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From the Director

Thanks to the Kamm's Area Special Improvement District stakeholders for installing our holiday lighting on Lorain Avenue again this year! As we approach the holidays and beyond, the lights offer a festive look to our "downtown" and invite us to spend some time with our local merchants. Shopping locally is more important than ever as the online retailers continue to gain ground in the retail marketplace. Remember your local merchants fill storefronts, support the community, and can often offer better deals than the online vendors. Many of them are also our neighbors. Please support our local folks!

Realtors are telling us that many young families are moving into the neighborhood. Anecdotal evidence suggests two trends: suburbanites moving in, and city folks moving "over." Those moving in are seeking the quality of life and proximity to other amenities that West Parkers enjoy. Those moving "over" are coming from areas more central in the city, wanting to stay in Cleveland, but seeking a bigger yard and a more casual lifestyle. West Park embodies the best of both worlds. If you are a new neighbor, we welcome you!

If you want to meet some of your neighbors in a unique venue beautifully decked out for the season, join us at our only fundraiser of the year, Wine in the Holidays! Spend the evening with 200 of your neighbors enjoying fine food from AMP150, a raffle, wine, beer, and fun! See the article on page 6 for details.

We appreciate your patronage at the 11th season of Kamm's Corners Farmers Market! We especially want to thank not only our great vendors, but also give a shout out to three major benefactors: Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital, Rocksolid Stone Works, and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. The market could not be the fun, active, and musical place that it is without their support. You'll have one final chance to shop many of our market vendors at our indoor holiday market taking place on Sunday, December 10. Details are on page 14.

As we ease into the winter, remember to look out for our seniors who often become isolated in the colder months. On behalf of our Board of Trustees and staff, we wish you a joyous, safe, and meaningful holiday season, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. As always, let us know how we are doing.

Steve

Steve Lorenz
Executive Director

Our cover: Pictured is the Saint Joseph Academy "Academy Chorale" who will present a holiday medley at Wine in the Holidays, our fundraiser on Thursday, November 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Puritas Nursery, 19201 Puritas Avenue. Photo by Gary Yasaki of Yasaki Photographic, 216-781-7330.

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

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Around the Corners

On Thursday, November 30, experience the joy of the holiday season under glass at **Puritas Nursery**, 19201 Puritas Avenue, from 6 to 9 p.m. Uncork the Fun at **Wine in the Holidays**, our annual fundraiser. Connect with friends and neighbors while sipping wine, tasting locally brewed and craft beer, and enjoying hearty hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$55. Visit kammscorners.com to purchase, or call 216-252-6559, ext. 1000 with questions. Read details on page 6.

Have you ever ridden in a **horse-drawn carriage**? You have three opportunities to do so in December, sponsored by **Kamms Plaza**. Queue up at the tower corner of the plaza for a ride around the parking lot, compliments of plaza management. The rides take place on Friday, December 8, 15, and 22, from 6 to 8 p.m., weather permitting. It's fun for all ages! See the ad on page 2.

Treat yourself and friends to the annual **Christmas concert at River's Edge**, 3430 Rocky River Drive, on Sunday, December 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. The tickets are \$15, with proceeds benefiting the **Women's Outreach Center**. The **Cleveland Orchestra Children's Chorus** will be performing with a reception to follow. See the ad on page 31.

Local artisans join with our favorite farmers market vendors and **Hatfield's Goode Grub** food truck for the **Kamm's Corners Holiday Showcase**. It takes place on Sunday, December 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 17401 Lorain Avenue. See all the details in the article on page 14.

Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains, return for the 15th consecutive year! Located at 19201 Puritas Avenue, the model trains run daily from November 25 through December 31. In addition, **Santa** is visiting on Saturday December 2 and 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. free of charge. Bring your camera for family photos of both Santa and the trains. See the article on page 7.

Working up a sweat while holiday shopping? Stop in for a cool treat at **Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Company**, 3764 Rocky River Drive in Kamms Plaza. Call 216-417-4382 for more information. See the ad on page 15.

Have you tried **5 Points Coffee & Tea**, 3600 West Park Road? Soup is now on the menu! Check out the array of hot and cold beverages along with sweets. It is at the intersection of West Park Road and West 159th Street. See the ad on page 16.

Enjoy an inspiring **Christmas Concert** in the auditorium of **St. Joseph Academy**, 3470 Rocky River Drive. All are welcome on Thursday, December 14, at 7 p.m. The event is free of charge. For more information, call 216-251-6788.

The **2018 West Park Historical Society calendar** is now available. The *Memories of the Past West Side Movie Theaters* calendar features photos of gone-but-not-forgotten neighborhood movie houses on Cleveland's West Side. See the cover image and ordering details on page 22.

Self defense specialists at **All American Karate**, 16600 Lorain Avenue, offer individual and group lessons for adults, group classes for children, and more. Call 440-331-0010 for more information. See ad on page 17.

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

On Saturday, December 9, **Santa and Mrs. Claus** will welcome your children to breakfast at **West Park Station**, 17015 Lorain Avenue. Register through the **West Park YMCA** by calling 216-941-5410. Crafts and photos are part of the fun. Only \$10 for adults and \$6 per child. See the ad on page 9.

The **West Park United Church of Christ**, 3909 Rocky River Drive offers a **free community meal** on the last Sunday of each month, starting in January 2018. They take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. inside the church hall, accessed off the rear parking lot through the double doors. All are welcome.

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

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

West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Avenue, is holding its **Annual Christmas Craft Show** on Sunday, December 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafters interested in participating may call **Michelle** at 216-235-4878 to inquire about a 6-foot table.

On Tuesday, November 28, at 7 p.m. the **West Park Historical Society** presents *Early Brewers of Cleveland, Ohio*, by historian **Rebecca McFarland**. Come to The **Cretan Party Center**, 3853 West 168th Street. No charge, but donations are appreciated.

The **U.S. Marine Corp Toys for Tots** campaign is underway locally at two drop off points to help needy children experience the joys of Christmas. Drop off unwrapped new toys during business hours at **West Park Dental**, 17001 Albers Avenue. Local Star Trek fan club, the **USS Challenger**, is also collecting toys at **Savor the Moment**, 4080 Rocky River Drive. Donations are being collected now through December 10.

Winter blues? Remember the **West Park Branch** of the **Cleveland Public Library**, 3805 West 157th Street, offers free entertainment with your library card. Books, CDs, and DVDs are there to borrow and enjoy. Call 216-623-7102 for more information, including special programs and computer training. See a list of activities on page 25.

Our Lady of Angels Credit Union offers financial services to its parishioners and to those of **St. Mark Catholic Church** as well as to the

Friends of Kamm's Corners following a merger with **Saints Margaret and Gregory Credit Unions**. See the ad on page 9 for rates and services.

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

The **First District Police Community Relations** meeting takes place at **St. Ignatius of Antioch School**, 10205 Lorain Avenue, on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Questions? Call **Tammy Hanna**, Community Relations Board, 216-664-6634.

Worried about stray cats? Let the **Kamm's Cat Guardians** help. Find out what steps can be taken to reduce the local wild cat population. Call 216-659-4434 or email KammsCatGuardians@gmail.com. See article on page 27.

Mr. Hero is coming to **Kamms Plaza** and plans are to open for business some time in January, offering a full line of their steak, burger, chicken, and deli sandwiches, with an array of sides and beverages.

Get a fresh, real Christmas tree for your home this year. **Scout Troop 293** will be holding its annual **Christmas tree sale** at **Saint Mark Church**, 15800 Montrose Avenue. Freshly cut Frasier firs only. All proceeds go to support Troop 293. Dates and times are December 1, 5-9 p.m., December 2, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and December 3, 12:30-3 p.m.

Save the date! Monday, January 22, is set for the **Fourth Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off**, from 5 to 8 p.m. at **Saint Patrick Church** gym. Get set for all-you-can-eat pizza and a beverage for only \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12, and free of charge for children under 5. Bring extra for raffle tickets to a big screen TV. Pizza shops may enter by emailing spatshns@gmail.com. Proceeds benefit the church. See article on page 28.

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

Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

News from Ward 17 and City Hall



Dear Neighbor:

Where did 2017 go? I can't believe it's already mid-November and here's the holiday magazine! At least the Municipal Election season is now behind us! Thanks to everyone who voted, and congratulations to all victors! Running for public office is not the easiest thing to do, but we have some exciting new talent entering the public arena. Regardless of candidate or issue, taking the time to cast your vote is as important as any civic duty. Our voter turnout here was better than previous years and certainly the best in the City of Cleveland, but we can always do better.

Construction season is wrapping up this month. Rocky River Drive continues to cause most of my gray, or gone, hair. The sewer project replaced our combined sanitary and storm sewers with separate systems. This goes a long way in ensuring dramatically different flows going to the proper destinations. Protecting our lake and waterways remains a primary focus. Thank you to all who showed tremendous patience and understanding as the Division of Water Pollution Control and their contractors completed the job.

The same may be said for Rockport Avenue. We knew it was going to get messy, but nobody was prepared for that daily disruption. Larchwood Avenue west of the Drive started as a local resurfacing project and turned into a major sewer job. Multiple house connections required replacement before the resurfacing could proceed. Thank you to all the residents of both streets for showing great patience. The end somewhat justifies the means and hopefully we will soon forget about the dust and incessant beeping noises in two great neighborhoods.

Curbside leaf pickup returns to designated areas. The Administration has elected to primarily focus on the areas that had received the service prior to the State imposed budget cuts. I couldn't disagree more. Any service to Ward 17 must be available to all of Ward 17. I've made my objections quite clear and as Issue 32 dollars continue to boost our General Fund Budget, we hope to amend the service areas next year. Please refrain from placing leaves in the street until the signs

are posted. Piled leaves cause detrimental effects when not picked up quickly. They blow into your neighbor's yard, clog catch basins, and inhibit storm water from flowing properly, which results in pooling storm water and flooding. Also, remember that the program is weather dependent. The crews will do their best within the scenarios Mother Nature provides.

November also brings a close to most of our Block Watch activities, but there are still a few new clubs forming. September and October were pretty busy as First District Commander Dan Fay and I spoke to block clubs from Larchwood to Rainbow, Laverne to Scullin, and had a good start in getting Birchwood back up and running. Block Clubs are a great way to get together and talk to your neighbors about what's really going on, from all the great things happening to some less than great. Please don't hesitate to call my office if interested in starting one.

Keeping neighborhoods safe remains our prime objective. Remember to keep your belongings secure. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Also, please lock your doors. Sadly, some people want to take stuff that doesn't belong to them. If we make it difficult for them, they will go away. Light up your home. Also, do not ever give personal information over the telephone. Any unanticipated request that makes you reach for your wallet or purse should immediately make you question the person on the other line. There is a subset of society that preys on good-hearted people who like to help when able. Please keep your personal information private until you have fully vetted the situation. And, if they can't wait, then you say you are not interested. Legitimate businesses will always wait and provide the necessary assurances.

Remember to support our local businesses this Holiday Season. They are the heartbeat of West Park. Our retail corridors are bustling with activity with merchants more than happy to serve your needs. From my family to yours, we wish you the healthiest and happiest of holiday seasons!

Marty Keane



Uncork the Fun! A Festive Evening to Support KCDC

Experience the festive splendor of our 14th Annual Wine in the Holidays event at Puritas Nursery, 19201 Puritas Avenue. Enjoy the transformed historical retail garden center into a party place filled with sparkling lights and hundreds of poin-

settias. From 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, dress comfortably and connect with friends while sipping a variety of wine, tasting craft beers, and enjoying hearty hors d'oeuvres.

Pleasures of the palate bloom fully “under glass” at our only fundraiser of the year. Select among six wines. Sample your choice of specialty craft beer made by Working Class Brewery in Kamms Plaza. Our caterer AMP 150, the fine farm-to-table restaurant inside the Marriott on West 150th Street, will be serving a variety of delights, both savory and sweet.

While DJ Clint Holley sets the mood with holiday music, explore the action of twelve train sets traveling on three layouts through the live greenery at this adults-only evening. In addition, Saint Joseph Academy’s “Academy Chorale” will present a holiday medley.

Bring your friends and make new ones while supporting your neighborhood. Reservations for this KCDC fundraiser are \$55 per person in advance. Make yours at kammscorners.com. When you purchase tickets, your name will appear on our RSVP list, which will be checked off as you enter the greenhouse on Thursday night.

Buy a chance to win the 50/50 raffle or one of several attractive prize baskets.

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

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

Throughout the evening, feel free to purchase poinsettias, Christmas cactus, wreaths, and greens. They will be put aside for you until the end of the evening. Plan now to be among the guests enjoying this delightful event! Questions? Call 216-252-6559, ext. 1000.

Thanks to our Sponsors!



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

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

AMP 150 is at 4277 West 150th Street in the Marriott Hotel.

Call 216-706-8787.

Festive Lights Return to Downtown Kamm’s Corners

Downtown Kamm’s Corners brightens up with a combination of white tree lights and festive red banners for 20 light poles – making spirits bright!

The tree lights are LEDs, which use little electricity and last for many years. They will remain in place throughout the holiday season.

The tree lights will be illuminated just prior to Thanksgiving, and are brought to us by the property owners who support the Kamm’s Area Special Improvement District.

*Happy Holidays
to One and All!*

Fun for the Entire Family!

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



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

This year marks the nursery's 15th annual holiday train show, which is their most popular event of the year. Twelve model trains of three different sizes can be seen on three distinct layouts. The main HO gauge layout is on a beautifully landscaped 8' x 30' table with five trains and three trolleys chugging through hills and valleys of live trees, shrubs, and flowing water. Living plants include miniature evergreens and conifers along with herbs and junipers. Poinsettias add color and may be purchased right off the train layout.

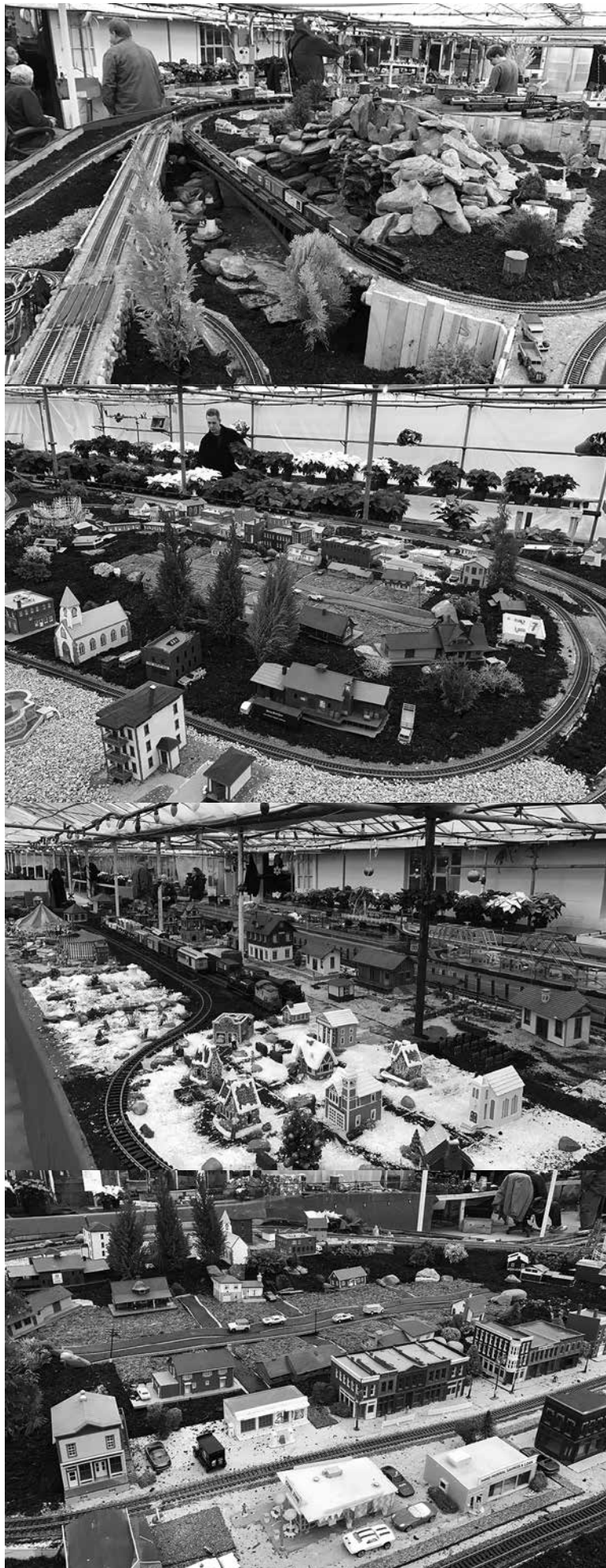
Children may cut through the two carpeted tunnels beneath the display as a "kids only" shortcut from one side of the layout to the other. The size, extent, and variety of the displays make for great family photos, so cameras are welcome.

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

Presented by hobbyist Mark Gombar, the Lionel O gauge layout spreads across a 4' x 30' area utilizing four trail loops across rural, urban, and wintry scenes with lots of action for kids to enjoy. Dave Power was also very helpful on the Lionel display. Dave Craven, was instrumental in setting up the G gauge layout.

The main HO display was designed by Dan Gryczan, an ardent model railroad enthusiast and a good friend to Puritas Nursery. He and owner Dale Heyink work with the entire nursery staff and numerous volunteers to construct the displays.

Santa visits from 1 to 3 p.m. twice during the season: on Saturday, December 2 and 9. Personal photos with Santa are encouraged and are free of charge! The event runs through December 31. For more information and photos from previous years' events, visit puritasnursery.com.



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



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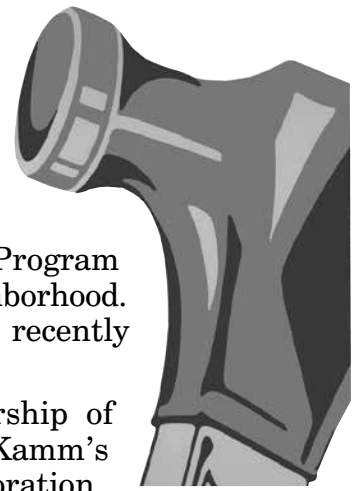


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Storefront Renovation News

...by Ben Campbell



It has been a busy year for the Storefront Renovation Program in the Kamm's Corners neighborhood. Several projects are either recently completed or underway.

The program, a partnership of the City of Cleveland and Kamm's Corners Development Corporation, offers design and financial assistance to business owners for new signage and to property owners for exterior building renovations.

Among the recently completed projects are 5 Points Coffee & Tea, 3600 West Park Road, a locally-owned start-up cafe that offers coffee, tea, pastries, and soup. The project transformed the building from a vacant, dilapidated structure into an updated, neighborhood asset with a vibrant new business.

Only In Clev, 17025 Lorain Avenue, is an apparel and gift shop that relocated from Lakewood earlier this year and received assistance for their new sign over the summer.

Work has been completed on the building at 15718 Lorain Avenue, home of Lorain Triskett Bicycle. The improvements included replacing a damaged pole sign with a new sign, installing landscaped beds in front of the property, re-painting the building, adding brick pavers, and mounting a new awning.

The VIP Inn, 4107 Rocky River Drive, recently finished a complete makeover to the building by converting the formerly solid brick facade to a more open, inviting appearance with new storefront glass windows. The project included the addition of a covered patio and a new sign.

Construction is underway on the HKM Building at 15708 Lorain Avenue. The building had been vacant for several years and suffered in appearance and condition from deferred maintenance. Interior and exterior renovations—including new windows, masonry repairs, painting, awnings, and signage—have breathed new life into the building. The new property owner will locate his accounting and tax service in the rear of the building and lease out the storefront space.

Finally, Hatfield's Goode Grub, the restaurant that opened at 16700 Lorain Avenue, is participating in the program for assistance for a handsome new permanent sign that mirrors the graphic design on their food truck.

Artist Transforms Weathered Wood

...by Marilyn Osborne

A wood stump, neglected and decaying, becomes an object of natural beauty under the care of West Park resident Ron Bonoan, who transforms otherwise forgotten parts of trees left in the woods into art worthy of admiration and display. Tree roots like a mermaid's hair, flow from a felled sapling now turned upside down as the base of a glass-topped table. A piece of driftwood gleams in a high polish of sophistication atop a book case. A knotted slab of wood becomes an attractive foot stool.



Artist Ron Bonoan.

These are among the more than 150 pieces Ron created during the past year and a half. "I started working with wood as a teen, but repurposing natural tree parts is new for me," said Ron. "Simply walking through the woods, I discovered a compassion for a natural resource that most people feel is unlimited: trees. I started thinking about how long some of these dead and dying pieces had lived and wanted to provide a second life – one



of admiration and appreciation."

He chooses natural pieces that show some character, whether by the effects of storm, wind, or water. He then cures the wood. This can take months to even a year. Sometimes he removes the bark, but other times it remains for added interest.

When he's not out in the woods keeping his eyes open for potential pieces or working on them, Ron is a Realtor with Howard Hanna Real Estate Services. He lives with his wife in West Park.

His unique designs are available to view and purchase from his Imaginations Creations Elmwood Avenue studio by appointment. That is where he transforms them into objects of beauty for home or office. With Christmas coming, be sure to check out these remarkable pieces, ranging from \$10 to a few thousand dollars. Call 216-870-7332 to set up a personal tour. See more of his work at ronbonoan.com or Imaginations Creations on Facebook.



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Breakfast with Santa

Join us this year for Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Children can participate in holiday crafts and parents will have the opportunity take photos of their child(ren) with Santa! Space is limited so make sure to register soon!

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2016
 9:00AM - 11:00AM

Location: West Park Station
 17015 Lorain Ave,
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Cost: \$10 per adult
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Annual First District Police Community Relations Awards

Citizens of the First District and Cleveland Police Officers were recognized for their outstanding service to the City of Cleveland this past year at an annual awards ceremony at Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral on November 2.

More than 200 guests attended the reception, including Mayor Frank Jackson, First District Police Officers, and citizens. A full dinner made by members of the cathedral followed the awards ceremony. Local cable TV channel 20 recorded the event.

Congratulations to the following award recipients.

Community Relations Plaques:

Mitchell & Valerie Addy: Described as exhibiting the essence of community activism, they are the first residents to sign up for volunteer opportunities. They have instilled a commitment for community involvement into their family values. For example, it is not unusual to see their teenage children assist at events. They attend nearly every meeting and event within the First District service area. Both graduated the City of Cleveland's Citizen's Police Academy and remain active members. Mitch and Valerie enjoy helping their fellow neighbors by shoveling snow and providing information regarding available resources to new residents. Valerie also serves as the Secretary for the First District Police Community Relations Committee. Mitch and Valerie make it a point to add First District meetings and events to their schedules so at least one of them is present. They were honored for their steadfast commitment.

Thomas Baldwin: He was in his vehicle when he noticed some people whose actions indicated they were going to rob the US Bank. He called the police, and as the robbers left the bank, Thomas followed the suspected bank robbers to the east side while remaining on the telephone with dispatch. He told them the exact location of the robbers. The robbers were apprehended by the police.

Luann Wagner: Active in her block club, she exhibits a commitment to the safety of all those within her neighborhood and works closely with the police on neighborhood trouble spots. Luann's safety initiatives continue to help make West Park safer; a community of choice, where people work together for the overall wellness of all residents.

Community Relations Certificates:

Ronald Graham: Utilizing his video surveillance equipment, Ron has monitored and reported criminal activity for his neighborhood. His work resulted in the arrest and conviction of a few criminals who were dumping garbage in his neighborhood. Through the efforts of our Commander, the Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation, and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, the dumping site was cleaned



Rosemarie Candow of Affordable Florals is recognized by Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams for her philanthropic service.

and the defendants were ordered to pay full restitution for the cleanup. Ron also uses social media on his Facebook page "West Cleveland Alert." He has a police scanner and posts on FB about what is going on in the neighborhoods.

Joseph Piccola: He provided security camera video of a few teens breaking and entering homes. This footage assisted in catching the teens who also broke into houses in Strongsville. In another video, Joe was able to record a snatch and grab, which assisted the police in capturing another criminal. His actions have helped in fighting drug activity in his neighborhood, by keeping the police informed of such activities.

Citizen Plaque:

Melissa Fulford: Driving home from work she found a small child with a butcher's knife wandering the street. She called the police and stayed with the child until the officers arrived. She then followed and spent much of her own resources to get clothes for the child who was taken in for protective custody.

Byron Swift: Helped officers Wagner and Wellinger apprehend a fleeing suspect. Byron tackled the young man before officers could take over. He stepped in where he didn't have to.

Citizens Pin:

Rosemarie Candow: For her outstanding business philanthropy, she and her staff at Affordable Florals, 15241 Triskett Road, received two awards: The Citizens Pin and a Community Service Award from the Cleveland Police Foundation.

Community Service Award:

Maria Matos: A police detective recognized for thorough work in solving cases.

Special Commendation Awards:

- P.O. James Hoban
- P.O. Michael Matson
- P.O. Hugh Mills
- P.O. Walter Truxel
- P.O. David Wagner
- P.O. Donald Wellinger

Commander's Letter Awards:

- Det. Scott Clayton
- Det. William Busse
- Det. Daniel Lentz
- Det. Steven Torres

Franciscan Villager Plays Ball!

Ask Franciscan Village resident Dan Kocinski about his four foot by four foot garden plot, and he'll tell you that right from the start he pictured a mini-Jacobs Field/Fenway Park-type stadium at Franciscan Village, 3648 Rocky River Drive. "The first thing I did was make a cardboard pattern for the infield. Then I put that down on the dirt and planted grass everywhere else." In the six weeks it took for the grass to grow, he bought wood for the outfield fences, scoreboard, and dugouts. He painted them and added signs and lettering.

"I also got dirt that had red clay in it, for an extra touch of reality," he added. Local artist Jane Sirovica created the stadium sign and the following signs.



Sara's Second-Hand Shop, Bingo Night, and Sister Hope's Rides signs.

The small playing figures are Indians All Stars: Bob Feller, Lou Boudreau, and Albert Belle. Other players represent different residents and employees, making the line-up on the scoreboard.

"Spoiler alert! We win," declared Dan!



Biz Bits

...by Ben Campbell

Farmers Insurance recently opened an agency at 4367 Rocky River Drive, Suite 500. The agency offers a wide array of services to customize insurance policies for everyone at every stage of life. Included are home, auto, specialty (RV, ATV, motorcycle), commercial, and life insurance. Owner Brian Almond said he was looking for an area that was growing and had a great community atmosphere. After visiting the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, he was convinced that Kamm's was the place and opened the agency. For more information, call 216-800-7902.

After owning and operating Charlie's Beverage at 15803 Lorain Avenue for 25 years, Charlie Eadeh is passing the torch to his son Michael, who has worked at the store since he was 12 years old and was promoted to store manager at 18. After graduating from Cleveland State University with a degree in International Business, Michael thought his career would take him out of Cleveland. Upon further reflection, he decided to continue in the family business and its commitment to the West Park community. One of Michael's first moves after taking the helm was to replace the existing coolers with new ones. The new coolers will consume 20% less energy and will add to the products that the store offers. In addition to soft drinks and wine, the store will now carry between 200 and 300 brands of microbrews. Michael said to expect Charlie's Beverage to continue treating customers like a big family and that more investments and improvements were likely to come in the near future.

Cody Zacharyasz has quietly opened The Indoor Gardener at 15732 Lorain Avenue. As the business name suggests, the store carries all their customers' indoor gardening needs from growing supplies, nutrients, lighting

options from fluorescent to LED, Co2 sales and exchange, and growing tents. Cody has 14 years of gardening experience and can assist customers by providing free consultations on getting started or improving on their gardening techniques and products. Call 216-417-3688 for more information.

With grant funding awarded by Cuyahoga County, Kamm's Corners Development Corporation is coordinating a multi-phase project to improve and enhance the perimeter of the City-owned parking lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue. Landscaping improvements focused on the street frontages along West 168th Street and Albers Avenue as well as the public walkway between Back Stage Bar and Walgreens. These improvements included the removal of four trees, tree trimming, weed and shrub removal, and the addition of new top soil with grass seed. The next phase of the project will involve the construction of a new storage shed for the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market and the installation of wall sconce light fixtures along the public walkway between Back Stage and Walgreens. Updating the sign at the main entrance to the parking lot on Albers Avenue will constitute the final phase of the project.

The Kamm's Area Special Improvement District (KASID) has completed the replanting of all the street planters on Lorain Avenue between West 165 Street and the Public House at 17219 Lorain. Designed by a landscape architect, the goals of the project were to produce more plant diversity, a broader palette of colors, and year-round seasonal color. For the winter of 2017-18, KASID will purchase a gator with a snow plow for sidewalk snow removal in the district.

Several years after Blockbuster Video vacated the premises, the property at 15101 Lorain Avenue will have a new tenant in 2018. After targeting the city of Cleveland and looking at several sites, Triumph has selected the location for a new flagship store to offer motorcycle sales, service, apparel, and accessories. The project will involve a complete interior and exterior renovation of the building. The project is going through design review and permitting processes. The construction schedule will be determined soon.

A new dining option will be added to the mix at Kamms Plaza. Mr. Hero will be opening between Best Cuts and Romeo's Pizza, offering steak and burger products, chicken, a deli line, and variety of side items. Look for a grand opening sometime in early 2018.



Charlie Eadeh, middle, with his son Michael, left, are joined by the installer at their newly commissioned, state-of-the-art cooler!



Unique and Appreciated Luncheons

For 15 years, KCDC has been hosting Centers of Influence quarterly luncheons for organizations that share a common purpose. It's an informal occasion to share information, goals, and practices over a catered lunch. For example, some of these groups are:

- Senior Services Providers
- School Principals
- Realtors
- Clergy and Religious Institutions
- Non-profit Organizations
- Block Club Leaders
- Contractors

Guests share news about their current programs and upcoming events as well as their opinions about the needs of our community. To help them stay connected, we provide guests with a directory listing the names, addresses, and contact information of all who were invited.

The West Park Ecumenical Council grew into a separate organization as a result of our clergy luncheon. Realtors expressed an interest in working with the School Principals on creating a document of the schools serving West Park, so a guide sheet was born. And, Senior Service Providers learned where some resources could be shared, such as shuttle bus services for special events.

Typically, every guest has expressed appreciation for going beyond the agenda items to share and to learn from each other, saying there is nothing else in the city quite like it.



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West Park Neighbor Night Brings People Together

A high energy monthly gathering of West Park residents had its inaugural meeting on the evening of November 8, at West Park United Church of Christ, 3909 Rocky River Drive. They plan to continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. to share information, nurture connections, and provide mutual support using a series of practices that are safe and welcoming. Dinner is provided and all are welcome. Forty West Park neighbors joined this first network meeting of West Park neighbors.



Neighbor Night is an initiative by West Park residents Melanie Sklarz, Danielle Doza, and Valerie Jerome, created through a Neighborhood Connections grant. (Melanie also serves on the KCDC Board of Trustees.) The trio received Neighbor Up University training and joined 2,000 card carrying members of Neighbor Up who are working to improve the quality of life in our city and make change towards a more just, equitable, and inclusive Greater Cleveland. A Neighborhood Connections grant was awarded to support their efforts with West Park Neighbor Night, the newest of such groups.

See the group's Facebook page by searching "West Park Neighbor Night." Experience the power of the network. The next two meetings will be on December 13 and January 10. Questions? Email Danielle.Doza@gmail.com.

KCDC Staffer Joins Department of Aging

In September, KCDC's former Housing Assistant Julie Dahlhausen moved into a newly created position to help seniors with housing issues in the City of Cleveland's Office on Aging. A native of Aurora, she moved to West Park three years ago and started as an intern with KCDC while finishing up her degree at Baldwin-Wallace University, graduating with a focus on community revitalization and grassroots activism. She tracked housing issues and engaged in community organizing for KCDC.

Reflecting on her full-time employment with us, Julie said, "I developed a deep appreciation for the people and businesses of West Park, and enjoyed helping to maintain the neighborhood's exceptional environment."

We wish Julie all the best and know she is already contributing greatly to the senior community in her new position.



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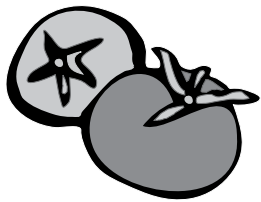
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- Artisans and crafters offering handmade gifts such as jewelry, candles, pillows, stationery, and holiday decor.
- 17 Vendors from the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, offering honey, fall produce, bread, Gaelic Imports, sweets, cheese, oils and vinegars, and other items perfect for the holiday gift basket
- Holiday music supplied by local musicians
- Hatfield's Goode Grub, offering southern comfort food and righteous barbecue

Some vendors will be outside, weather permitting. Come early for the best treasures. Free parking is available in the Fairview Hospital surface lot immediately west of Citizens Bank.

Credit, debit, and EBT cards are accepted. For more information about the market, visit our website at kc-fm.org, call market manager Bill Markowitz at 216-252-6559, ext. 1400, or email him at kcfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

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Here are a few images from the 2017 outdoor market season. Wonderful vendors, excellent music, community health outreach, and select artisans. There's always something fun for the entire family!

Visit kc-fm.org for more market photos and information.





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SocksPlus Program Helps the Homeless

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The Foundation approaches philanthropy with imagination and encourages efforts to strengthen the health and well being of our community by raising awareness of the issues that affect us all, including homelessness.

For many people in our community, homelessness is very real, and the largest growing segment is families with children who do not have a place to call home. The plight of the homeless is an issue that the Foundation cares deeply about and they have taken a proactive position in helping the least of our brothers and sisters.

After learning that socks are the most requested item among homeless people, the SocksPlus program at Community West Foundation was created. The project collects socks, plus many of the other necessities that our homeless neighbors need most.

SocksPlus has evoked emotion, impact and action. It has grown from an idea into a community movement. A network of "tribes" have believed in and supported this effort to provide for our homeless neighbors. Hundreds of people have joined Community West Foundation – our neighbors, community partners, businesses, faith based organizations, schools, civic organizations, and so many more.

A gift of just \$10.00 will help purchase 10 pairs of socks. A larger donation provides socks, plus gloves, hats, shoes, boots, backpacks, and other necessities that are so desperately needed. And, when you support SocksPlus, 100% of your donation is used immediately to provide caring assistance to our struggling neighbors.

The call to love our neighbor is universal and those facing homelessness need our help desperately – not only at the holiday season, but all year round. You can become part of this movement to bring hope and comfort to the homeless. Start your own tribe or donate today. Learn more about SocksPlus at communitywestfoundation.org.

Saint Joseph Academy Hosts Second Annual Christmas Fair Trade Boutique

Shop for gifts that help people and help the planet at the Second Annual Saint Joseph Academy Christmas Fair Trade Boutique on Thursday, November 30, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Saint Joseph Academy, 3470 Rocky River Drive. Browse various fair trade items from over 20 vendors, including artwork by Saint Joseph students and teachers, One World Shop, Threads of Hope, Noonday, and Sweet Designs. Fair trade items include jewelry, soaps and lotions, prints, cards, coffee, tea, homemade candles, high-end handbags and scarves, fruit leathers, knitted apparel, and chocolates.

Free admission and parking. For more information, please visit sja1890.org.

City of Cleveland Reactivates Seasonal Leaf Pick-up Program

Starting in November and ending December 31, the Cleveland City workers and eight leaf vacuum vehicles are being used during the pick-up process. To streamline the process, residents are encouraged to rake leaves from their property onto the tree lawns, not into the streets.

To accommodate city crews, residents are asked to park off-street during the service period. Each area will be serviced at least twice during the eight-week period, weather permitting. Leaves will be transported to the approved leaf compost site, diverting more than 2,000 tons of leaf material from the waste stream.

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Here are just a few shopping ideas:

- 5 Points Coffee & Tea: Coffee, tea, soup, and baked goods
 - All American Karate Studio: Private and group lessons
 - ACE Hardware: Garden and household tools, seasonal gifts
 - Carol & John’s Comic Book Shop: Comic books, action figures
 - Carpet Center USA: Rugs, carpeting, natural candles
 - Cleveland Moto: Vespa and Moto Guzzi scooters and gear
 - Common Grounds 24/7: Specialty coffee drinks, varieties of tea
 - Dad’s Smoke Shop: Tobacco, humidors, smoking accessories
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 - West Park Massotherapy: Massage, exercise, ballroom dancing, Zumba, skin care products, soy candles, accessories
 - Wilhelmy’s Florists, Affordable Florals, and Floral Images: All have flowers, plants, and gifts
 - Yvonne’s Jewelers: Watches, gems, and jewelry
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"As temperatures cool and furnaces are switched on, patients come to the ED with symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, which are often mistaken for flu symptoms," says Judith Welsh, MD, medical director of the Emergency Department at Lakewood.

If you have symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning – such as a dull headache, weakness, dizziness, nausea or confusion – do not attempt to treat the condition yourself. "Access fresh air immediately and call 911," says Dr Welsh.

Dr. Mark and Dr. Welsh offer insight into five common seasonal maladies and when to seek care:



James Mark, MD



Gaping cuts (that cannot gently be pressed closed) or those with jagged edges typically require stitches. Even small cuts on the face, eyelids, lips, palms, or fingers may require stitches, as the skin is taut and difficult to heal. Seek medical help if the cut is deep enough to expose the dermis or yellow subcutaneous fatty tissue; if a dirty or rusty object caused the injury, especially if you have not had a recent tetanus vaccination; or if the wound shows signs of infection.

If raking leaves or shoveling snow leads to chest pain, shortness of breath, or pain in the arms, these may be signs of a heart attack, and you should go to the emergency department immediately. If these activities cause muscular pain in your arms, shoulders, knees, and upper and lower back, you can start treating the injury at home. Rest, apply ice to the area (20 minutes on, 20 minutes off), and try nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications (NSAIDs – ibuprofen, naproxen, aspirin), or acetaminophen. Your injury may need attention if there is bone misalignment and/or deformity; a change in color (e.g. an injured ankle or foot is turning blue); you can't walk or use the injured limb; there is bleeding or a break in the skin, and continued severe pain and/or swelling.

Norovirus – the most common cause of gastroenteritis, often mislabeled as "stomach flu" – typically peaks between December and April. Common symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and, on occasion, a low-grade fever. If you are suffering, avoid solid foods until nausea and vomiting ends and drink clear fluids to prevent dehydration. Seek treatment if symptoms last more than two days or you have severe stomach pain, fever, or signs of dehydration. Frequent handwashing is the best way to prevent norovirus.

Air pollution, high pollen levels, and increased mold growth due to high humidity can cause a spike in asthma attacks. Symptoms include difficulty breathing, wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, and difficulty performing daily activities. The severity of an asthma attack can escalate rapidly, so it's important to see a doctor if these symptoms occur.

Swimmers ear and ear infections are especially common in children. Ear infections occur when fluid or other debris gets trapped in the middle ear and becomes infected. Symptoms of an ear infection include pain in the ear, and trouble sleeping or eating. Antibiotics are often prescribed as treatment.



Judith Welsh, MD

From strains, sprains, and infections, to trauma and stroke, the Emergency Departments at Fairview Hospital and Lakewood are ready to respond quickly.

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The mission of Fairview Hospital's Emergency Department is to provide care for ill or injured patients in a competent and caring manner. Staffed by board-certified emergency physicians and certified emergency nurses, it offers a Pediatric ED which cares for children in a family-friendly environment. In place at all Cleveland Clinic ED's, the "split-flow" triage process has led to more efficient patient processing and reduced wait times.

"Lakewood ED is terrific at helping manage the health of the community," reflects Dr. Welsh. "Patients are linked with our providers, or a community partner, for care after they leave the ED, which can reduce future emergency visits. Additionally, Lakewood ED offers on-site radiology (X-ray, ultrasound, CT, MRI) and lab services. And, caregivers are trained to provide specialized care for patients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT)."

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West Park Calendar 2018 Makes a Fine Holiday Gift

The 2018 West Park Historical Society calendar is now available. The Memories of the Past West Side Movie Theaters calendar features photos of gone-but-not-forgotten neighborhood movie houses on Cleveland's west side. Images include the Berea, Beach Cliff, Granada, Lyceum, Riverside, and eight more!

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The Barthelman Family

...by Gary Swilik

The Barthelman Family has a long history in West Park. First to arrive was Johann Christoph Barthelman who came to the U.S. in 1840 from Germany. Here he met and married his wife, Johanna, also a native of Germany. The couple lived along Settlement Road, now West 130th, and accumulated a great deal of land in that area.

In 1876, Johann bought property the corner of Rocky River Drive and Lorain Avenue. This area was called Kamm's Corners, named for Oswald Kamm's store and post office. That building still stands at the south west corner, currently vacant.

Johann died only a year later in 1877, but made arrangements in his will to distribute his land among his sons. As a result, in 1888, the family property at Kamm's Corners came into the ownership of his son Frederick Barthelman.

In about 1890, Frederick built a spacious farmhouse on the south side of Lorain Avenue at 17401 Lorain Avenue, west of Kamm's Store, where he lived with his wife Katherine and growing family. This house stood for many years but ultimately gave way to the commercialization of Lorain Avenue and was demolished sometime in the 1930s.

Meanwhile, in about 1920, Frederick built a second house on Lorain Avenue that became his new permanent residence. This house was eventually moved to 3906 Rocky River Drive, at the corner of Fernshaw Avenue, and now serves as the office of orthodontist Casey L. O'Connor. After a lifetime in the West Park area, Frederick Barthelman passed away in 1932 at eighty-years of age.

By that time, Frederick's son Henry had been active in Barthelman Family enterprises for many years. In 1902, Henry established the Barthelman Dairy delivering milk throughout Rockport Township in horse-drawn wagons. The dairy was a great commercial success, allowing Henry to sell the business to Earl Blain in 1914, and semi-retire in his early thirties.

In about 1914, Henry became Treasurer of the Cleveland Motor Car Sales Company, which sold Nash Automobiles to a public falling in love with the open road. Henry, who showed a particular talent for the world of finance, served as a director for the West Park Bank and the Thrift Federal Savings and Loan Company.

Not long after leaving the dairy business, Henry also began operating a successful greenhouse. In about 1922 he enlarged the business and, with other members of the Barthelman Family, created United Greenhouses Incorporated. This became a big operation with over twenty acres under glass. Their tomatoes were sold locally and shipped around the country.

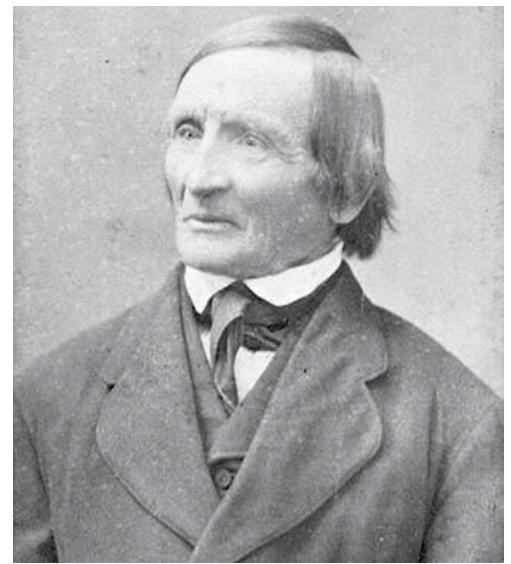
Henry also built a new road, running west from Rocky River Drive, just south of Lorain Avenue. Originally named Clarence Road, in honor of Henry's first child, the name was later changed to Fernshaw Avenue.

In 1924, Henry built yet another family home which still stands today at 17219 Fernshaw Avenue. (All the Barthelman homes in the area get confusing!) Henry Barthelman died in 1966 at age 84.

Robert Barthelman, son of Henry and grandson of Frederick, was born in 1912 on the dining room table of the house built by his grandfather at 17401 Lorain Avenue. Robert served as president of the United Greenhouse Company for many years. In 1939, he and his wife Lucille built Olympic Recreation at West 176th and Lorain, one of the first family-oriented bowling alleys in the nation.

They operated Olympic Recreation from 1939 to 1972 when they sold the business. The building was demolished in 1987 and the site is now a parking lot for Fairview Park Hospital. Older West Parkers will recall Robert also operated The Polar Bar, an ice cream stand on the south side of Lorain, across from Olympic Recreation, from about 1942 to 1950.

Robert Barthelman passed away in 2008 at age 96. His wife Lucille died in 2010 also at age 96. The Barthelman Family was active in the development of Kamm's Corners for more than a century.



Johann Christoph Barthelmen came here in 1840 and settled along Settlement Road, now West 130 Street. Courtesy of the Barthelman family.



Frederick Barthelman house at 17401 Lorain Avenue at Kamm's Corners. Built in 1890. Demolished in the 1930's. Courtesy of the Barthelman family.



Frederick Barthelman built this house on Lorain Avenue around 1920. It was later moved to Rocky River Drive where it is now the office of orthodontist Casey L. O'Connor.



Barthelman dairy horse-drawn delivery wagon. Courtesy of the Barthelman family.



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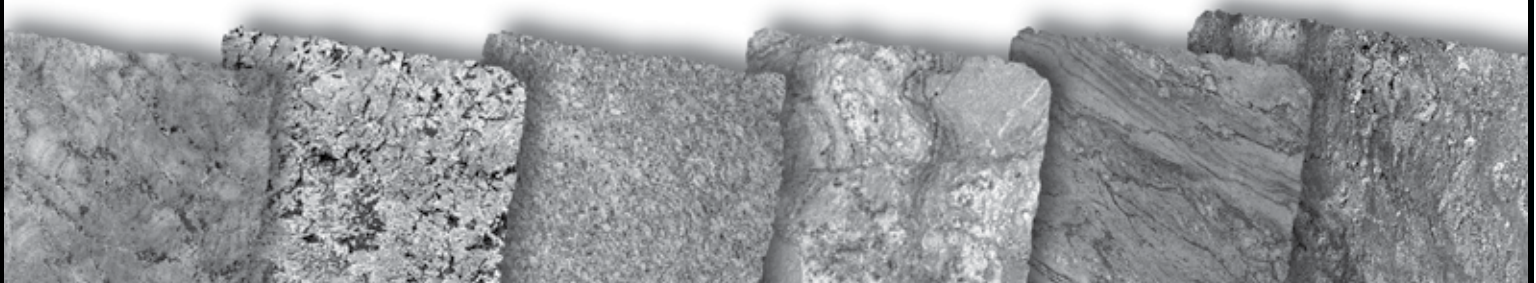
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How to Help Make West Park a Strong Supporter of the Cleveland Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

Many Clevelanders are not aware of the 2013 plan undertaken by the city to address climate change. Plan details are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/y82rypks>.

To support the CCAP:

- Replace incandescent light bulbs with more efficient bulbs, such as LEDs.
- Schedule a home energy audit to identify areas in your home with the greatest energy efficiency potential, and take advantage of programs like Energy Saver (<https://energy.gov/eere/femp/energy-incentive-programs-ohio>).
- Purchase Energy Star rated appliances and electronics.
- Turn off electronic devices when not in use: computers, monitors, printers, televisions, and audio equipment. If the red light is on, it's using energy most likely produced by coal.
- Sign the "Power Pledge" (at leedco.org) to support the Lake Erie Energy Development Company's offshore wind project.
- Purchase renewable energy through aggregation: <https://tinyurl.com/ychj7jbq>.
- Walk and bike to home and business destinations in our neighborhood.
- Use public transportation when traveling any distance.
- Lower your water bills by installing a rain barrel or rain garden. This may result in a flat reduction of 25% in your bill (<https://www.neorsd.org/about>).
- Reduce use of plastic by taking reusable shopping bags to the store. The blue plastic bags cannot be recycled. They damage and jam the city's recycling equipment.
- Review city recycling guidelines to understand what materials can be recycled. Do not bag recyclables for curb side pickup. That creates an extra step for recycling center workers. Just put them loose in the blue bin.

Remember, your actions make a difference!

West Park Historical Society Moves to New Home

Last month, the West Park Historical Society moved its collection of memorabilia from a storage room into its spacious new home on the first floor the KCDC office building at 17401 Lorain Avenue. The society plans to use the space for its meetings and exhibits. It will also be used to store and process donations of historical artifacts.

The new location includes a small meeting space available to rent by groups needing it for a meeting or other occasion. It is expected to be available for this purpose starting in December. For example, the John Marshall Alumni Association will be holding their monthly meetings in that space. Collected rent will be used to support the activities of the organization.

Look for a grand opening complete with displays of historical pictures in the spring. To inquire about renting the meeting space, call Elaine Staley at her home number of 216-267-3857. When prompted, leave a message, and she will get back to you ASAP.

Warm Winter Programs Offered at West Park Library Branch

The Cleveland Public Library's West Park Branch offers more than books. Thanks to a partnership with the Cleveland Food Bank, it is now providing free, nutritious bagged meals for kids, served Monday through Friday, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. through May, 2018. Call 216-623-7102 for details.

In addition, the following programs are taking place:

Every weekday throughout the school year, after-school crafts take place, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

On Thursday, December 14, at 4 p.m. a holiday program, "Time to Celebrate" will take place. The program includes stories, music, treats, a craft, and information about the various holidays celebrated in December.

Virtual Reality and Play Station 4 is offered after school every day and on the weekends when staffing permits. Kids may play sports games, explore the ocean, design works of art in 3D, experience the stress of the working world, and more!

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Construction Underway at Congregation of Saint Joseph

Construction is underway on a new home for the sisters in Cleveland and the River's Edge Spirituality Center at the Congregation of Saint Joseph property, 3430 Rocky River Drive. After a period of exploration, the sisters determined that the existing motherhouse could not be renovated to accommodate future housing needs. "With the building of a new motherhouse for our Cleveland sisters and River's Edge, we renew and enhance our commitment to the local community," said Sister Nancy Conway, CSJ, of the Congregation Leadership Team. "We are very excited for our sisters to live in a building that will support our changing needs and offer the residents of Cleveland and surrounding suburbs a place for reflection and growth at River's Edge. We are also excited to announce a partnership between the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Saint Joseph Academy that will enable the academy to renovate the existing motherhouse for an adaptive re-use for its students, faculty, and staff."

For almost 120 years, the sisters and Saint Joseph Academy have anchored the West Park neighborhood. Sister Conway said, "Partnering with the academy to adapt the motherhouse for their use will enable students to learn and thrive in a building that holds our history, but not our future," said Sister Nancy. "We support the academy's efforts to look forward as we ourselves start a new chapter on this same property with the hopes that all of us - sisters, academy students, faculty and staff, employees of the congregation, and staff and affiliates of River's Edge - will continue to carry forward the values of the Gospel and our mission of unifying love."

Mary Ann Corrigan Davis, President of Saint Joseph Academy, concurs. "This is an exciting time for all of us on this campus and we are eager to bring the energy of our students to this special building. We are grateful to the Sisters of Saint Joseph for their generosity and support."

Plans for the renovation of the motherhouse are set to begin in 2019, after the sisters and River's Edge have moved to the new building being constructed on the northwest portion of the property. The sisters ask for the community's continued support as the congregation embarks on another bold and courageous new chapter for the sisters and the academy.

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

Cats are everywhere it seems. Whether you love them or hate them, the one undeniable fact is that we all want to see fewer feral cats in the neighborhood. In many areas, feral cats do serve an essential roll as part of the ecosystem by keeping the rodent population at bay. In fact, some companies and cities have feline "employees" to do just that, thus eliminating the need for toxic chemicals.

The disliked things about feral cats is that they may eat a bird at your bird feeder, use your mulch as a litter box, and one pair plus all their descendants may produce up to 420,000 more cats in 7 years. But there is a humane way the community can come together to ensure a reduction in the feral cat population if people are all willing to work together and learn the best methods available to reach this goal.

Who Are the Kamm's Cat Guardians?

They are a local non-profit organization with a goal to educate and advocate for the stray and feral cat population in the Kamm's Corners community and to do it in such a way to benefit not only the cats, but both those who love them and those who don't.

So here is what they CAN do:

- Assist with TNR, also known as Trap-Neuter-Return, by loaning traps and providing information
- Provide an information packet containing directions for trapping and a list of resources
- Assist with actual trapping and transport if the caller is elderly or disabled
- Support TNR efforts with educational materials via their Facebook page, website, and PetFinder site
- Provide winter shelters for those caring for feral cats (known as colony guardians) and provide guidance on how to prevent those ferals from becoming a nuisance to neighbors
- Maintain a confidential registry of those colony guardians so there can be a sharing of duties and to provide respite relief.
- Provide whatever information is available for TNR services outside of the Kamm's Corners community.
- Conduct periodic TNR workshops.
- Provide information on how to deter cats from harming gardens and birds.

Here is what they CANNOT do:

- They will not take in cats; they are NOT a rescue. They only list kittens or cats on their PetFinder page that were trapped as a part of the TNR process and were unclaimed strays or feral cats that have been socialized to live inside with humans.
- They cannot provide any assistance with personal pets.

Remember: TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) will help make feral cats better neighbors. Neutered males make dramatically less noise as the result of reduced mating behavior and eliminate the foul odors caused by spraying; female cats will do less howling. Plus neutered cats roam much less so they are less visible, and there are no more litters of kittens.

Learn more by leaving a voice mail for a return call at 216-659-4434 or by visiting the Kamm's Cat Guardians website, kammscatguardians.com.

Donate Winter Clothes & Bedding For Two Causes

Puritas Nursery, 19201 Puritas Avenue, is accepting donations on behalf of the Tour of Good Cheer, benefiting thousands of needy families. Dig into your closets and storage bins for wearable coats, sweaters, gloves, scarves, flannels – any kind of winter gear. New clothing and cash donations are always welcome!

Pet supplies for the Cleveland Kennel are also being accepted at Puritas Nursery, in support of the West Park based Cleveland Chapter of The Federation, an international Star Trek fan organization dedicated to community service. The group, "USS Challenger" is a sponsor of the Puritas Holiday Trains, Heroes Run, and Kamm's Corners Farmers Market. They are collecting old towels and blankets to be used for kennel bedding. Cleaning supplies are also welcome.

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About the Tour of Good Cheer...

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Fourth Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off Set for January 22

The popular West Park Pizza Bake-Off will be held on Monday, January 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Saint Patrick gym, 4427 Rocky River Drive. Tickets to this 4th annual event are \$10 for adults (13 and older) and \$5 for children ages 5 to 12. This year, advance tickets will be available at participating pizza shops, and include all-you-can-eat pizza and a drink. Ask your favorite pizza shop if they have them, or you can find an updated list on this Facebook page: www.facebook.com/West-Park-Pizza-Bake-Off. Advance tickets will also be available at Saint Patrick rectory during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. The rectory is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Tickets at the door will be \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, and no charge for children under 5.

Guests will vote for West Park's Best Pizza: Peoples Choice. Celebrity judges will crown a winner as West Park's Best Pizza. The judges include:

- Ross Keller, owner of Italian Creations
- Patty Harken, FOX 8 in the Morning
- Carmen Angelo, WTAM News Radio 1100
- Seth Williams, WTAM's Mike Trivisonno show

Hot fresh pizza will be available throughout the evening's event, so feel free to avoid the 5 o'clock rush and arrive after 6 p.m. For updates, check Facebook for a list of competitors and parking information.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT! Longtime Host of Dragon Towers Retires



On October 27, after 33 years of service, Bill Yee, the popular host of Dragon Towers in Kamms Plaza, retired from his post at the front desk of the Chinese restaurant.

Recognized by area Chinese food lovers, Bill was a constant presence at 17452 Lorain Avenue. With his affable smile aimed at making patrons feel welcome, he seated them in the dining room or rang up their carry-out orders. Bill helped the first owners of the restaurant open for business on April 30, 1984.

"I came into work 10 days before we opened, just to help set up," said Bill. Since then, he has worked successfully for three different owners of Dragon Towers, all while living conveniently only five minutes away in Lakewood, where he and his wife raised two girls and

a boy, now grown. They live in the area.

"I've seen many changes over the decades, all for the better. Looking ahead, I feel it is time for me to begin a new phase of life," he said.

He is stepping away from the restaurant business to spend more time on relaxing activities he already enjoys so much, such as Tai Chi, a gentle form of exercise he engages in with a circle of close friends. "It helps me maintain strength, flexibility, and balance, and could be the perfect activity for the rest of my life."

Bill also enjoys gardening, citing an old Chinese proverb: "One who plants a garden, plants happiness."

Asked whether he's been surprised by anything lately, he said, "Yes! The visits and show of support from our regular customers during my final weeks at the restaurant due to a Facebook post by Shannon Dolan. Many of these customers I have watched grow up from being grade school students to becoming parents bringing their own children to the restaurant." We wish Bill a healthy and happy retirement!

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