Scene Magazine**. See it online at clevescene.com. If you haven't dined at AMP 150, try it!

The **West Park Kiwanis Club** presented another grand **Independence Day parade!** Serving the community since 1927, this service club welcomes new members. Contact kiwanisofwestpark-club@yahoo.com. Dinner meetings are held at the **Cretan Party Center**, 3853 West 168th Street on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Visit their website at westparkkiwanis.org or more information.

Thanks to all who visited **The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™**, our annual homecoming festival of live music, family friendly activities, great food, and fun attractions. Despite the rain, a good time was had by all who were there. See links to photos and videos on our community events page at kammscorners.com. Save May 13, 2017, for the next one!

Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

News from Ward 17 and City Hall



Dear Neighbor:

Now that the Republican National Convention is behind us, we can return to enjoying our summer. What a wild ride these last 18 months have been for our City and our region. Many times over the last year and a half I was asked, "Are we ready?" I proudly said yes we were – and I was right! Cleveland was ready to greet unprecedented numbers of delegates, media, protestors, and activists from around the world. And we looked great!

Special thanks to the members of the Cleveland Division of Police and the Law Enforcement Agencies from across the country who made the convention a resounding success. From the bikes to the checkpoints, roof tops, and beyond, the sentiment was always positive and appreciative. Some minor incidents occurred, but the law enforcement community should be extremely proud of their efforts in Cleveland, and Cleveland is rightly extremely proud of them.

In my lifetime, Cleveland has never had such a wave of positive energy, starting from late June, with the Cavaliers winning the NBA Championship, to mid-July, with the world's focus on our City for the convention. There is not one person who can take credit for our success. From the host committee volunteers I worked with at the Airport Marriott to the neighbors I saw strolling Public Square, everyone played a part. All Clevelanders should cherish this moment and continue to be positive. Continue to be thankful for the little things that make our neighborhoods and City great while working on making it even better.

For example, we can make better the scheduling of construction projects around Ward 17. Thank goodness that Munn Road is near completion but remains one way toward Warren Road. Warren Road is progressing nicely but remains one way northbound. Lorain Avenue and the seemingly never ending decorative crosswalk going in at the intersection of West 150th Street is also nearing completion. More than \$3 million in street improvements are being made in Ward 17 thanks to ODOT, Cuyahoga County, and the City of Cleveland. As much as I fought to get these projects funded, I sometimes won-

der about the scheduling. The complaints have been heard. I just ask you to remain patient and keep your eye on the end result. When finished, these roadways will have been completely re-engineered with foundation upgrades and traffic signalization allowing for an easier commute.

In the interim, remember to shop locally. Warren Village and surrounding establishments are feeling the pinch. All agree that the road work has to be done and are thankful for the investment, but they are also concerned with customer loyalty and sales. Let's show them they have nothing to worry about.

Another project has come to fruition. Security cameras have been installed along our major corridors. This project is almost two years old and came about after long discussions with the Department of Public Safety, First District Command Staff, and Motorola (the City's vendor). The cameras are on a city-wide network that provides real time imagery to the Operations Center downtown as well as in the First District Police Station. The cameras will not be monitored 24-7. But they will be available for investigations and are an evidentiary tool. They are not traffic cameras or red light cameras. Not that this allows you to blow through the light. Please don't. The main objective of the cameras is to be a deterrent against crime and thus increase safety. We live in a safe community. Sometimes, bad things happen. So, if the cameras identify one person who came to our community to commit a crime, I believe it's money well spent. And, if even one person who considers committing a crime here is dissuaded by the flashing blue camera light, again, that's a sound investment.

The summer of 2016 has been exciting. Please enjoy what's left of it. Enjoy your neighbors and your neighborhood. Keep an eye out for our seniors next door as well as the kids riding their bikes. From young to old we are all a part of this great community. And, please remember, as always, shop locally and support our small businesses!

God Bless,

Marty Keane

Meet the KCDC Board Members

Kamm's Corners Development Corporation is a story of progress. Since 1977, a volunteer board of trustees has been guiding the efforts of KCDC, resulting in tangible improvement to both the business district and our community. These trustees serve for three year terms, and bring their time and talents together to lead the KCDC staff in moving West Park forward.

Last month, six new trustees were added to replace those who were retiring from the board. We thank the outgoing board members, including George Pofok, Rick Kolar, Erin McIntyre, and Joe Outlaw. "We are extremely grateful for their many years of service to the organization," said Executive Director Steve Lorenz. "Their passion and wisdom have made us better and stronger."

While we will certainly miss the contributions of the outgoing board members, we look forward to the energy and fresh perspectives our new trustees will bring. Their valuable experience across many disciplines, along with the expertise of our incumbent trustees, will help guide our mission.

Let us introduce you to our Board of Trustees:

Therese Chambers Arth



A board incumbent with more than 10 years as a trustee, Therese is a retired teacher and athletic director. She is currently employed at Chambers Funeral Home, and she is also co-owner of the Public House. Therese attended St. Patrick West Park grade school and St. Joseph Academy. She graduated from the College of Mount St. Joseph, having earned a Bachelor of Arts and teaching certification in Physical Education and Health for grades K through 12. She is a lifelong resident of West Park. "I love our neighborhood! I am excited to work with our new board members to maintain the quality of life West Park has provided for my family for many years to come."

Gino Bompiede



A board incumbent with four years as a trustee, Gino is a 35-year veteran of the health care industry and a certified executive of Environmental Services. He currently holds the position of Director of Environmental, Textile, and Interior Design Services at Fairview Hospital, in the Cleveland Clinic Health System. He is an active member of the hospital's Patient Experience and Environment of Care Committee. "I have been happily married for 35 years and am the proud parent of two children," said Gino. Although currently residing in North Royalton, most of his days are spent in Kamm's Corners and he feels passionately about keeping the community safe and enjoyable for all.



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Karen Cocita



A new board member, Karen is the principal of St. Mark Catholic School in West Park, with more than 430 students in attendance. She taught for 35 years in the Diocese of Cleveland before becoming principal. She earned a BS in Elementary Education from St. John College in Cleveland and a Masters in Educational Administration from Ursuline College. An active member of St. Mark Parish, she is also a member of the Parish Council. She and her husband both attended St. Mark School and have been married for 41 years. They have two sons who also graduated from the school. Said Karen, “I love West Park because it provides suburban living within city limits. I like being in a neighborhood where children play outside and residents of all ages are riding bikes, walking their dogs, and visiting with one another. Its close proximity to so many amenities makes West Park a real jewel. I hope to foster ongoing communication between KCDC and the community around current projects, needs, and concerns.”

Sean DeCrane



An incumbent, Sean DeCrane continues to serve as Secretary of the board. He is a 25+ year veteran of the Cleveland Division of Fire and has risen through the ranks, currently serving as a Battalion

Chief covering Cleveland’s West Side. Sean is involved in research at Underwriters Laboratories and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. He serves on the UL Fire Council, is a member of the UL Fire Fighter Safety Research Institute’s Advisory Board, and is a technical panelist for research and standards. He was recently awarded the UL Council Member’s Achievement Award. He was the keynote speaker for the 2015 Fire Department Instructors Conference. His long-term dedication to working collaboratively with the public safety community makes him a valuable member of the board.

Diane Dunleavy



A new board member, Diane is Assistant Manager, Case Management, at the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office. She has over 30 years of management experience in the non-profit sector, having held leadership positions at the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross and MidTown Cleveland, Inc., the community development corporation for the area between downtown and University Circle. Her expertise includes stakeholder engagement, marketing, fundraising, strategic planning, project management, and board development. She earned a BA degree from the State University of New York and Buffalo and a Master in Business from Cleveland State University. Diane enjoys running and completed two marathons. She said, “I look forward to being more engaged in the neighborhood by continuing to promote its assets, incorporating residents’ opinions into the KCDC strategic plan, and by establishing new partnerships.” For 32 years, she has been living in West Park with her husband and their four children.

Samantha Fryberger



A new board member, Samantha is the Director of Marketing for the Maltz Museum. She is an award-winning marketing professional whose career has been primarily focused on hospitality, tourism, and economic development. A College of Wooster alumna, Sam also graduated from Ohio Tourism Leadership Academy and served on the Board of the North American Travel Journalists Association. She is a member of the American Alliance of Museums; an active participant in Destination Cleveland, Northeast Ohio Inter-Museum Council, Adventures in Northeast Ohio, and the Beachwood Convention & Visitors Bureau. She is also a freelance writer, publicist, and photographer. A resident of West Park since 2007, Sam said, “I hope to use my relationships and skills to help Kamm’s Corners amplify its marketing messages around the neighborhood’s strengths and its tent-pole community events.”

Thomas McCartney



A board incumbent, Thomas is Commander of the First Police District. A resident of Kamm’s Corners, he was appointed Commander of the Cleveland Police First District in July

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2005. A 26-year veteran of the Cleveland Police Department, he began his career as a patrol officer in the 4th District and moved up through the ranks as sergeant in 1997, lieutenant in 2000, captain in 2002, and now commander. He brings a broad and successful experience base to his duties as commander. Personable and approachable, he is often seen at community events, and he works closely with community activists and neighborhood crime watch block leaders to address various concerns and develop creative solutions that foster a crime-free environment. He seeks to develop creative team and multi-unit approaches to eliminate persistent criminal activities and to improve the quality of life here.

Mary Haas McGraw

A board incumbent, Mary is now serving as President of the Board. She is a Magistrate with the Cuyahoga County Probate Court and has been a practicing attorney for more than 30 years. Mary is a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Joseph Academy, and is a member of the Cleveland Bar Association. She earned her JD from Cleveland Marshall College of Law in 1984, and a BA from John Carroll University in 1979. She said, "I want to see our neighborhood continue to thrive as a great place to live and work!"



Aaron Pechota

A board incumbent, Aaron will continue to serve as Vice President of the Board. Senior Vice President of NRP Group, Aaron has extensive experience in various types of multifamily housing developments. He has a particular expertise working on urban infill developments that are part of strategic neighborhood revitalization initiatives including brownfields, transit orientated development, and repurposing of underutilized property. He is proficient working with both public and private sector partners including federal, state, and local governments as well as Joint Venture relationships with private for-profit, not-for-profit organizations, and quasi-public entities. He graduated with distinction from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University, where he earned his MBA with a concentration on Finance. He also graduated cum laude with a BA degree in both Finance and Accounting from the University of Dayton.



Belinda Pesti

A new trustee, Belinda will serve as Treasurer of the Board. She is currently retired after 30 years in public service in the City of Cleveland Department of Economic Development and with the Cuyahoga County Commissioners Office. Her



efforts resulted in several programs that now continue as services provided to businesses and potential developers by the City of Cleveland. In addition, she has secured more than \$40 million dollars of grant funding for the City. She has an undergraduate degree from John Carroll University and a graduate degree from the Cleveland State University College of Urban Affairs. Belinda and her husband have been residents of West Park for more than 40 years. She said, "I am hopeful that my experience will assist the staff in promoting a variety of small businesses and assist in the implementation of the master plan."

Todd Sheppard



A new trustee, Todd is the founder of Whistle Communications, LLC. With more than 20 years in communications, he specializes in and provides successful strategies for digital marketing, social media, and media relations. Known for his enthusiasm and passion for helping clients connect their brands and offerings to consumers, he has worked with businesses and organizations ranging from local startups to those listed in the top 10 of Fortune 500. He crafted television newscasts and worked as an Emmy-nominated executive for 16 years. He combines his knowledge and energy to help develop engaging content and creative messaging that result in winning strategies for his clients. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Communications from Ashland University. Todd has been living in West Park for seven years and enjoys the sense of community, access to the Metroparks, walkability, and many small, locally owned businesses and restaurants. He said, "I hope to use my experience to enhance outreach to the neighborhood and promote West Park to outsiders."

Melanie Sklarz



A new trustee, Melanie Sklarz is a marketing and communications professional and a consultant. She earned her MA from Ohio State University. With a background in non-profits and startups, she has extensive outreach, training, and social media experience. Melanie has been a resident of the neighborhood since 2012. She has served KCDC on the planning committee and was co-chair of West Park Welcomes, a committee to welcome participants and visitors to the Gay Games in 2014, which were the most financially successful in the event's 32-year history. She said, "I am looking forward to leading increased community engagement and visibility of the neighborhood."

Please join us in welcoming our new and thanking our incumbent board members!



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Catch 'em All in Kamm's Corners

...by Ben Joines-Mundy

Have you noticed a large number of people congregating around each others' phones in Kamm's Corners? Did you watch them migrate to the Kamm's Clock exclaiming loudly and high fiving each other? Congratulations! You have experienced the phenomenon that is Pokemon Go. If this is your first time hearing about the new free-to-download game, then allow me to be your guide to how it works while users explore West Park's Irish mile.

The smart phone app exists in real time and space. A character travels along with the user's real movements but displays a virtual world full of multi-powered monsters to catch and battle. While exploring, users participate in three main activities: catching Pokemon, battling powerful catches in Gyms, and collecting free virtual items from Poke Stops to help the game progress. The best part about these Poke Stops is that they most commonly appear at obvious and odd neighborhood landmarks.

Pokemon Go players swarm to easily accessible areas containing high concentrations of Poke Stops. In fact, Kamm's Corners is one of the best places to play the game in Northeast Ohio, if not the entire state. The wee hours of the morning are abuzz with people trying to catch 'em all.

While having drinks on the patio of PJ McIntyre's, I heard a cry of "There's a Pikachu behind Walgreens!" Without any formal organization whatsoever, a crowd of at least 75 people flocked to the pharmacy drive-through lane for their chance to catch what happens to be a much sought after electric mouse. It's easy to view a similar event from any of the other restaurants lining the street. Pokemon Go has become a spectator sport, so restaurant patios are ever more desirable for dining if only to witness the hullabaloo while enjoying a tasty meal.

Poke Stops pepper local businesses all throughout the community and sneak history lessons into each hunt as well. Visiting one typically provides gamers with a short description about its historical significance to the area or a quirky blurb about why one should pop on in and check out what's offered.

Did you know about all the different painted guitars spread all over the city? They were painted by local artists and auctioned off as a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame fundraiser years ago. (Thanks to the Back Stage Bar Poke Stop for that info!).

Pro players say that using a set path for an area often frequented is a must. For example, Kamm's Corners has a route. When you play, the game tracks the kilometers covered and rewards you for your stamina. The longest path with the most stops in Kamm's enables you to start wherever you want (it's a loop) but covers a variety of elements necessary for successful gameplay. Use this set route provided by the collective experience of serious Pokemon Trainers for guaranteed success – or at least a fun walk with family or friends!

Common Grounds is a hub of adventures due to its being open 24 hours a day. This easy going cafe is an excellent place to stop wherever you are hunting if only to charge your phone while sipping coffee. From there enjoy the trek to Carol and John's Comic Book Shop in Kamms Plaza to fill up your Pokedex with Pokeballs at their Pokestop. This gets some distance on your meter and hopefully some items in your bag.

Players can collect from a Pokestop every five minutes. Battle the Gym outside of Gene's Place, then grab a bite to eat inside. Next make a beeline to check if any Pokemon popped up in the rare spawn spot near Steak 'n



From right: Zach Prabh, Rev. Rodney Mundy, Alex Karrfalt, and Clefairy. Fun across generations! Enjoying the sunshine and sharing game tips.



Reverend Rodney Mundy. "It's just fun to grab a coffee and walk all over the place with my son."

Shake. Move onward to the two most frequented Poke Stops in Kamm's: PJ McIntyre's and the Kamm's Clock. Stop in for some libations at PJs. The friendly staff enjoys the new traffic and the people Pokemon Go has brought to them.

After snapping a photo with the clock, advance down the road to Walgreen's. Get the Coin Shop stop on your way. There is another rare spawn spot in the parking lot of Walgreens. Just look for all the people. On your way there check the aforementioned Back Stage Bar's guitar. Swing back down Lorain to get the stops for Thai Elephant and Starship Earth. You are now back at Common Grounds to prepare for another lap! Each cycle is about 1 kilometer.

The really cool part is this loop can be done again and again with different results each time. That includes not only new Pokemon and power-ups, but meeting new and different players along the way. Kamm's Corners seems never to run out of charming characters!

In the end, remember to take your time. Enjoy this experience with your friends and your family. Meet new people and take advantage of the fun and interactive way to get exercise out and about.

Always pay attention to street traffic and your surroundings. Respect the neighborhood and its regulars. Leave it the way you found it, if not better. The shopkeepers of Kamm's Corners are embracing the huge influx of new patrons, and there's a sense of comradery in the air that is distinctly West Park.

Ben Joines-Mundy is Inspector of Inventory Integrity at Carol and John's Comic Book Shop. Visit the store or website at www.cnjcomics.com.

The 15th Annual Heroes Run Sunday, September 18

The Cleveland Heroes Run attracts runners and walkers from near and far to support the local community and those who gave their lives in the name of serving others. The race raises funds for the West Park Cleveland Police and Firefighters Memorial Fund, established in 2002 to create a lasting Memorial to honor both Police Officers and Firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty while either serving the citizens of Cleveland's West Park area or while living in the community.

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

Sponsored by Fairview Hospital, the Cleveland Heroes Run takes participants on either a 5-mile race or 2-mile race/walk through the West Park community. Every person sets their own pace, and everyone is a winner before the event even begins just by paying tribute to our heroes.



Both races start and finish at St. Joseph Academy in Cleveland, 3470 Rocky River Drive. The 5-mile course will run through the Cleveland Metroparks. The 2-mile fun run/walk will be on Rocky River Drive. Awards will be presented at the end of the races to the top three finishing male and female racers in a variety of age groups and categories.

Register online through *active.com* until Wednesday, September 14 at 11:59 p.m. Walk-up registration is available on the day of the race. The entry fee is \$22 through Sunday, August 21; \$25 through Wednesday, September 14; and \$30 from September 15 through race day. Visit the website at *westpark-memorial.org* for a link to register for the 5-mile run or 2-mile run/walk.

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...by Ben Campbell

The former St. Joseph's Publications property at 17700 Lorain Avenue was sold last year and has undergone substantial rehabilitation and repair by City Dental Care. Dr. Sandy Al-Aish will be the dentist and operator of the practice, which will offer a wide variety of affordable dental services for children and adults. It is anticipated that the opening date will be in mid-August. For more information

or to schedule an appointment, call 216-252-5252.

The State Farm insurance agency at 3878 Rocky River Drive is changing hands from long-time owner Steve Campanella, who is retiring, to new owner Justin Ragor. The agency offers more than 100 products including auto, home, renters, and business insurance as well as life insurance—including personalized life insurance plans – and financial services including annuities. Mr. Ragor is a graduate of John Carroll University and has spent his entire career in the insurance and financial services industry. He said he chose to keep the agency in Kamm's Corners because he found it to be a welcoming neighborhood with many successful small businesses. The agency will reopen on September 1. For more information about State Farm, call 216-251-5300. Thanks to Mr. Campanella for his many years in the neighborhood and his service as a former board president of KCDC.

It has been a good year for Kamms Plaza starting with the grand opening of ACE Hardware in late 2015. More recently, Blended opened in the plaza at 3762 Rocky River Drive. Blended strives to provide a healthy, positive experience serving assorted shakes and teas in a comfortable, relaxing environment. The shakes, made from all natural ingredients, are specially made to boost energy, reduce weight, and increase muscle. For more information, call 216-420-3936.

Mike's Diecast and Collectibles recently moved to Kamms Plaza. According to co-owners Mike Scina and Rob Goll, the visibility and ease of parking are what attracted them to Kamms Plaza. Visit the store to shop from an inventory that includes die cast cars, Hot Wheels, plastic models, antique toys, action figures, coins, jewelry, and watches. For more information, call 440-494-4581.

A Caring Dental Group will be moving their dental practice to the space next to Gene's Place in Kamms Plaza from their current location on Rocky River Drive. Construction is underway, so watch for future updates or call 216-251-8826 for more information.

Working Class Brewery has signed a lease to open a micro-brewery and tap room in the vacant space at Kamms Plaza next to the Red Lantern. Business partners Carmen Russoniello and Rick Skains have dreamed of opening their own micro-brewery since their time working at Fathead's Brewery. Working Class Brewery's products will be available via retail sales or a sit-down experience in the tap room. Over the next several months, they will be working with the city on obtaining permits, installing the brewery, and building the tap room. Watch for a grand opening later this year or in early 2017.

Lorain Triskett Locksmith has relocated a few doors down to 15802 Lorain Avenue (formerly Pizza Pan). After many years in the neighborhood, Bob Garrity, the business owner, decided to make the move into the new storefront to increase the visibility of his business. For more information, call 216-252-3336.

During early morning hours of July 22, a driver fleeing Parma Police crashed into the Garden Grill Restaurant at 4450 Rocky River Drive. The impact caused the car's engine to ignite, which extensively damaged both the building and the vehicle. Mohammad Awad, the business owner would like to repair and reopen the restaurant and, at the time of this writing, he was working to identify the necessary financial resources to do so.

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



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by Bill Markowitz
Market Manager

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Kamm's Corners Farmers Market always offers a great shopping experience and a neighborhood destination where friends meet. We feature farm fresh produce and products, and much more, every Sunday from June through October 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Now in our 10th anniversary season with over 25 vendors, the market boasts a breadth of offerings. This includes vegetables and fruits of course, but also meats, cheeses, and eggs. Some of the participants offer organic produce, others hormone-free, naturally raised meats. You'll find bread and pastry, scented soaps, olive oil, and everything in between. We even offer treats and other goodies for your dog!

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

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

We also have a weekly chef demo that features chefs showing what their local establishments are all about. Many utilize produce from the market vendors showing what can be done with the great fresh produce available at our market.

Our summer will be filled with loads of weekly musical talent such as Alex Bevan and Wallace Coleman, local chefs demonstrating and sampling creative concoctions, Healthy Living features, and local artisans showing off their creative wares. Be sure to regularly visit kc-fm.org for weekly market news updates, photos, and music videos!

Grab your reusable shopping bags and head over to the market on Sundays, located in the Municipal Lot at 168th & Albers. With live music from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a chef demo at 11:30 p.m., the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market serves as West Park's favorite community gathering space.

Perennial Exchange takes place October 2!

One of our most requested events, the perennial exchange, takes place Sunday, October 2. Guests can make friends and trade excess plants with other market-goers. Note: The perennial exchange is a trade-only event. Cash transactions are not permitted. Eat fresh, shop local every Sunday at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market.

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Community West Foundation has Moved to a New Location

It's official! The Community West Foundation has moved into its new home at 800 Sharon Drive, Suite C in Westlake. Well known for helping colleagues succeed, Community West Foundation is now leasing office space from Youth Challenge, an agency that provides recreational programs to physically challenged youth. This is one of the foundation's latest "outside the box" collaborations which offers support to Youth Challenge through rent and grant resources.

"Now, in addition to providing grant funding for the wonderful programs at Youth Challenge, Community West is making an additional contribution by renting office space," said Mary Sue Tanis, Executive Director, Youth Challenge. "We believe this is a great way to assist Youth Challenge so more of our funds can be allocated toward programs to help our disabled youth."

This is just another example of Community West's creativity and innovation, as they continue to develop new ways to support the nonprofit community. Last year, Community West distributed a total of 60 grants, with a combined total of \$2,289,800, given to improve the quality of life for those who so greatly, and sometimes urgently, need our help.

David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO, Community West Foundation added, "The new office is a wonderful addition to our operations as we continue to expand the Foundation's services. Community West encourages partnerships and community initiatives to build awareness of the importance of philanthropy. We hope you stop by and visit us – the door will always be open."

Learn more about the work of Community West Foundation by visiting communitywestfoundation.org.

Learn more about the Community West Foundation's work by attending the annual corporation meeting, on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 3 p.m. at the Bay Presbyterian Church, 25415 Lake Road, Bay Village. Refreshments will be available. The keynote speakers are from The Refugee Services Collaborative whose agencies are committed to resettling refugees who have fled violence and persecution in their native lands:

- Darren Hamm**
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- Tom Mrosko**
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- Brian Upton**
Building Hope in the City

The speakers will offer remarks on the importance of supporting refugees living in our community, as they transition "From Refugee to Neighbor."

To attend the meeting, call 216-360-7370 or register online at communitywestfoundation.org/events/annual-meeting.

St. Joseph Academy Jaguar Rugby Team Wins National Title

The Jaguars of St. Joseph Academy brought home their first national title after a 29-14 victory over Summit High School Rugby from Lidenwood University of St. Louis, Missouri. This was coming off a near-perfect season, where the team not only won the state title for the sixth time, but won their first national title!

The team efforts were led by head coach Jaime Cleary, who started the Rugby program in 2007 as a club team. "When the Rugby program first began, our team lost every game," said Jaime. "Now we've won the state championship six of the last seven years and are national champions. We had a hard route, and we've shown that we are for real!"





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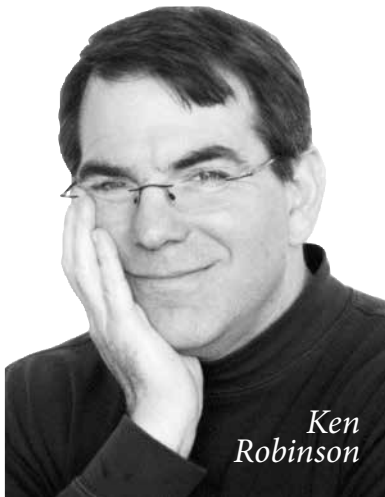
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Carol Cazzarin Retires from Eponymous Store

...by Marilyn Osborne

A gem in the neighborhood, Carol & John’s Comic Book Shop, 17462 Lorain Avenue in Kamms Plaza, may have lost a bit of sparkle as founder and co-owner Carol Cazzarin retired the evening of July 6 at a huge sendoff party. “At one minute to 8 o’clock, I rang up the last customer, feeling a little weepy, but in a good way,” Carol said. The evening ended when the employees gave her a tiny tin box. Inside was a gold rhinestone watch, commemorating her retirement from the business she and her son, John Dudas, built back in 1990.

The story of Carol & John’s Comic Shop began in the late 70’s, when young John developed a love of comic books and began working part time in a comic book shop called North Coast Nostalgia in Parma. When he was 14, the store owners hired John’s mom Carol to do the bookkeeping. Three years later, they both were laid off. By then, John’s passion for comics had grown as well as his collection.

That collection became the inventory of their own comic book shop: Carol’s Comics in Kamms Plaza on October 28, 1990. At that time, most comic shops were untidy, hole-in-the-wall places. Carol and John’s goal was to offer a clean, well-organized environment. And, they succeeded, often appearing in “Best of Cleveland” lists in local magazines and newspapers.

In 1994, John turned 21 and became a full, legal partner in the business, so the name was changed to Carol & John’s Comic Book Shop. Over time, the shop has moved within the plaza to larger and smaller stores in keeping with fluctuations in the economy. “Comic book collectors stop coming in when the economy goes flat, but they bounce right back when it improves,” explained Carol.

Today, the shop is thriving. “I have peace of mind knowing that I’m leaving store operations in good hands,” said Carol, mentioning the members of her able staff with fondness. Some started out as customers. “It has been hard giving up control. In the beginning it was only John and me, and we both had to learn to delegate as the store grew. John’s experience as a lieutenant of the Fire Department gave him practice delegating responsibility, but it came harder for me,” she admitted.

In retirement, Carol enjoys cooking and spending time with her husband Rich. She also babysits for two granddaughters and has three grandsons as well. “I still set my alarm clock and carry out an entire day of planned activities. They just don’t involve comic books anymore,” said Carol. She is already greatly missed, but plans to pop into the shop at least once a month – and always for Free Comic Book Day, the first Saturday of May every year.

Carol & John’s Comic Book Shop is at 17462 Lorain Avenue in Kamms Plaza. Hours are Monday through Friday; noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday; noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 216-252-0606 or visit www.cnjcomics.com.



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Living with a chronic disease can be difficult at times and, often, those around you don't truly understand the severity of your condition, the pain you feel, or the exhaustion you endure.

The caregivers at the Chronic Care Clinic at Fairview Hospital understand how your disease makes you feel and work to reduce hospital visits and help you to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle. At the Chronic Care Clinic, all the services needed are provided to manage one or more diseases that require frequent monitoring and attention over a lifetime.

"Chronic diseases are persistent and long-lasting. Our goal is to assist our patients so they can gain confidence as they embark on a lifelong journey of healthcare," says Neil Smith, DO, President of Fairview Hospital.

The Fairview Hospital Chronic Care Clinic offers care and treatment for chronic conditions such as:

- Anticoagulation
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Diabetes
- Wound Care

Coordinated care:

At Fairview Hospital's Chronic Care Clinic, highly-trained professionals – physicians, nurses, registered dietitians, pharmacists, and social workers – are here to help you with all of your needs associated with your chronic disease.

Under the care of a multidisciplinary team, patients receive coordinated care that includes:

- Helping to understand your chronic disease
- Education about symptoms and self-care techniques
- Creating a personalized plan of care
- Early treatment to prevent hospitalization
- Ongoing patient and family-centered care coordination
- Medication adjustments
- Follow-up assessments
- Referrals to appropriate providers for your needs

"If you have a chronic disease, your physician may refer you to the Chronic Care Clinic at Fairview Hospital where the skill and expertise of multiple specialists are combined to provide personalized care," explains Dr. Smith. "We want our patients to concentrate on living their lives to the fullest, not on their disease. That's our job."

Chronic Care Clinics are also available on the West Side at two additional locations: Lakewood Chronic Care Clinic and Lutheran Chronic Care Clinic.

For more information about the Fairview Hospital Chronic Care Clinic, please call 216-476-7932. Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.



Neil Smith, DO

Expanded Neurological Services Available at Fairview Hospital

Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute has expanded its services at Fairview Hospital, providing patients with brain and spine conditions comprehensive diagnosis and treatment --- close to home.

"As a result of the expanded capabilities at Fairview Hospital, we're now able to diagnose and treat an array of neurologic conditions," says Sarel Vorster, MD, a Cleveland Clinic neurosurgeon at Fairview Hospital. "Our staff provides general neurology, pediatric neurology, neurosurgery, medical, and surgical spine care as well as emergency and rehabilitation services."

Capabilities at Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute at Fairview Hospital include:

- **Advanced diagnosis and treatment** for epilepsy, headache, movement disorders, multiple sclerosis, sleep disorders, and spine disorders in children and adults.
- **Comprehensive stroke care for adults.** Fairview Hospital is a Joint Commission-certified Primary Stroke Center.
- **Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU).** Operating 24/7, Fairview's new six-bed EMU optimizes seizure detection in adult patients through neurophysiologic testing. The Fairview EMU is connected to Cleveland Clinic's Central Monitoring Unit, a leading-edge control center with continuous, real-time EEG and digital video monitoring. Epileptologists interpret readings, providing direct feedback to physicians at the patient's bedside.
- **Biplane Angiography Suite** features equipment that allows rapid imaging of complex brain blood vessels, and is used for endovascular brain procedures, emergency stroke treatment, and minimally invasive treatment of brain aneurysms.
- **Infusion Suite** provides capability to infuse up to seven patients at a time with treatments for headache, multiple sclerosis, and complex peripheral nerve disease.
- **Adult Cerebrospinal Fluid Disorders Center** for all conditions related to cerebrospinal fluid.
- **24/7 Neurology and Neurosurgical coverage** from Fairview Hospital's Level II Trauma Center.
- **3-D Operating Room Image-guided Navigation** enhances quality and safety for patients undergoing neurosurgical procedures.



Sarel Vorster, MD

"In addition, the Neurological Institute at Fairview Hospital has been completely renovated, with a dedicated space housing 30 exam rooms, the infusion suite, four treatment rooms, and a reception area," adds Dr. Vorster.

Cleveland Clinic's Neurology and Neurosurgery program is consistently ranked among the nation's Top 10 neurology and neurosurgery programs – and the best program in Ohio – by U.S. News & World Report.

"The expansion of neurological services at Fairview Hospital brings accessible, comprehensive care to the West Side communities," says Dr. Vorster.

For more information on the Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute at Fairview Hospital, call 216-636-5860. Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.

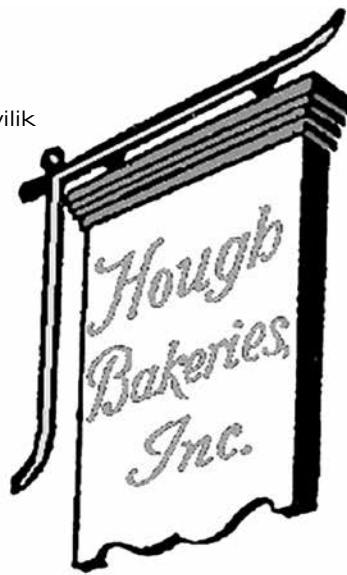
Sweet Memories of Hough Bakery

...by Gary Swilik

Clevelanders could once choose from hundreds of bakeries, large and small. Many remember the Laub, Kaase, Rosen, and Davis baking companies. West Park also had many family-owned shops such as the Harsa, Herrmann, and Wilke bakeries. The mostly fondly-remembered of all, however, is probably the Hough Baking Company. Hough Bakery was founded by Lionel A. Pile, a native of Barbados in the West Indies. His grandparents were from Scotland and his father was a sugar cane planter. Lionel came to Cleveland in 1902 and opened his first bakery a year later at 8708 Hough Avenue, the street which gave the company its name. In 1941, Hough established headquarters at 1519 Lakeview Avenue and distributed baked goods to branch stores throughout Greater Cleveland. By the mid 1960s, Hough was operating an incredible 70 branches, including space leased in grocery and department stores.

“In fact, it’s hard to say for sure how many stores we had at any one time,” admits Carole Pile, of Euclid, Ohio, granddaughter of the company’s founder. “We also had many wholesale accounts and there were discussions about whether or not to include these in the total.”

Hough’s wonderful baked goods still inspire tasty memories: Pecan Rolls; Orange Chiffon Ring Cake; flaky yeast-raised strudel filled with nuts or sweet poppy seeds; Butter Ring with raisins and sliced almonds; Hot Cross Buns from an old English recipe, delicately spiced and topped with sugar; rich Penouche Layer Cake covered in boiled icing and candy topping; raisin bread full of plump raisins with swirls of sweet cinnamon; Bonnet Cake, a tender white butter cake with pink icing sold especially for Mother’s Day; and Daffodil Cake, moist angel food



frosted with butter-cream icing with bits of grated lemon and crushed pineapple, available only at Easter. Some had their favorites and some just liked everything.

Many feel a personal connection with Hough Bakeries. “My grandmother worked at Hough in the 60s,” says Kris Simecek of Avon Lake. “She would bring home the broken sugar cookies – green trees, red bells and blue stars – they sold at Christmas. Now I bake blue star cookies at Christmas as a remembrance.”

Hough store #28 opened in 1951 at Fairwood Shopping Center at West 136th and Lorain. Like most branches, it had a pleasant homelike interior with crisp white curtains, wood-framed glass display cases, Early American wallpaper, subdued lighting cast by brass chandeliers, and a few graceful wood benches along the wall opposite the counter. West Parkers, past and present, reminisce about Hough Bakery at Fairwood.

“The aroma is what I remember,” says Lynn Wolf Dulcie. “The warm, sweet smell of butter and vanilla from the cookies and the baked bread. It was sinful and drew you in like a spell! The white boxes tied up with string, with something wonderful

inside.” Philip J. Germani agrees. “Oh the smells from that place,” says Phil. “Their fresh bread was to die for!”

“Hough Bakery was a tradition in our family,” remembers Carol Henninger. “Especially their coconut yellow cake. When we celebrated my Mom’s birthday, Dad would always claim he baked it himself.”

Sandy Benning tells us how she used to drop her girls off at St. Vincent’s school and then stop by Hough to grab a goodie to go with her coffee. And Sandi Lilly recalls her Dad “used to bring home hot rolls and pastries from Hough on Saturday morning. I loved the almond-butter loaf and the still-hot poppy seed horns. I hate that Hough Bakery is not there,” exclaims Sandi.

“I used to go to Hough at West 136th every Thursday morning with my mom,” says Bill Norton, “to pick up a dozen glazed doughnuts for our family. I think the only remodeling they ever did was to tile over the original polished wood floor.”

Others remember Hough store #47 which opened in Puritas Plaza at West 150th Street in the mid 1950s. “That was our bakery,” says Diane Ledonne. “My mom used to go there several times a week. Hough was very important in our lives.” Susan Piribek Kotris insists her husband grew up on bakery from Hough at Puritas Plaza. “His favorites were the Christmas cookies,” she says.

Hough Bakeries remained a family-owned company almost to the end. Some feel the firm’s downfall was a failure to modernize, preventing Hough from matching the cheaper prices of competitors. In any case, the Pile family sold the ailing enterprise to AmeriFoods in October 1990. The new owner hoped to distribute Hough products nationally but financing fell through and all remaining branches closed forever on August 8, 1992. Over two decades later Hough Bakery is still missed by legions of loyal of loyal customers.



Hough Bakery #47 in Puritas Plaza at West 140th and Puritas Avenue. Gary Swilik collection.

Workers decorating cakes at Hough Bakery headquarters at 1519 Lakeview Road. Photo 1954. Gary Swilik collection.

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We wish to dedicate this page to our new and renewing members, many of whom have been with us for years on end. Thanks to all our members. Without you, we could not continue our good work. We need your continued support. Please take a moment to invite people to join our family and become a Friend of Kamm's Corners!

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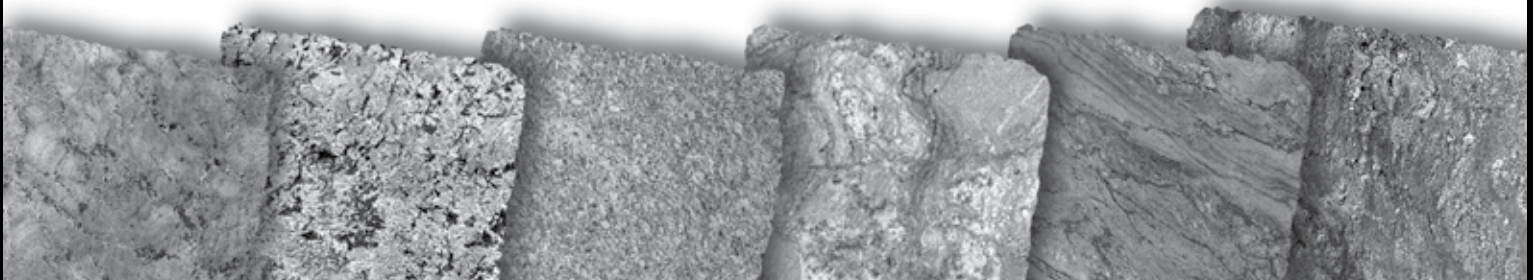
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Romanian Festival Returns

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 3256 Warren Road, will host its Romanian Festival on August 19 through 21. Visitors have come to expect great food, a neighborhood ambiance, and an opportunity to get acquainted with the ancient and unique Romanian culture, heritage, and cuisine.

This event will offer many excellent cultural moments, including folk dances from all regions of Romania, three dance groups, as well as delicious traditional cuisine. There will be tours of the church and its impressive iconography and the opportunity to visit the Romanian Ethnic Art Museum. Visitors may also admire a frieze located in the parish hall, which represents 2,000 years of Romanian history, going back to Roman times. Add to all of this the warmth of traditional Romanian hospitality and visitors will find many reasons to join in this celebration, which has become one of the finest festivals in Cleveland.

Of course, that's not all! The festival will offer famous Romanian culinary treats, such as mititei (a special mighty burger from the grill), sarmale (stuffed cabbage), grilled meats, a traditional mamaliga (corn meal soufflé), elephant ears (scoverzi) and a huge selection of pastries lovingly baked by the cathedral's women. Romanian wines and beer, as well as other European refreshments, will complete this true Taste of Romania.

Throughout the weekend there will be live music with the Transylvania Orchestra and singers, as well as DJ music for all ages and tastes. Once again this year all will enjoy watching traditional Romanian dances with the Doina Dance Ensemble of Canton, as well as the Sezatoarea and Mioritza dance groups. A parade of traditional Romanian costumes will be held Sunday afternoon, along with poetry recited by the children from the cathedral. Visitors also will be able to purchase religious and ethnic items, such as icons and prayer books. Special games and attractions will be offered for the children. Of course, entrance and parking are free.

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral was established as the first Romanian church in the United States in 1904 and is listed as one of Cleveland's sacred landmarks.

FESTIVAL HOURS:

Friday, August 19: 4:30 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, August 20: 2 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, August 21: noon to 10 p.m.

More information may be obtained at the website smroc.org and from the parish office at 216-941-5550.

Fun from the Isle of Crete Fills Labor Day Weekend

Join the fun Labor Day Weekend for the 6th Annual Kamm's Corners Greek Festival sponsored by the George Varouh Cretan Club of Cleveland, located at West 168th Street and Lorain Avenue

West 168th Street will be blocked off with huge tents and outdoor seating. Indoor seating is available, too, both inside the club or under the tents.

Come one and all and get your OPA on! Free admission! Free parking is available at the municipal lot behind Walgreens. Open daily 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, September 2, through Sunday, September 4, and open until 9 p.m. on Monday, September 5.

Proudly featuring, direct from the Mediterranean Island of Crete, the finest Greek Cuisine in Town! Large covered eating areas both inside and outside will create a full dining and entertainment area. Full dinner menu includes Greek lamb shank, lamb roasted on the spit, Greek roasted chicken dinners, and many Greek specialties like:

- Moussaka with layers of eggplant, cheese, and ground meat
- Pastitsio with layers of rigatoni, béchamel sauce, and ground meat
- Saganaki with flaming Greek cheese
- Spanakopita with spinach and cheese in a triangle philo dough
- Calamari with fried squid

Greek salad, roasted potatoes, rice pilaf, and the famous Greek-style green beans that are such popular item will be offered along with the ever popular gyros and much, much more!

Also featured will be many traditional Greek pastries including baklava, kourambietes, finikia, and koulourakia. Be sure to try their special Baklava Sundae!

DJ Alex Dadas will keep the music going from 2 until 6 p.m. daily under the main tent. Then there will be live music both in the dining hall and outside. Dimitri will entertain patrons in the air conditioned main hall with his unique bouzouki music and Stigma will electrify the night under the main tent from 6 p.m. until closing daily. There will be nightly traditional Greek dance performances, in full authentic Cretan costumes, from the club's own beginner and senior Cretan dance troupes, as well as dance groups from the area's Greek Churches. Come try your luck at the daily 50/50 raffle.

Authentic Greek wines and beers will be offered. Join the festival for a great time and get your Greek on!



Young lamb on the spit is plentiful at the Greek Festival!



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Storefront Renovation Program Assistance Available

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

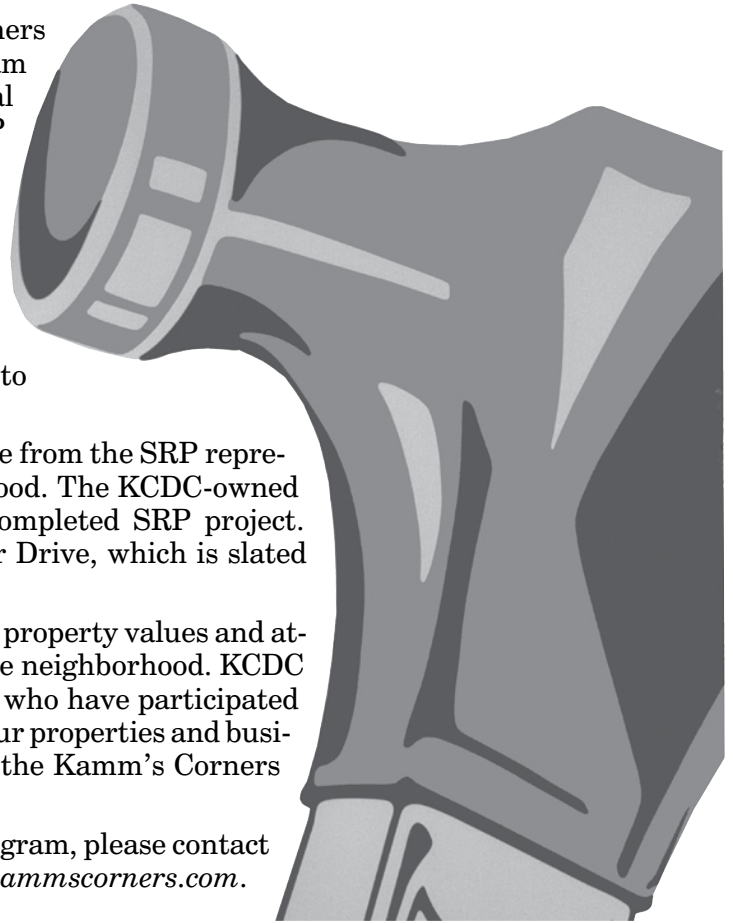
Kamm's Corners Development Corporation (KCDC) partners with the City of Cleveland on the Storefront Renovation Program (SRP) to offer design and financial assistance to commercial property owners for exterior building renovations. The SRP is a comprehensive exterior rehabilitation program with the goal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

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

Since 1988, 79 projects have been completed with assistance from the SRP representing millions of dollars of reinvestment in our neighborhood. The KCDC-owned Alber Building at 17019-25 Lorain Avenue is a recently completed SRP project. Upcoming projects include the VIP Inn at 4107 Rocky River Drive, which is slated for construction this fall.

These significant investments in Kamm's Corners increase property values and attract new businesses, employees, residents, and visitors to the neighborhood. KCDC would like to thank the many property and business owners who have participated in the Storefront Renovation Program. Your investment in your properties and businesses has been a major contributor to the revitalization of the Kamm's Corners community.

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



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I am sampling recipes that feature produce you can find at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market. I select fresh fruits and vegetables in season for our area and create recipes for people to try without charge. I have a team of Girl Scouts and friends who help me prepare and present the food we create.

Have you ever wondered what else you can do with items you grab from the market, besides the obvious? So have I, and I would like to help with your creativity block and nudge you out of your comfort zone.

Never had rhubarb? Neither had I until I cooked with it and brought it with me to the market so others could also try something new. I sampled at the market twice already with strawberry-rhubarb crumble, cucumber soup and popsicles, plus spinach and asparagus quiche. I also made smoothies with strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries, and made cupcakes with zucchini puree.

I encourage everyone to taste everything and tell me what you think. At the end of the season, the recipes are going into a cookbook featuring locally grown produce. I'll be at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market all summer under the red center tent, so come back every Sunday to see what goodies I might have next!



Holly Tomkalski, at left, with her team mates Jill Eddy and Alexis Sauer, offering three different recipes to sample and review at Kamm's Corners Farmers Market.



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Impett Park on West 153rd Street

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market

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West 168th Street & Albers Avenue

Greek Festival - Labor Day

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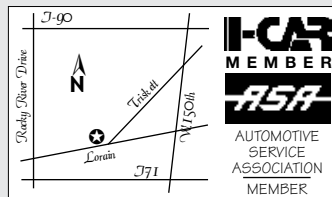
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Asphalt Cinema Features a Safety Fair

Zootopia is our featured film, showing at dusk on Friday, August 19, for our final Asphalt Cinema of the summer season at Impett Park, West 153rd Street, north of Edgecliff Avenue.

Although the film begins at dusk, the fun starts at 6:30 p.m. and includes a Safety Fair with participation by the Cleveland Police and Fire Departments. See a variety of safety vehicles up close and meet members of the safety forces up close and personally! Come for the games along the main walkway as local merchants and non-profit organizations provide challenges for prizes.

The added fun offers activities to engage the family crowd for a couple of hours before the movie starts. The artistic portion of Asphalt Cinema is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

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

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

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