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From the Director

Sitting inside my comfy 1924 Western Bungalow here in West Park with the fireplace roaring on a cold winter night, I am reminded of how lucky I am to live in a “real” neighborhood with great neighbors and everything I need day to day close by.

People sometimes ask me how I feel about the future of West Park. The area right around our home is filled with young, optimistic families. Some with ties to West Park, but many new to the area. Neighbors near me are having children, investing in their houses, active in churches and neighborhood organizations, and employed in rewarding careers. They surely feel the future of West Park is bright. So do I. Yes, there will always be issues. But don't fall prey to the negativity. Look around you, and you will come to the same conclusion I did. West Park is home.

It was great to see many of you at our only fundraiser of the year, Wine in the Holidays, under glass inside Puritas Nursery back in December. Thanks to Dale Heyink, owner of Puritas Nursery, and also to Rocksolid Stone Works, our major sponsor, and AMP 150, the amazing restaurant inside the Marriott hotel on West 150th Street. Their food was roundly praised by everybody in attendance. The event raised money to continue our work across West Park.

Recently, a large majority of the property owners in our “downtown” voted to assess themselves to create a “Special Improvement District.” As explained in the article on page 6, the assessments will create an annual fund of \$40,000 to keep our business district clean, safe, festive, and fun. We applaud these property owners for their foresight and generosity.

Looking back, “Winter Wonderland” at Kamms Plaza was again a huge success. Thanks to plaza management, Jim Carney, Lisa Kay, and their staff for another great year. And thanks for the festive holiday display across the plaza. We have received many calls of appreciation, but they deserve the credit!

With only a few weeks until St. Patrick's Day, spring and The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ can't be far behind! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 14!

Take care of your neighbors, especially our seniors. And, as always, let us know how we're doing.

Steve Lorenz
Executive Director

Our cover: Eric Tischler, amateur photographer and Kamm's Corners resident, provided this striking night image featuring the moon over Lorain Avenue looking east at Rocky River Drive.

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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

The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ returns on Saturday, May 14, so save the day for family fun from noon to 8 p.m. Businesses and organizations may apply now for a tent. Artists are welcome, too. See application details and more in the article on page 6. If you have questions about The Hooley™, leave a voice mail at 216-252-6559, ext. 1500 for a quick reply.

Ace Hardware is now open in **Kamms Plaza** at 3780 Rocky River Drive. Enjoy close parking to pick up hardware, gardening-related merchandise, grills, paint, tools, and more. Why leave the neighborhood? See the ad on page 15.

Westpark Community School, 16210 Lorain Avenue, will hold a **spring craft/vendor show** on Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission. Local crafters and small business vendors are welcome. Email **Jen Barker** at barkerbags@yahoo.com for registration details.

Join "**Jig and Jog**," a 5k race and 1-mile walk through Kamm's Corners on Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m. The event begins and ends at **West Park Station**, 17015 Lorain Avenue. It is the host and title sponsor of the event, which benefits the **River's Edge Women's Outreach Center** on Rocky River Drive.

To celebrate their 6th Anniversary on March 26, **Si Senior Mexican Restaurant**, 16800 Lorain Avenue, will feature a **live Mariachi band** from 6 to 9 p.m. Warm up with sizzling fajitas and enjoy cold Margaritas along with authentic Mexican cuisine. Food and drink specials will be offered all day. Call 216-941-4424 for details. See the ad on page 31.

The **West Park Family YMCA** spring program sign-up is underway. Stop by the facility at 15501 Lorain Avenue, or call 216-941-5410 for program information, including sports,

aquatics, wellness programs, group exercises, and more. Membership is reasonable and pays for itself in improved health. See ad on page 10.

KCDC is proud to be a community outreach sponsor of the **Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF)** again this year. It takes place March 30 through April 10 at **Tower City Cinemas** and neighborhood screening locations. See details, including how to get \$2 off your ticket, on page 25. See the ad on page 31.

Crew members of the starship **USS Challenger**, West Park based Cleveland Chapter of the Star Trek fan organization **The Federation**, will be representing Cleveland and West Park at the **Wizard World Cleveland Comic Con**, February 26-28, at the Cleveland Convention Center. If you attend the Comic Con, be sure to visit them at booth 644. See the article on page 13.

Connect with young professionals who are making a difference in West Park. Join the **West Park Young Professionals** on the fourth Thursday of every month. See the membership form on the KCDC links page at kammscorners.com or email westparkyp@gmail.com for more information.

One of the best burgers in town can be had at **AMP 150**, inside the **Marriott Hotel** at 4277 West 150th Street, according to **Scene Magazine**. But, that's not all. AMP 150 offers flavorful small plates with big taste. And, there are big plates, desserts, and a variety of tasty specials. Call 216-709-8787 for more information.

Red Lantern Kitchen & Bar in **Kamms Plaza** is marking their second anniversary rebirth already. Neighborhood favorites include lobster bisque, jumbo chicken wings, and lake perch and chips. Check out their fabulous menu at redlantern.us.

Are you a senior citizen in need of a ride? **Senior Transportation Connection** offers a way to get around to shopping and doctor appointments. Call 800-983-4782 to find out how to register, hours of operation, and ride rates.

Kim Kinder and her daughter **Heather** have returned to doing what they love: grooming dogs. Take your pooch to **Groomingdales**, 4076 Rocky River Drive (next to **Savor the Moment Coffee Shop**). Hours are by appointment Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 216-200-2953.

The **West Park Early Childhood PTA** presents **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** on Saturday, March 12, for two seatings: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at **St. Mark Church**, 15800 Montrose Avenue. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children (ages 12 and under). The event features raffles, crafts, and goody bags for the kids along with a photo with the Easter Bunny. Reservation required. Call **Suzanne** at 216-970-3097.

The **West Park Kiwanis Club** meets at the **Cretan Party Center** 3853 West 168th Street, on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to explore this service club, now in its 89th year. For information about joining, visit westparkkiwanis.org.

The **West Park Historical Society** presents a talk on the **Cleveland Bomber Plant** given by historian **Bill Meixner** on Tuesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at the **Cretan Party Center**, 3853 West 168th Street. See article on page 22.

Cuyahoga County and the **Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition** offer free tax preparation services for low and middle income residents through April 15. Call **United Way** at 2-1-1 to get an appointment at one of the 25 sites offering tax preparation free of charge.

Leadership Cleveland seeks recognized, senior-level positional leaders who are ready to become empowered with knowledge, skills, and relationships to advance and deepen their community impact. Apply for programs online at clevelandleads.org.

The **Y.O.U. Summer Youth Employment Program** provides meaningful employment experiences for Cuyahoga County youths, ages 14 to 24, each summer. Online registration is underway now at youthopportunities.org.

The **Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County** are offering grant money to qualified community organizations outlined at their web site at cuyahogamg.org.

The quarterly **business mixer** of West Park merchants was held in the new **Red Bar and Lounge**, 16700 Lorain Avenue – a spacious venue for parties and fun. Live bands, karaoke night, Mediterranean and American food, make this a “must visit!” Try it! See their ad on page 22.

Looking to attend more arts events in the coming year? Check out the **Cuyahoga Arts & Culture** website’s **Calendar of Events** each month at cacgrants.org. See the article on page 21 about the grant KCDC received for our Summer Arts & Entertainment series.

Iron Maidens women’s rugby is looking for new members. No experience is required, but some athletic experience is useful. Practice begins at **Impett Park** at the end of February. See the article on page 24.

The **2nd Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off** attracted more than 600 people! Be sure to check out the winners in the article on page 29.

Monday Night at the Movies is back at River’s Edge, 3430 Rocky River Drive. Each month, a different movie is featured, and it is FREE!

The **Republican National Convention** is coming to Cleveland in just a few short months. What does that mean for you and the community? Visit the **2016 Host Committee** website at 2016cle.com and select “I am a Northeast Ohio Resident” to sign up for exclusive information from the community update newsletter, the local’s guide to the convention.

The **First District Police Community Relations Board** hosts a monthly meeting where residents interact with and get to know the officers who serve West Park. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at **St. Ignatius of Antioch Church**, 10205 Lorain Avenue. All are welcome.

Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

News from Ward 17 and City Hall



Dear Neighbor:

It’s mid February, and the snow and freeze decided to pay us a visit, just when we thought winter wasn’t going to arrive at all. This is the Cleveland we know and love. Please keep an eye on your neighbors and your neighborhood during these winter weather events. And, drive safely. Also, whenever possible, keep your vehicle off the street and in your driveway or garage. Snow removal goes easier without maneuvering around parked cars. Your neighbors will appreciate not getting their aprons buried worse than necessary.

At this time of year, Friday fish fries are a welcome community event open to everyone, with the proceeds benefiting a number of charitable efforts that keep our community great. Many fish fries are staffed by church volunteers and match the high quality of fine restaurants. You can find them at St. Mel on Triskett Road, Our Lady of Angels on Rocky River Drive, St. Mary on Warren Road, and the Knights of Columbus on West 130th Street. St. Mark on Montrose offers fish fries on February 26, March 4, and March 11. And, Bethany English Lutheran Church on Triskett Road offers them on Friday, February 26 and March 18.

This year brings additional infrastructure projects to Ward 17. Lorain Avenue will be finished from West 140th Street to West 150th Street. Work on Warren Road between Munn Road and the South Marginal, as well as on Munn Road itself are projects in the final phases of planning and scheduling. Understanding the need for resurfacing throughout Ward 17, I’ll continue to advocate for Chatfield, Woodbury, and all residential streets similarly in desperate need of repair. Working with all of our partners including Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio to find creative funding options to maintain our aging infrastructure remains a priority.

Last week, Mayor Jackson delivered the 2016 Mayor’s Estimate to City Council. That means that between now and April 1, Council must hold Budget Hearings and pass a balanced budget for 2016. While we have seen some dramatic and unprecedented investment throughout Cleveland, our revenues remain flat at recession levels without the commensurate windfall one would think such development would spur. The 2016 budget again calls for a carry-over balance from 2015. As a result, we may end with a budget that is not structurally balanced where expenses meet revenues. Although balance is our goal, it has proven especially difficult throughout the recession and we are still feeling the effects. In addition, there is the high price tags in 2016 associated with the Republican National Convention in July and compliance with the federally negotiated Consent Decree currently under way. My goal is to press for no further reduction in services while assuring we remain compliant with our obligations and duties.

Please stay tuned for upcoming discussions about two of our neighborhood schools. Newton D. Baker School of Arts and Douglas MacArthur Girls’ Leadership Academy are being considered for much needed improvement. Please keep an eye out for important public meetings to be held to discuss the options available.

Finally, help build a stronger local economy by shopping here and supporting our merchants, especially during these cold winter months when business tends to slow down. That’s when our patronage is more appreciated than ever.

Spring is just around the corner, and soon we will return outdoors to celebrate our parks and neighborhoods. In the meantime, stay warm and safe!

Marty Keane



Saturday
May 14

The Hooley on Kamms Corners™ Returns Vendors & Artists May Now Apply

West Park's Homecoming Celebration, The Hooley on Kamms Corners™, features great food, live music, children's shows and activities, Irish dancers, pipes & drums, and more. The seventh annual event runs from noon to 8 p.m. on Lorain Avenue between Rocky River Drive and West 165th Street on Saturday, May 14.

All West Park business owners are invited to participate, including new businesses, home-based businesses, and non-profit organizations. This is a prime opportunity to showcase your business directly to some 30,000 visitors at this popular community event.

Completed applications and vendor fees must be received in our office by March 31. Details and online information are accessible on our website at kammscorners.com/TheHooley.

Cleveland Bazaar, Northeast Ohio's longest-running indie hand-made event, is partnering with The Hooley on Kamms Corners™ to curate a handmade arts and crafts event inside The Hooley™ – and it will be even larger than last year's footprint. This is a juried event, and all applicants must be accepted by Cleveland Bazaar to participate. No mass-made items will be accepted. Artist applications are available at clevelandbazaar.org.

For more information, email TheHooley@kammscorners.com or leave a message at 216-252-6559, ext. 1500 for a return call.

A Special Improvement District Coming to "Downtown" Kamms Corners

Thanks to the generosity and the vote of the property owners in "downtown" Kamms Corners, a Special Improvement District has been created to maintain the district.

Why is it "special," and what will it do? A Special Improvement District (SID) is an assessment (like 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 collected funds are pooled together and used for a variety of purposes such as snow removal, litter control, landscape maintenance, graffiti removal, security enhancement, district marketing, etc.



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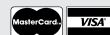


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The SID that was voted in by 70% of the property owners and approved by the City of Cleveland will create a pool of \$30,000 annually. KCDC's Board of Trustees has committed to add \$10,000 per year to the fund for a total of \$40,000 to make sure that visitors to the district have the best experience possible.

To administrate the program, a new corporation has been formed, with its Trustees made up principally of the property owners within the district. They will direct the activities of the SID.

"This is an exciting development for Kamm's Corners," said Therese Chambers Arth, one of the early supporters of the effort and an owner at The Public House. "To know that we now have the resources to ensure that our business district will always be well kept, safe, and welcoming to our friends and visitors is huge. It will make our businesses more inviting, and will improve the prospects of finding tenants for the vacancies that have persisted. The Public House is happy to pay its share."

Dr. Neil Smith, President of Fairview Hospital, and also a supporter of the effort, said, "Fairview Hospital is proud to be a partner and contributor to this effort. We recognize that the success of Kamm's Corners is our success too."

The SID will operate year round, working within the public right of way to put our best foot forward. 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.

The assessment period is for three years, and then property owners within the district will vote on whether to renew it. The assessments are currently being collected by the City of Cleveland and will be deposited with the SID this Spring, when services begin.

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market Preparing for 10th Season

It may seem early, but the The Kamm's Corners Farmers Market committee is already preparing for a great 2016 season! Events are being planned, musicians are being booked, and favorite vendors as well some new ones will soon be signing up as the market celebrates its tenth anniversary this summer with special events planned to commemorate the milestone! Be sure to visit the market every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting on Sunday, June 12. It sets up in the municipal parking lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue, behind Walgreens.

Market growers are busy readying their land for the large variety of fresh and high quality fruits, vegetables, and plants produced in this region. Most of the products visitors see are produced by the growers and their families. Shopping the market is a great opportunity to meet the produce growers, many of whom are your neighbors! For example, family-owned White Wheel Aligning Service, 15207 Lorain Avenue, also sells produce, maple syrup, honey, and eggs from their family farm in Auburn, Ohio.

All fresh food lovers look forward to the bounty that starts coming in mid June and builds to an enormous variety as summer continues. Crowds who are familiar with the arrival of new potatoes, sweet corn, peaches, and blueberries, visit each Sunday in search of their favorite delights, so they always gather what's offered at the peak of perfection.

Over the past 10 years, the community has been very supportive of Kamm's Corners Farmers Market. Grower-customer friendships have developed over the past decade and will continue to thrive. Plan to welcome back your favorite vendors on Sunday, June 12 – and make finding what's fresh at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market your Sunday tradition.

Freshly Renovated Home for Sale

Kamm's Corners Development Corporation purchased and renovated a charming three-bedroom home at 16005 Woodbury Avenue. It is ready for sale to a qualified buyer who intends to live in the house on this popular, family-friendly street.

Improvements include new roofs on both the house and garage and all new electrical wiring. The kitchen is all new, including new countertops, cabinets, floors, and appliances. The two bathrooms have been completely remodeled, and the basement features a finished area.

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The Power of Community ...by Marilyn Osborne

The internet has enlarged the concept of community beyond those who live nearby. It now includes people who meet through social networking sites like Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. Some may live far away while others may be neighbors, but generally the parties come together because of a common interest or two. For example, KCDC's Executive Director Steve Lorenz shares a passion for West Park with his 2,965 Twitter followers, but he also enjoys all things pork, especially bodacious barbecue.

When he posted a need for a local fabricator to alter his steel prep table to drop in a Weber kettle grill, replies led him to Dani Pajak, a West Park resident just a few blocks from Steve's house, and welder by trade, to do the job. That successful match resulted in the perfect grill and prep table combo for Steve – and to this story.

Dani owns Disowned Customs, currently voted Best Motorcycle Shop in Cleveland 2015, via *CityVoter.com*. His story began after returning from the U.S. Navy in 2009. "I came home with quite the drinking habit," said Dani. Then, in 2012, he found out he was going to become a father and turned his life around by checking into rehab. After a two-month stint, he came home and fought the urge to drink by turning his focus on a 1984 Honda Magna VF700c that wasn't running. In fact, it was a frame, an incomplete engine, and two tubs of parts – and just the distraction he needed. "When I felt the urge to drink, at all hours, sometimes 3 a.m., I went out into the garage and slowly figured out how to put this bike back together."



Dani Pajak

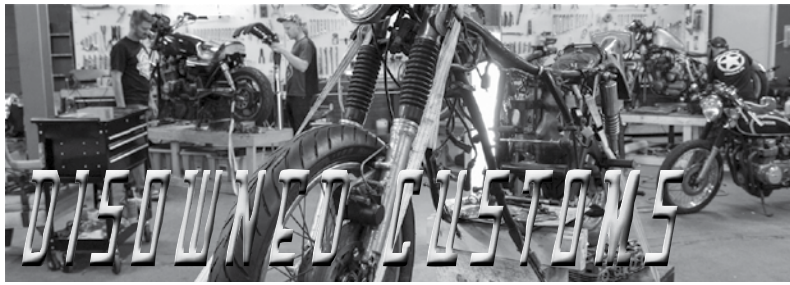
Dani built cars and bikes in his past, but had lost interest. However, this time, the bike started to come together slowly. He said, "I fabricated the parts I could, and found others I needed on eBay. By the end of that build, the bike looked like something out of Mad Max. From top to bottom, wiring and all was completely original. Before I knew it, the bike was done and I was seven months sober."

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The bike received national attention. Castrol Moto used the bike in their Motorcycle Bike Wars cable television series, and it won! Dani sold the bike, purchased a non-running Yamaha Virago XV750, bought some tools for his single car garage, and started the rebuilding process all over again. This was the start of his metro bike business, which he named, "Disowned Customs."

Working from home, his rebuilds won national awards, beating out 34 motorcycle shops, including three Harley-Davidson Dealerships. Shirts he designed with the "Disowned" logo began selling internationally. "In the first six months, I sold 400 of them with orders from Germany, Japan, Malaysia, and Brazil."

Last year, Dani moved Disowned Customs out of his home garage and into a shop. But, finding the right place was a zoning issues challenge. "What with welding, painting, fuel, and oils, deals I thought were good fell through." At about that time, Brian Schaffran, the owner of Skidmark Garage, was visiting Dani's neighbor. "He was telling my story to Brian as I was starting up a bike I was working on, and he came over to talk to me. I think he was taken aback at seeing 10 bikes in my one-car garage, and he asked me to see his shop. The second I walked in, I knew I had found a home for Disowned Customs."



He had also found a partner in Brian who was equally invested in motorcycle rebuilding. Skidmark Garage is in a large, former meat-packing plant in Ohio City that houses a variety of businesses and is abuzz with the activity of artists, carpenters, coffee brewers, and more. "Activity breeds activity, and Skidmark Garage definitely breeds activity," said Dani. This community motorcycle garage is open and publicly accessible turning the typical isolation of garage-work on its head. Its motto appears on a big sign: "Wrench, Relax, Repeat."

One of the benefits of becoming a member and moving his Disowned Customs into Skidmark Garage is contact with a community of local bike enthusiasts working on their ideas and creating a synergy. With six fully stocked bays anchoring the workspace, the layout is a bike tinkerer's dream. Skidmark also has a parts washer, sandblasting cabinet, tire changer, and wheel balancer available to the public. All work and access to all the tools is on a per-hour, per-month, or per-year basis.

Having Disowned on the premises is a boon to all involved. "We have access to one another and share ideas, suggestions, and reminders. It's a creative back-and-forth that winds up as inspiration for new ideas," said Dani.

The motorcycle community's interest in Dani's work has spawned a new reality television show, featuring Dani Pajak, Brian Schaffran, and others involved in biker builder competitions. It will appear on The Esquire Channel in coming months. Filming here in Cleveland begins at the end of February.

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Maureen E. Patterson

of the Year Award Winners and Enterprising Women of the Year Champions will be recognized at the 14th Annual Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration & Conference, Sunday, February 28 to Tuesday, March 1, at The Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove in Miami, Florida.

“These ‘Champions’ excel in a variety of ways – through fast business growth, community leadership, and as outstanding role models and mentors in their communities,” stated Monica Smiley, Publisher/CEO of Enterprising Women. Patterson was selected from hundreds of nominations that poured in from around the globe. Enterprising Women of the Year and Enterprising Women of the Year Champions include women entrepreneurs from the United States, Canada, Egypt, South Africa, China, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Uganda, and several other countries.

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Join in the St. Patrick's Day Festivities Here

From the early morning Irish breakfasts to live bands performing into the night, Kamm's Corners is THE place to celebrate before *and* after downtown Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day parade. The parade starts at 1:04 p.m. at the intersection of Superior Avenue and East 18th Street and travels southwest to East Roadway just before Public Square.

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The **Red Lantern** in Kamms Plaza opens at 9 a.m. The menu features Irish Stew, Rueben Tater Tots, Corned Beef Hash, Irish Breakfast Sandwich, Rueben Sandwich, Corned Beef Sandwich, Corned Beef & Cabbage. Various Irish Drink Specials include a full menu of Irish beer and ales along with Irish whiskey spirits.

Ironwood Café, 17209 Lorain Avenue, also opens at 9 a.m. offering specials including corned beef. They'll be rocking it out with a DJ from 3 to 7 p.m. and offering live music starting at 8 p.m.

At **Public House**, 17219 Lorain Avenue, feast on the corned beef dinner special or sandwiches. Plan to visit Survivor Day – the day after – for New Barleycorn.

Smedley's Bar and Grill offers a band in the evening as well as corned beef all day. Bagpipe players will be stopping by.

P.J. McIntyre's, 17119 Lorain Avenue, opens at 7 a.m. for an Irish breakfast. The first 100 people in the doors receive a free t-shirt. Look for a Lucky Charms eating contest! Rizzo and Goldhammer from WKNR 850 will broadcast live from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Mary's Lane plays all day long.

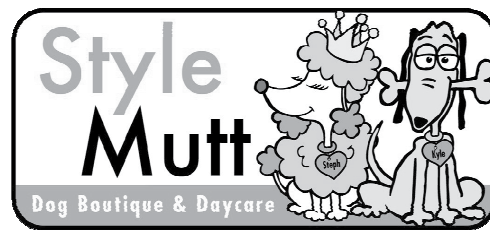
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West Park is included on the tour for 2016. Last summer's tour was a huge success. So, if you are interested in showcasing your home flower garden, community garden, or urban farm, or would like to volunteer to help organize the event locally – please call West Park resident David Horneck at 216-543-4277 or e-mail dhorneck1@gmail.com.

You will be added to the list of prospective participants and will be contacted in early spring about getting involved. Let's show the region what beautiful neighborhoods there are in West Park!

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Fan Club Recognized for Community Service at Cleveland Star Trek Day

Did you know that West Park has its very own starship staffed with a crew of over 60 members committed to community service? Welcome to the world of Star Trek fandom and the USS Challenger, Cleveland chapter of the international Star Trek fan organization The Federation.

The Federation, originally known as the International Federation of Trekkers (IFT), was founded here in greater Cleveland in 1983 by Lorain resident Russ Haslage with the partnership and blessing of Star Trek's creator Gene Roddenberry. Mr. Roddenberry's intent was to take his hopeful vision of the future, the ideals he instilled into Star Trek, and create a channel where they could be used in the world today. These ideals incorporated community service and what became known as "IDIC" – Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations – a commitment all Federation members adhere to.

The "Prime Directive" of Federation starship chapters around the world is simple: Do what the crew of the Enterprise does in every episode – go places and help people. Chapters all around the world are required to do at least three community service missions each year. The USS Challenger Cleveland Chapter does far more.

The USS Challenger chapter was named on January 28, 1986, the day of the US Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, in honor of the crew of the space shuttle. Over the last five years alone, the crew of the Challenger has raised over \$15,000 in community service missions supporting local food banks, the Cleveland Kennel, the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, Kiwanis of West Park, the Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains, Laura's Home, US Marine Corps Toys for Tots, March of Dimes, Heartwalk, and more.

Gene Roddenberry's son, Rod Roddenberry, continues his father's association with The Federation, is a Lifetime Member, and has provided a written statement of ongoing support as the official Roddenberry family endorsed fan organization. Rod's mother, Majel Barret, who played Nurse Chappel in the original Star Trek series, was raised here in Cleveland and her father and grandfather were Cleveland Police officers.

As a result of their work in the community, The Federation and the USS Challenger Cleveland chapter were awarded a Cleveland City Council Resolution of Recognition presented by Ward 17 Councilman Marty Keane at the first "Cleveland Star Trek Day" event hosted by the crew at P.J. McIntyre's Irish Pub on January 19. Councilman Keane thanked Federation President and founder Russ Haslage, Commanding Officer Joe Outlaw, and Executive Officer Bill Markowitz for their "outstanding support of charitable organizations, community service missions, as well as achieving Number One status among all the ships in The Federation."

Anyone interested in becoming a starship officer may join The Federation for only \$12 per year at trekfederation.com. You may contact Vice Admiral Outlaw for more information at challenger@trekfederation.com or at 216-280-6510.



Vice Admiral Joe Outlaw, Federation President Russ Haslage, Ward 17 Councilman Marty Keane, and Captain Bill Markowitz accept a Resolution of Recognition at Cleveland Star Trek Day.



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Rough Riders of Old West Park

...by Gary Swilik

In the thrilling days of yesteryear, traveling photographers led live ponies along West Park sidewalks, offering children the chance to have their picture taken while saddled up in full cowboy or cowgirl regalia. It was the 1950s and Westerns dominated television programming. With larger-than-life heroes like Wyatt Earp, the Lone Ranger and Marshall Matt Dillon seen weekly in millions of homes, what kid could resist a cowboy hat and a pony ride?

“That was a different world,” says Josephine Curella Cardillo, now of Philadelphia. “Many of our needs were met by services coming directly to our home. Doctors made house calls. Home deliveries were made by the milk man. There was the ice cream man, fruit and vegetable man, even the ‘Charlie Chips’ man. And hard-working entrepreneurs brought photography to our homes with the clever gimmick of bringing a pony to entice the kids, who undoubtedly would have been otherwise uninterested.”

These photographers knew their market,” Josephine explains. “The



Josephine Curella saddles up for her big photo shoot. Middle Avenue. Circa 1958.

most popular shows were Westerns like Bonanza, Rawhide, Gunsmoke, Cheyenne, Roy Rogers, and my favorite, The Rifleman. So they had us with that pony!”

“I was no more than six-years old on a beautiful summer day in about 1958,” Josephine recalls. “We were living on Midvale Avenue in West Park. My mom’s friend, Eleanor Shehee, was having her sons’ pictures taken by this traveling photographer, and she wondered if my mom would like to have her two girls’ pictures taken, too. Because my parents grew up poor, professional photography was not normally in our budget, so how lucky for us my mother said ‘yes’ to this opportunity. After Mom hurriedly combed our hair and made us scrub our hands and faces, we ran five doors east on Midvale Avenue to the Shehee home. I couldn’t wait for my turn!”

“I remember standing there,” Josephine says. “I was feeling hot under the sun, nervous, and excited while the photographer got me ready for my photo-shoot with the hat, a bandana around my neck, and the chaps on my legs. Once I was seated atop that beautiful but behemoth-like creature, the reins felt big and heavy in my little hands. What I find remarkable about the photo is that I don’t appear self-conscious but am smiling confidently into the camera.”

“Even if I didn’t have this event memorialized by the picture,” Josephine assures us, “I would still remember it vividly and fondly as I do most of my days growing up in the wonderful neighborhood of West Park. It was the best of times.”

“My brother Bill and I had our pony picture taken in 1956 at 19120 Springdale Avenue, four houses from Verda Brobst elementary school,” recalls Kathy Schultz, now of Lasqueti, British Columbia. “I was 4 and Bill was 6. My mom said the photographer would walk the pony down the street knocking at each door to see if you would like a picture. Our street was alive with baby boomers and I remember the excitement of following along with dozens of other children, hoping I would get to sit on the pony.”



Kathy Schultz at 19120 Springdale Avenue. Photo 1956.



Kathy's brother Bill Schultz. Photo 1956.

“As I look at my photo,” says Kathy, “I clearly remember our street and neighborhood, which is no longer there. I relive the moment, remembering how excited and happy I was. It brings me joy all these years later.”

West Park resident Gary Swilik researches and writes about the history our community for the West Park Historical Society and this publication.



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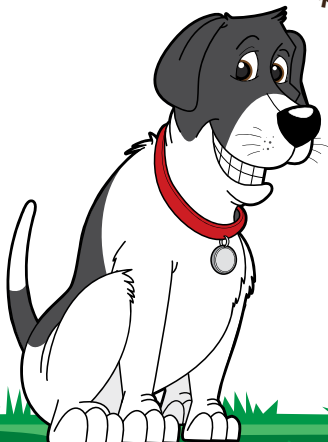
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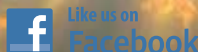
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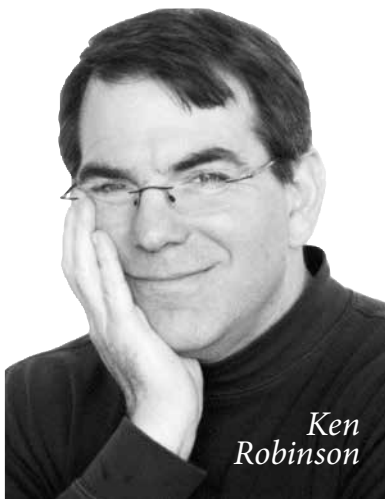
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Often referred to as “clinical decision units,” the Rapid Observation Unit allows additional time to assess difficult clinical decisions and determine the appropriate diagnosis.

“The Rapid Observation Unit provides us up to 24 hours to monitor, evaluate and plan for the patient’s discharge or hospital admission,” says Gaurav Kistangari, MD, MPH, a Cleveland Clinic board-certified internist at Fairview Hospital. “Depending on their symptoms, patients who enter the unit are evaluated with a focused problem list.”

Many of the patients who enter the unit have chest pain that requires further evaluation to rule out life-threatening conditions such as a heart attack.

“The unit gives us additional time to provide monitoring, diagnostic testing and therapy,” says Dr. Kistangari. “We can further assess patient symptoms and signs, provide laboratory tests, and effectively evaluate the response to therapy in a timely manner.”



Gaurav Kistangari, MD, MPH

The extra time allows physicians to determine whether a patient can safely return home or requires admission to an inpatient unit to continue care.

“It is our goal to improve the quality of medical care through comprehensive evaluation and treatment while reducing inappropriate admissions and health care costs,” says Dr. Kistangari.

Care coordinators and nurses closely participate in every patient’s treatment plan, and assist in keeping patients and family members informed throughout their stay. Patients typically stay in the Rapid Observation Unit between eight to 24 hours.

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Gandhivarma Subramaniam, MD, a Cleveland Clinic spine surgeon who sees patients in the Center for Spine Health at Fairview Hospital, discusses two common conditions and treatment options.

“If you experience a sharp, regular or recurring pain shooting or radiating down your leg (known as radiculopathy), you may suffer from a nerve irritation due to a herniated disc in your spine,” says Dr. Subramaniam.

Your physician will first perform an informal examination, and may prescribe an anti-inflammatory medication or a steroid dose pack, if there is no neurological deficit. The next step is physical therapy to help strengthen and stretch the muscles supplied by the nerve.

However, if the pain and other symptoms persist for more than six to eight weeks, X-rays or an MRI scan may be ordered. Depending on the diagnosis, spinal injections may be necessary.

“Surgery is not necessary for most patients with radiating leg pain,” adds Dr. Subramaniam. “The pain often subsides as a result of non-surgical interventions.”

Spinal stenosis is another common condition, typically occurring in people 65 years and older.

As we age, the spinal canal can gradually narrow, reducing the space available for the spinal cord and nerves. If only a small amount of spinal narrowing occurs, no pain will result. However, if narrowing continues, the nerves that travel through the spinal column to the legs become squeezed, leading to back and leg pain and leg weakness.

In most cases, the pain and weakness are provoked by standing or walking, and symptoms are relieved when sitting. Many patients with spinal stenosis can be managed with medications, physical therapy, or injections. If symptoms persist, surgery may be recommended.

To make an appointment with Dr. Subramaniam or another spine health specialist, call 216-636-5860.



Gandhivarma Subramaniam, MD

KCDC Awarded \$5,000 Grant to Support Arts & Entertainment Here

The mission of Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) is to inspire and strengthen the community by investing in arts and culture. CAC was approved by Cuyahoga County voters in 2006, and since 2007, CAC has invested more than \$125 million dollars in 286 local organizations presenting arts and cultural activities in Cuyahoga County. CAC’s vision for its first ten years of public funding for arts and culture is to help build stronger, more resilient organizations, create vibrant and energetic neighborhoods infused with culture, and establish Cuyahoga County as a hub of creative activity and a destination for artists. Voters renewed this public funding in 2015.

KCDC is pleased to be among the groups being funded in 2016. Our Summer Arts and Entertainment Series was awarded the full grant amount of \$5,000 in the Project Support II Grant Award Category. A total of \$302,209 in grants went to the 73 organizations in that group.

A panel of independent experts from outside northeast Ohio recommended the grants in October 2015, after evaluating and ranking each proposal. A list of the grant awards appears at cacgrants.org.

Presenting a wide breadth of live music in styles ranging from a jug band to rock-n-roll, KCDC’s Summer Arts and Entertainment Series launches with The Hooley on Kamm’s Corners™ on Saturday, May 14, and continues weekly throughout the summer at our Kamm’s Corners Farmers Markets every Sunday from June through October — and at our monthly Asphalt Cinema in Impett Park on the third Friday in June, July, and August.

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On Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the Cretan Party Center, The West Park Historical Society will present a talk on the role Cleveland played in the Battle of the Pacific and the development of the B-29 Super Fortress. When the U.S. entered World War II, Cleveland was one of the cities selected to build a new bomber. The Bomber Plant (now the Cleveland IX Center) was built in 1942. Fisher Body Aircraft Plant Number 2 employed 15,000 workers during the war.

Learn more from local historian Bill Meixner, a charter member of the Society of Air Racing Historians. He lectures on various facets of Cleveland's role in aviation history.

The event is free, but donations to the historical society are appreciated. Light refreshments will be served. The Cretan Party Center is at 3853 West 168th Street. Park in the municipal lot off Albers Avenue, behind Walgreens.

Residential Snow Removal Guidelines

Winter is here and with it comes snowy and icy weather. Help us keep everyone out there safe.

As a reminder, here are two ordinances from the City of Cleveland:

507.13 Clearing Sidewalks of Snow and Debris: Every owner or person having charge of any tenements, building, lot, or land fronting on any avenue, street, alley, or other public highway of the City, shall clear the whole sidewalk in front of the tenement, building, lot, or land of snow and ice, before 9 a.m. of each day.

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What to Do About Wild Cats?

...by Kim Sutton, Resident

Kitten season is right around the corner. You know, that time of year when you see all those little kittens in your neighborhood. Or, you wake up at 3 a.m. to the sound of cats fighting down the street. And don't forget those times of being serenaded by a female feline in heat. There *is* something you can do about it. It's learning about the humane practice of **TNR - Trap, Neuter, Return**

TRAP: Humanely trap all of the cats in a colony (a group of cats living outdoors together).

NEUTER: Take the cats in their traps to a veterinarian or clinic to be neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (a universal symbol indicating they have been neutered).

RETURN: Return the cats to their original outdoor home.

I learned about TNR by visiting alleycat.org/Trap-Neuter-Return and you can too!

In places where TNR is practiced, feral cat populations are stabilized in as little as a year. TNR ends reproduction, stabilizes feral cat populations, and improves individual cats' lives. The behaviors and stresses associated with mating, pregnancy, yowling, and fighting, just stop!

So if you are feeding or caring for feral or free-roaming cats or want to become involved in helping to humanely reduce the feral cat population on your street, there are a number of resources you can take advantage of.

There is a workshop that is being set up to help teach how to TNR which will be announced later. But in the meantime, you can also take advantage of the Trapping Education and Trap Loan Program through the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL). Use of the traps requires a non-refundable fee of \$5 and a \$45 refundable deposit.

You can then utilize available Spay/Neuter services offered by the APL. If you live within the city limits, it only costs \$10! That includes the spay or neuter surgery, ear-tipping for adult cats, plus the rabies and FVCRP vaccine. Other services and testing are additional for a nominal fee.

Don't get upset or overwhelmed when you see cats everywhere. Get involved! The APL's website is ClevelandAPL.org or call 216-771-4616.

Construction to Resume Soon on Lorain Avenue

Weather permitting, construction is scheduled to begin in early March on road repairs to Lorain Avenue from West 140th to West 150th Streets. This will be the final phase of the \$8.3 million road rehabilitation project that began last year on Lorain Avenue between West 117th and West 140th Streets. The majority of funding was provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation with local matching funds from the City of Cleveland.

The project is more than a basic repair project and will include the following:

- Roadway base repairs & resurfacing.
- New sidewalks, curbs, driveway aprons, and ADA compliant ramps.
- Traffic signal upgrades including a new mast arm signal at the RTA Station. Based on traffic counts, the City of Cleveland determined that the traffic signal at West 147th Street is not needed and will be removed.
- New pavement markings will be implemented that will have one lane of traffic in each direction and a two-way center turn lane except where dedicated turn lanes are needed at the RTA Station and West 150th Street. An exclusive bike lane is planned for the majority of the south side of the street. Sharrow symbols (i.e., share the lane) will be used where space limitations will not accommodate bike lanes.
- New traffic signage.

In response to advocacy by Councilman Martin Keane and staff of Kamm's Corners Development Corporation, streetscape elements were incorporated into the project including street trees, colored stamped concrete amenity strips, and consolidation of utility poles.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016. For more information, please contact Ben Campbell of Kamm's Corners Development Corporation at 216-252-6559 ext. 1200 or ben.campbell@kammscorners.com.

School Quality Fair Offered to Cleveland Families

On March 5, the Cleveland Transformation Alliance and PRE4CLE are hosting Cleveland's first-ever School Quality Fair, designed to serve Cleveland families looking for high quality preschools and high performing public K-8 schools, both district and charter, that best fit their children's needs.



Invited preschools have met PRE4CLE's star-rating criteria, while invited K-8 schools have met quality standards set by the Transformation Alliance. More than 50 preschools and K-8s will be present at the fair, with staff available to begin registration.

To begin school registration at the School Quality Fair, families should bring identification, proof of residence, and children's immunization records and birth certificates. They are offering free physicals and vaccinations, and lead screening, along with workshops and activities for kids. Please call 216-957-1303 to schedule your School Fair onsite physical and vaccinations. Prizes, giveaways, free food, and free parking will be provided at the fair.

The fair begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m., and will take place at Cleveland's Public Auditorium, 500 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114.

The Transformation Alliance is a public-private partnership created to ensure all Cleveland children can attend quality schools. PRE4CLE is Cleveland's plan to ensure all three and four year-olds have access to high-quality preschool.

For more information, visit SchoolQualityFair.org or call 216-592-2435.

Season Starts for Iron Maidens Women's Rugby

New Players Welcome!

“Currently, we have games and tournaments planned in Nashville, Dayton, Youngstown, Pittsburgh, and Columbus,” said Skye Leary, captain of the Iron Maidens, a Cleveland Women's Rugby Football Club founded in 2003. Their home pitch is at Impett Park, 3180 West 153rd Street, where 80-minute games are played on Saturdays.

The team is seeking new members. No rugby knowledge is required, but athletic experience helps, such as soccer, basketball, or softball. “Women with various sports backgrounds successfully join the team, including those with roller derby, swimming, gymnastics, and cheerleading experience.”

Outdoor practice begins the last week in February, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games begin on Saturday, March 27, and run through May 21.



“We are always accepting new players,” said Skye. “We teach new players all they need to know. The rules become clear through training – and it’s a lot of fun.” Interested players may email ironmaidensrugby@hotmail.com or visit their website at clevelandwomensrugby.com.

Iron Maiden's Schedule:

Home matches take place at Impett Park in Cleveland. Kick-off at 11 a.m.

- 2/20 – Smythe Memorial Indoor 10's tourney (Youngstown, OH)
- 3/19 & 3/20 – NashBash (Nashville, TN)
- 3/27 (day before Easter) – Hartzell tourney (Youngstown, OH)
- 4/2 – In Process of being Scheduled
- 4/9 – Dayton WRFC (Dayton, OH)
- 4/16 – Pittsburgh Highlanders (Pittsburgh, PA)
- 4/23 – Bowling Green (Home)
- 4/30 – Kent State (Home)
- 5/14 – Scioto Valley (Columbus, OH)
- 5/21 – Iron Maidens Alumni game (Home)

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St. Mark School Presents Gift Basket

A student and a parent volunteer popped into our office suite with a gift basket for KCDC staffers. "Thank you for the service you provide our St. Mark Catholic School Community," was written inside the card along with the signatures of fifth grade students and kindergarteners. The occasion was Catholic Schools week. This year's theme: "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service."



We were surprised and delighted by their warm gesture!

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West Park Young Professionals Meet Monthly

All young professionals who live, work, or play in West Park are invited to join the West Park Young Professionals (WPYP) group for their monthly meetings held at various local venues. Email westparkyp@gmail.com for more information. Whether you are looking to network, meet new people, or give back to the community, these meetings are a great opportunity to help shape WPYP.

Cleveland International Film Fest Returns

The 40th Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF) opens on March 30 and runs through April 10 at Tower City Cinemas downtown. Two West Park residents are key players in putting together this premier event. Bill Guentzler is the Artistic Director, responsible for selecting the movies seen at the festival. Debby Samples is the Marketing Director, responsible for getting the word out about the CIFF.

Of course, those brief descriptions don't even begin to cover all they and other members of the team do to present this successful, annual event. The CIFF presents more than 180 feature films and over 160 short subject films from at least 60 countries. Over 200 filmmakers and other special guests attend the Film Festival. And, thousands of junior high and high school students participate in FilmSlam, a mini-festival of CIFF films screened every weekday morning.

The 40th CIFF will launch with an Opening Night Film and Gala to an anticipated crowd of about 1,500 people on the evening of Wednesday, March 30. Following Opening Night, more than 500 film screenings will be exhibited in ten theaters at Tower City Cinemas in downtown Cleveland from 9 a.m. to midnight (and even later on weekends) for the next eleven days. Screenings at select neighborhood locations will also be presented throughout the Festival. The Closing Night awards program will likely draw 2,000 people on the evening of Sunday, April 10.

The program line-up will be announced at clevelandfilm.org on Friday, March 4, and tickets go on sale to CIFF members on Friday, March 11, and to the general public on Friday, March 18.

If you are interested in attending the Festival this year, become our Facebook Friend and follow us on Twitter @KammsCorners. A limited number of film vouchers will be offered from our office on a first come, first served basis. We will also be posting a special code on our website that will provide a savings of \$2 per ticket purchased.



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Brothers Pizza Moves, Stays on Rocky River Drive

...by Ben Campbell

Brothers Pizza has changed addresses with the recent relocation to 4059 Rocky River Drive. Co-owned by brothers Marty and Walter Angeli, the move of Brothers Pizza was prompted by a need for more space as well as to pursue their long-term goals of owning their own property, reinvesting in the community, and eventually evolving into a sit-down restaurant.

After extensive interior renovations, kitchen equipment upgrades, and passing City Building and Health Department inspections, Phase I of their project was completed when they reopened in the new location in January. Once the weather warms in the spring, the second phase of their efforts will address new signage, landscaping, and new tables for outdoor eating.



Marty and Walter's business and entrepreneurial interests were developed early in life when they worked for their father's engineering firm. Walter attributes a good part of the success of Brothers Pizza to the complementary roles the brothers play in their business partnership. Walter lives in the Kamm's Corners neighborhood with his family and manages the Rocky River Drive shop. Marty manages their other Brothers Pizza location in Akron. Walter handles the marketing and menu development for both stores while Marty focuses on business and accounting issues.

Established in 2012, Walter said their original Rocky River Drive location was chosen because they liked the qualities and demographics of the neighborhood. While reviewing the menu, customers will find a wide range of appetizers, wings, pizza, calzones, salads, subs, sandwiches, and

burgers. Inspired by a dual ethic of working hard and having fun, Walter developed the menu with a mixture of his past experience in the food industry, current research, and a sense of humor. He said he "drew from Cleveland culture and cuisine and tried to work it into the menu." Many of the menu items have local references. Examples of this include "Bro-Rogies"--think calzone meets pierogi with mashed potato, bacon, and cheddar cheese folded in pizza dough and deep fried--and the "West Parker Burger"--1/4 pound burger topped with mozzarella, bacon, and onion rings served on a toasted hoagie with lettuce, tomato, and Roma sauce (Italian mayo). Walter said their \$5 lunch specials continue to be very popular with residents and local workers on lunch break.

Brothers Pizza is open Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. - midnight, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 2 a.m., and Sunday noon - midnight. Delivery is available for lunch and dinner to a large area in Cleveland's West Park community and neighboring cities. To place your order with Brothers Pizza, call 216-920-6086 or order online at brospizzaco.com.

Popular West Park Barber Shop Celebrates 10th Anniversary Here

What started as a modest two-chair operation at 17008 Lorain Avenue in the fall of 2006 has grown in popularity and size under the skillful hands of owner Patrick Burke and his partner Zach Biery. Both barbers specialize in "new generation" style hair cuts that are more precise and meticulous than regular buzz cuts, flat tops, fades, or military style cuts. Of course, those are done every day, too. But what makes this shop popular are the hair engraving styles that feature shaved geometric patterns and lines using a variety of techniques. Not all barber shops offer them.

"Our team is up to date on current styles and trends, and they are able to work with hair of all types," said Patrick, who recently remodeled the shop, giving it a fresh look. Today 9 barbers operate 9 chairs, with walk-ins gladly waiting, usually with a chair open. Two years ago, owner Patrick of West Park Barber Shop purchased and merged with the full service hair salon two doors west at 17100 Lorain Avenue, and renamed it West Park Beauty Salon and Spa.

Between the two hair care venues, a full range of salon options are available. Services include spray tanning, body/hand massage, manicures, pedicures, make-up application, and feature the high-end, yet affordable, MAC cosmetics line. Of course, expert hair coloring and styling are offered, too, along with hair styling products.

"We meet a wide range of needs," said Patrick. In addition, wedding and homecoming packages are available that include a selection of services for hair, nails, make-up, massage, and more. The salon also offers a first-time customer discount and serves women, men, and children. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 216-671-6666 to make an appointment.

The barbershop offers a police, fire, and military discount for \$10. Senior haircuts are only \$8. They also offer a first-time customer discount of \$4 off. The successful West Park Barber Shop continues to grow. "Customer service, pride, and integrity are primary keys to success," said Patrick. To continue his pathway of excellence, Patrick's goal is to open both a barber and a beauty college within the next couple of years. Soon to come in West Park, will be a high-end VIP service barbershop to cater to professional gentlemen by appointment only. West Park Barbershop is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For an appointment, call 216-252-6666. Walk-ins are welcome, but it's best to call ahead for an estimate of the wait time.

Congratulations to Patrick, his partner Zach, and the entire team on their continued success!





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Originally from Hudson, Ohio, Dale spent the past three years in Columbus, but recently moved across the bridge to Fairview Park. “It’s great to be back in Greater Cleveland. I love this entire area and especially enjoy being so close to Lake Erie and downtown Cleveland,” said Dale. When asked about the changes he’s seen in the hardware business over the years, Dale said that one of the biggest has been the uptick in big box hardware stores versus the smaller, more personal stores like ACE.

“A big difference is that my team and I are trained and knowledgeable to make exceptional customer service part of our day-to-day operations,” he said. “We are always here to help you get the job done!” With convenient “close to the door” parking, ACE is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 216-251-4223 or visit acehardware.com.

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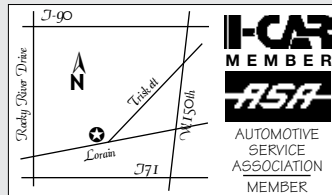
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West Park Pizza Bake-Off Results

St. Pat's gym was full of hungry people on Monday, January 25, for the Second Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off & Wing-War. The attendance was estimated at about 600 people, which is twice as many as the first year. The attendees were invited to sample pizza and wings from West Park's best pizza bakers, and vote for their favorite.

Athens Pizzeria was tops in all three categories winning "West Park's Best Pizza," "West Park's Best Pepperoni Pizza," and "West Park's Best Wings." Dante's Pizza was second, and Brothers Pizza Company was third in the "West Park's Best Pizza" voting. Bella Pizza was second and Patino's Pizza came in third place for "West Park's Best Wings."

Jeff Quin of St. Patrick's Holy Name Society was pleasantly surprised by the turnout. He said, "This is what's great about West Park: the support of both the business community and the neighborhood people is amazing. The people came out in unexpected numbers and the pizza bakers answered the call, making 199 pizzas and 1,200 wings for the crowd."

He said that plans are in the works to improve this fun, family friendly event for next year, which is tentatively scheduled for the Monday after "Championship Sunday."

The other winners of the night were Holly O. who won the TV and Holly M. who won the autographed Ohio State Football.



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