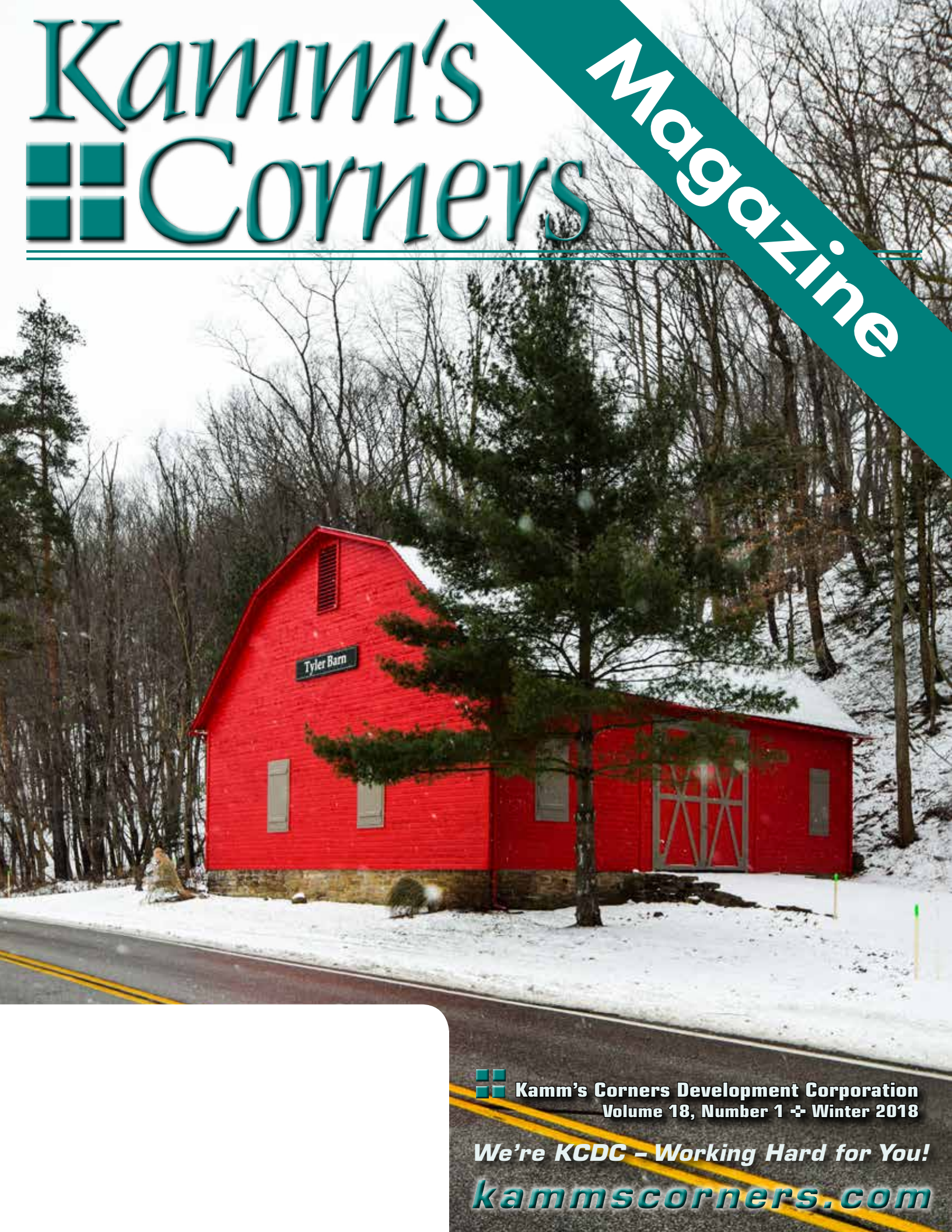


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From the Director

You may have seen the ATV with the plow removing snow from “downtown” Kamm’s Corners sidewalks. We thank the commercial property owners who contribute to this effort through assessments collected by the Kamm’s Area Special Improvement District (KASID). KASID is also responsible for maintaining the public planters, litter control, street banners, holiday lighting, and district marketing. We expect to renew KASID this year by vote of the commercial property owners. We hope you agree that their efforts have really made us shine!

We also wish to thank Cuyahoga County for the grant that allowed us to install LED lighting to illuminate the walkway between Backstage Bar and Walgreens. Those grant funds were also used to build the new shed in the municipal parking lot (for Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market and KASID equipment), as well as to create and install the new sign that identifies the lot.

A great time was had by all at our fundraiser, Wine in the Holidays, back in December. Thanks to AMP 150 for the fabulous food, Rocksolid Stone Works for their continued sponsorship, Public House, Working Class Brewery, and, of course, our friend Dale Heyink for the use of Puritas Nursery and the incredible model train display.

The neighborhood had a successful 2017, with several new businesses added to the mix and increasing residential housing values in a brisk sales market. All indicators are that we are off to a great start in 2018, with some projects of scale already bubbling up. Stay tuned to our e-newsletter and social media channels for news you will want to hear!

Looking forward, there are lots of events, meetings, and get-togethers coming up in the neighborhood. In the pages that follow, you will see an upcoming Citizens Police Academy brought to us by our friends at the Cleveland Police First District and a chance to attend a workshop on Climate Action, as well as many other opportunities, including The Hooley on Kamm’s Corners™ only about three months away on May 12!

The dead of winter often brings isolation for our seniors and those with mobility issues. Please try to check on them. Shovel a walk, offer to pick up groceries, or just enjoy a quick visit. Spring will be here before we know it, but let’s help each other to get through another Cleveland winter. Thanks, and as always, let us know how we’re doing.

Our cover: If you've been seeing red as you drive along the Metroparks Valley Parkway recently, it could be due to the new coat of red paint on the historical Tyler Barn, previously thought of as "the old green barn." See our story on page 6 for a history of the barn and the tale behind its new color. Our fresh fallen snow cover photo was taken by Joe Outlaw on December 13.

Steve Lorenz
Executive Director

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

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Around the Corners

The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ returns on Saturday, May 12, so save the date to enjoy music, food, and fun for all ages from noon to 8 p.m. Businesses, organizations, and artists may apply now to be a vendor. See the the article on page 6 or visit kammscorners.com.

A number of after-school programs are available through MyCom, a network that connects Greater Cleveland's young people with high-quality, neighborhood-based programs, locally working with **Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation**. These include dance, robotics, music, fashion, and more. Visit bpdc.org for a list of neighborhood youth programs and agencies.

Have you seen the mitten line at **West Park United Church of Christ**, 3909 Rocky River Drive? People have already picked up over 300 items from the line in front of the church! Fortunately, people have been generous with donations of mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, and socks so that there are plenty for those in need.

Volunteers are needed for the **Senior Market**, which helps feed needy seniors, held on the first Tuesday of each month for members of the **Gunning Rose Center** inside **Gunning Recreation Center** at 16700 Puritas Avenue. Help elderly members load and carry bags of food items to their vehicles from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please call **Abigail Day** at 216-373-1735 if you are interested in helping.

Souper Market, 16804 Lorain Avenue, offers hot soup on a cold winter day, running the gamut from creamy potato to hearty chicken and always includes a vegetarian option. All soups come with a big chunk of bread. Former employee **Wes Daniels** bought the place a year ago after working there for years. Give the menu a try!

On March 24, celebrate the **8th Anniversary of Si Señor Mexican**

Restaurant, 16800 Lorain Avenue. Warm up with sizzling fajitas or your favorite authentic Mexican dish while sipping a cold Margarita or your beverage of choice. The festivities include a live Mariachi band from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 216-941-4424 for details. See the ad on page 31.

Spring is around the corner, and program sign-up is underway at the **West Park Family YMCA** for aquatics, wellness programs, group exercises, and more. Membership is reasonable and pays for itself in improved health benefits. Visit the YMCA at 15501 Lorain Avenue or call 216-941-5410 for more information.

KCDC is proud to be a community outreach sponsor of the **Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF)** again this year. It runs from April 4 through 15 at **Tower City Cinemas** and at neighborhood screening locations. For details including how to get \$2 off your ticket see page 8. See the ad on page 31.

If you are a young professional, connect with others like you who are making a difference in West Park. It's fun and productive to join meetings of the **West Park Young Professionals**, usually held 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 details.

Senior Transportation Connection offers senior citizens a way to get to doctor appointments or to make shopping trips. Simply call 800-983-4782 to find out how to register, hours of operation, and ride rates.

Support **Spring for Hope** on Thursday, April 12 at **The Don Umerley Civic Center**, Rocky River. This event is dedicated to providing awareness and funding for children with autism as well as showcasing **Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism** on the west side. See the article on page 7.

CommUNITY: One Cleveland, Many Stories, the Community Builders Conference 2018 takes place Saturday, March 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the **East Professional Center**, 1349 East 79th Street. It's a learning opportunity for

those who want to build a block club or grassroots community group. Learn more at bit.ly/CBCcleveland2018 or call Ian Heisey at 216-671-2710, ext. 219.

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 this tax service free of charge.

GardenWalk Cleveland returns this summer and will feature West Park gardens as well as outstanding and interesting gardens across Cleveland, both east and west. The walk takes place on Saturday, July 7, and possibly July 8, too. See the article on page 9 for details about how to get involved.

Our Lady of Angels Federal Credit Union makes their services available to all **Friends of Kamm's Corners**. Combined with **Saint Margaret and Gregory Credit Union**, the office is open in **Linus Hall** adjacent to the church at 3644 Rocky River Drive on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Support the **John Marshall High School Cheerleaders** on Thursday, April 12, at the **High School Cheerleader City Championship** competition. The event starts at 6 p.m. at **East Professional Center**, 1349 East 79th Street. Purchase advance tickets for \$4 by e-mailing **Ms. Mason** at monisa.mason@cleveland-metroschools.org.

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. **KCDC** is pleased to have received a \$5,000 grant for our **Summer Arts & Entertainment** series, which kicks off with **The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™** on May 12.

Learn who won the **4th Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off** on page 25. The annual fundraising event for **Saint Patrick West Park Church** attracted a large crowd that consumed well over 200 half-sheet pizzas of all types and cast more than 400 votes in total.

Iron Maidens women's rugby is looking for new members. No experience is required, but some athletic background is helpful. Practice is held at **Impett Park**, 3207 West 153rd Street from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. To apply, visit their website clevelandwomensrugby.com.

River's Edge, 3430 Rocky River Drive, offers support in personal transformation. Do you want to be a better you in 2018? Check out the schedule of programs being offered to individuals on their journey to wholeness. Visit riversedgecleveland.com.

The **West Park Historical Society** will be holding a **Grand Opening Open House** in their new location at 17401 Lorain Avenue from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 29.

The **First District Police Community Relations Board** welcomes residents to their monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at **Saint Ignatius of Antioch Church**, 10205 Lorain Avenue. Meet and talk with the officers who serve West Park.

Have you noticed a big improvement in snow removal on sidewalks in downtown Kamm's Corners this winter? Thanks to the **Kamm's Area Special Improvement District (KASID)** business owners who have pooled their funds for snow removal, litter control, graffiti removal, and more!

The **West Park Family YMCA**, 15501 Lorain Avenue, hosts **Coffee with the Cops** on Thursday, March 8, at 11:45 a.m. All are welcome to join police officers and the community members they serve – over coffee – to discuss issues and learn more about each other. See more of what's happening at our local Y on page 19.

Keep informed about neighborhood events by following KCDC on social media. Find us on Facebook, Twitter @KammsCorners, and Instagram by searching Kamm's Corners Development Corporation. To subscribe to our e-newsletter, join our mailing list by entering your email address in the box at the bottom of our homepage at kammscorners.com.

Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

News from Ward 17 and City Hall



Dear Neighbor:

This time of year in Cleveland brings dreary rain revealing piles of old leaves and pot holes – lovely! I'm kidding, of course. Winter really took a toll on our streets. Even recently resurfaced streets are now showing early signs of decay.

We are sending reports of pot holes to the Streets Department, but the real work begins when the asphalt plants open. Then, hot patches will be placed over those moon craters. Please continue to report them by calling 216-664-2510. With more than 10,000 main and residential streets in the City of Cleveland, patching them all takes a while. In the meantime, please remain aware of their locations and drive carefully.

Speaking of pot holes and street repair, this time of year means working on the 2018 General Fund Budget for the City of Cleveland. Council has already gone through the Community Development Block Grant Hearings and began working on the General Fund on February 20. While the passing of Issue 32 makes our discussions easier than previous years, we still have a tremendous amount of work to do. This year's Budget includes almost \$623 million in expenditures with a total budget of more than \$1.7 billion, including Enterprise Funds.

Public Safety remains the primary focus for 2018, with more than 57% of the General Fund Budget dedicated to it. Budgeting includes a minimum of four police academy classes and bringing on an expected 150 officers in 2018 along with an additional 100 in the first quarter of 2019. Getting these officers deployed throughout the city and in our neighborhoods is very important.

Along with Public Safety, the Departments of Public Works, Building and Housing, and Public Health have

an impact on quality-of-life issues and basic city services. Public Works is responsible for pot hole repair, street sweeping, waste collection, and more. Building and Housing will continue to expand the Rental Registration program to 57,000 rental units and homes. Focusing on life safety issues and lead hazards gains valuable information about landlords and tenants.

The Cleveland Department of Public Health remains focused on the significant issues of infant mortality, lead poisoning, and the opiate epidemic. Huge issues facing our city, our region, and country require tremendous resources and vigilant focus. The Department of Public Health, along with the crucial work of the Department of Aging, have a direct and vital presence in every corner of Cleveland. Speaking of the Department Aging, please remember that the Gunning Park Rose Center for Aging Well is an awesome resource for our area seniors. Its compassionate and dedicated staff and Board work tirelessly for our seniors at Gunning Park Recreation Center, 16700 Puritas Avenue.

With the hope of spring comes the necessity to ramp up neighborhood safety and awareness. Please call the police if something looks out of place. As previously stated, deployment of police resources remains a top priority. The calls for service are an important factor when the Command Staff determines allocation.

Please continue to shop locally and support all of the wonderful small businesses who call West Park home! Get a fish fry!!

God Bless!

Marty Keane



Coming May 12: The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™

Sometimes one day just isn't enough. But, that's all you get for West Park's annual Homecoming Celebration, The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™, so do what it takes now to be there! It's a full day of festival food, live music, children's shows and activities, Irish dancers, pipes and drums, and Fine Art Alley. Enjoy the 9th annual event running from noon to 8 p.m. on Lorain Avenue between Rocky River Drive and West 165th Street on Saturday, May 12.

If you own a business, run a non-profit organization, or make art, apply now to participate. This one day is a prime opportunity to showcase your business directly to more than 30,000 visitors in the community.

To participate as a vendor, select a booth option that best suits your needs. The cost is lower than in previous years as vendors will provide their own tents, chairs, and tables. Artists may apply for Fine Art Alley, a special section featuring handmade arts, crafts and gifts inside The Hooley™. Details and online information are accessible on our website at kammscorners.com/TheHooley.

Completed applications and vendor fees must be received in our office by Friday, April 13.

For more information, email TheHooley@kammscorners.com or call 216-252-6559, ext. 1000.



The Old Green Barn ...by James Foos former President KCDC Board of Trustees

The Tyler Barn in the “valley” on Valley Parkway of the Cleveland Metroparks is now red. Known for decades as “the old green barn” because of its color, the Metroparks recently painted it red, perhaps to make it look more like a traditional barn. There is history to the structure and the land on which it sits.

The Tyler Estate called Woodside Farm was built in 1892, by Washington S. Tyler (1835-1917) and his wife Marion Clark Tyler (1845-1934). He of Cleveland Wire Works and Tyler Elevator fame and fortune, Mr. Tyler was prominent in business, church (The Old Stone Church), and local philanthropy (hospitals and Western Reserve University). They were residents of Millionaires Row. Their home was on Euclid Avenue where the Bulkley Building now stands. Like most millionaires at the time, he wanted a summer home, a place away from the city. Mr. Tyler chose a scenic, valley side location in Rockport Township, a full day's carriage ride from Euclid Avenue.

Summer home farming was a “gentleman's hobby” for the wealthy at the time. Although perhaps a hobby for Mr. Tyler, it was a place of employment and pride for the many workers at Woodside Farm. A total farming operation, the land not only featured a mansion and pool, but also included worker homes, bull pens, greenhouses, poultry houses, orchards, vineyards, lily ponds, and formal flower and vegetable gardens.



Encompassing well over 200 acres, the estate property extended along the valley side of Rocky River Drive from Saint Joseph Academy on the south to Niagara Drive on the north. It included property on the east side of the Drive from Munn Road to Edgecliff Avenue. The estate remained with the family and Tyler Company into the 1940's, when it was sold for development, including Amber Drive.

Back to the barn... Starting in 1919, the Cleveland Parks Board, predecessor to the Metroparks, began purchasing or obtaining by donation, privately owned land along the Rocky River. In 1921, widow Marion Tyler donated 75 acres of the farm's valley land to the Board. That land today also includes the Tyler ball and soccer fields. Over the many years, the green barn sat empty, but remained in place. It also was used for storage of Metroparks property. In 1996, the barn suffered major damage from the falling of a large tree branch, and was slated for demolition. In 1997, Andrea Nagy, now a Metroparks retiree, in cooperation with the Metroparks and others, saved the barn from demise. The newly repaired and painted green barn was rechristened The Tyler Barn, complete with historic plaque.

When asked about the barn's color change, Cleveland Metroparks Historian Judy MacKeigan said, “As we move into our next century as a Park District, we've been careful to honor our heritage. The Tyler Barn was acquired in our beginnings and, when we worked to save it, we discovered that it has been painted several times over the last 100+ years including several different shades of green but also a darker color that may well have been red. After researching additional property owned by the Tyler Estate as well as traditional painting practices at the time, we determined that red would best pay homage to the barn's history.”

There is and always has been a much bigger story behind the little green, now red, barn in the valley.

Spring for Hope

As a concerned healthcare provider and community leader, Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital invites all to share the opportunity to join them in supporting Spring for Hope on Thursday, April 12, at the Don Umerly Civic Center in Rocky River. This event is dedicated to providing awareness and funding for children with autism, showcasing Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism on the west side.



As the causes, intervention, and treatment of autism are discovered, early intervention using applied behavior analysis (ABA) has proven to be most effective. Insurance coverage for ABA therapy has increased in Ohio, but there are still significant out-of-pocket costs for families, even if they have coverage. Spring for Hope is a fundraiser that makes family assistance programs available to children and their families who have limited or no treatment at all.

Last year, funds from Spring for Hope provided 320 hours of ABA therapy and access to additional resources for families. All recipients made progress in at least one of their targeted areas.

Funds from this year's Spring for Hope will continue to assist families by providing therapy scholarships and contributions to co-payments, which can become costly as most children benefit from multiple sessions per week.

Your organization or family has a great opportunity to become a valuable sponsor. The success of the program is dependent entirely upon philanthropic support from corporations and individuals.

You'll find a letter with more information and sponsorship opportunities along with acknowledgments based on level of support by visiting kammscorners.com. For more information, contact the philanthropic partner of Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital, Community West Foundation, at 440-360-7354.

Ice Cream Year Round? Why Not!



Don't let a case of cabin fever get you down! Bundle up and get out of the house for a bright, cheery change of scenery inside Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Company, offering premium ice cream at affordable prices. Make it a family fun night! You are welcome to play some of the board games on hand at the shop or play your favorite card game with friends and family while enjoying a hot chocolate ice cream float or a hot fudge brownie sundae or any number of refreshing treats – all made on the premises.

It's warm, happy, and inviting inside – and it's THE place to be this winter. Hosting a birthday party? Kids want ice cream regardless of the temperature. Visit kammscornersicecream.com for party options. And, just think! Stopping by for ice cream to go now means you don't have to worry about it melting on the way home. Right? Winter hours vary. Call ahead to 216-417-4382 to schedule a party, a special event, or hear seasonal hours.

Assistance for Seniors and Other West Park Residents

If you are a low to moderate income individual or family, KCDC has referral resources for assistance with a wide range of services. To name just a few:

Senior Assistance Fund: Provides small repair services to seniors for health/safety issues such as grab bars, hand rails, electrical issues, or plumbing problems, as well as exterior repairs such as gutters and downspouts or other housing code violations.

Senior Referral Services: Many programs are available to assist seniors with a host of issues from health related problems, to transportation, to quality-of-life issues.

Low Interest Home Repair Loans: Programs are offered by the City of Cleveland and area non-profit agencies.

Weatherization Programs: If your furnace needs repair or replacement, or you need insulation or weather stripping for drafty doors, there are programs to assist you. Maybe you're just struggling to pay the gas bill.

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These programs and more can be accessed by calling Steve Lorenz at Kamm's Corners Development, 216-252-6559, Ext. 1100.



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Summer Job JumpStart – West Park Youth Job and Community Service Fair

Calling all 14 to 20 year-olds interested in boosting their chances of landing a summer or part-time job. Attend a Job and Service Fair at Gunning Recreation Center, 16700 Puritas Avenue, on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event, presented by Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation and Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) attracts close to 100 youth each year for work readiness workshops, mock interviews, and a chance to meet potential employers.

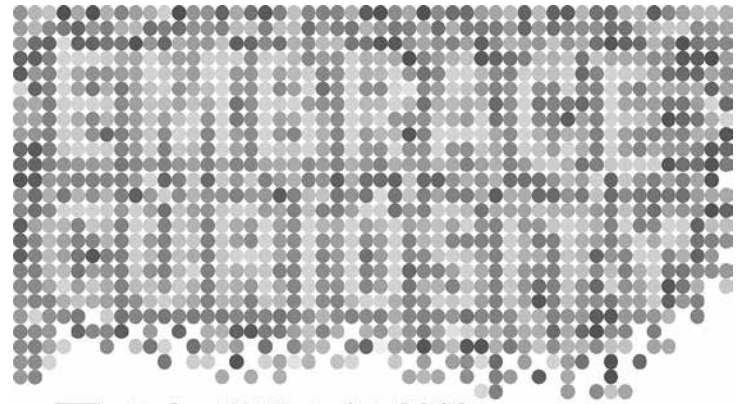
Volunteers are welcome to help with logistics of the day and also to help conduct mock interviews with young people. For more information or to register (including name, age, contact information, and school), contact Vanessa Lange at v.lange@bpdc.org or 216-671-2710 ext. 218 or Ian Heisey at i.heisey@bpdc.org or 216-671-2710 ext. 219 at BPDC.



Plan to get a jump start on summer employment on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gunning Recreation Center.

Cleveland International Film Fest Returns

Don't even try to pick a favorite! Simply feast on as many films as you can at the 42nd Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF). Its marketing campaign, EMBRACE CURIOSITY, speaks toward the inquisitive nature of the festival, its artists, and its more than 100,000 attendees.



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The campaign is designed by the team at Type Twenty Seven and focuses on the idea of curiosity. The CIFF provides unique opportunities for people to explore other cultures and ideas in an effort to challenge and perhaps change the ways we perceive and interact with the world around us.

CIFF42 is expected to include approximately 200 feature films and 200 short subject films, representing close to 70 countries. More than 300 guest filmmakers will be in attendance to share their talent with the festival's audience. Program details will be announced on Friday, March 9 at clevelandfilm.org. Program Guides will be available throughout the area the week of March 12. Tickets will go on sale to CIFF members on Friday, March 16 and to the general public on Friday, March 23.

Tickets are currently on sale for Opening Night, which will take place at Playhouse Square on April 4, presented by Dollar Bank. Opening on April 4, the festival runs through April 15, at Tower City Cinemas downtown and select neighborhood screening locations.

If you are interested in attending the Festival this year, become our Facebook Friend and follow us on Twitter@[KammsCorners](https://twitter.com/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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2017 GardenWalk Cleveland was a Huge Hit!

...by David Horneck

Perfect July weather, a WCPN radio spot with Amy Eddings, and the love of gardens all came together to create the 'perfect storm' for GardenWalk Cleveland (GWC) 2017, which attracted droves of curious garden-lovers for the free, two-day event. Some gardeners recorded upwards of 500+ guests over the course of the weekend! We saw a record number of bike riders touring the gardens as well.

Participating neighborhoods last year were Detroit-Shoreway, North Collinwood, Slavic Village, and West Park. In 2015, West Park featured 22 beautiful gardens on the walk, and last year that number increased to 24. GWC is so appreciative of the kind and wonderful folks who open their private spaces for this event. Cleveland communities really came together! Historically, the busiest gardens are those that are in close proximity to other gardens since people like to park and walk to as many gardens as they can before driving to a new area. That is why GWC encourages participants to reach out to neighbors and block clubs to create a cluster of gardens to view in an area.

Having featured my garden on the walk, I know first hand what a truly rewarding experience it is. Visitors to

my garden were pleasant to talk with, even if they offered only a smile or a "hello." They showed appreciation for the gardeners who opened up their yards to visitors and inquired about the plants and flowers.

Gardens are made for sharing. They bring people and communities together! Think afternoon tea, picnics, weddings, and restaurant patio gardens. As much as I desired to see other gardens and meet other gardeners that day, I couldn't bear to leave my own. I know other gardeners felt the same, so this year GWC is considering splitting the weekend and having some neighborhoods open on Saturday and the others on Sunday. That way all of the participating gardeners have a day to be guests at other gardens.

The neighborhoods chosen each year varies, so West Park may not be on the tour in 2019, but we do know for sure that we will be on this year: Saturday, July 7 and/or Sunday, July 8.

We seek more gardens! If you want to participate, check out last year's map online at gardenwalkcleveland.org to see whether there is a garden near you. Or start your own cluster by getting your friends and neighbors involved. Email me at: dhorneck1@gmail.com or call 216-543-4277 with questions. Please consider volunteering and donating! This is a free public event, but it still takes many thousands of dollars to produce. Thank you in advance.

Happy gardening!



Citizen Police Academy Starts April 14

Have you ever wanted to ride along with the police or go to the police firing range? If so, here's your chance! The Cleveland Division of Police will conduct a Citizen Police Academy beginning Wednesday, April 4.

The seven-week information course, sponsored by the City of Cleveland, meets weekly from 6 to 9 p.m. and is designed to provide insights into the nature of police work. Don't delay! Class size is limited to 25.



A Citizen Police Academy starts on Wednesday, April 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the KCDC Building, 17407 Lorain Avenue, Suite 200A. Pictured here is the class of 2015.

Officer Tim Riley will conduct the classes in our Community Room on the second floor of 17407 Lorain Avenue for five consecutive Wednesdays beginning April 4. The final two classes will be off site.

Successful completion of the course makes participants eligible for a police ride-along to witness police work in action. Apply by calling Officer Riley at 216-623-3335. Or email your request to triley@city.cleveland.oh.us.

Save the Date for a Fun Run/Walk!

The 2018 Run Puritas 5K and 1-mile Fun Run/Walk is set for Saturday, May 5, at Christ Lutheran Church, 13812 Bellaire Avenue.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. The 1-mile race begins at 8:30 a.m. The 5K begins at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Veronica Favela at 216-671-2710, ext. 216 or v.favela@bpd.org.

Join in the St. Patrick's Day Festivities Here



As always, Kamm's Corners is THE place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! From the early morning Irish breakfasts to live bands performing into the night, you can find some of the best Irish food in Cleveland in our pubs and restaurants both before AND after downtown Cleveland's 175th Anniversary St. Patrick's Day Parade. Yes, Clevelanders have been gathering to celebrate St. Patrick's Day since 1842! This year, the parade falls on a Saturday, and starts at 1:04 p.m. at the intersection of Superior Avenue and East 18th Street and travels southwest to East 3rd Street, turning right onto Rockwell Avenue.

Remember to "go green" in more ways than one by leaving your car at home. Take public transit and walk to our fine establishments. If you must drive within Kamm's Corners, please park in the municipal parking lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue or at specially designated areas. Cars will be towed from Kamms Plaza by Marc's if their drivers are not shopping at Marc's. Stay safe!

Here are great places to try:

West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Avenue, opens at 6 a.m. for an Irish breakfast. There you'll find an Irish menu and Irish drink specials offered throughout the day. Enjoy step dancers, bagpipers, a DJ, face painters, and much, much more. Try the fried Reuben wraps and Aunt Kathy's famous soda bread. The patio will be open and heated all day.

The **Red Lantern Kitchen & Bar** in Kamms Plaza, 17446 Lorain Avenue, opens at 10 a.m. The menu features specials such as Rueben tater tots, corned beef hash, Irish breakfast sandwich, Rueben sandwich, corned beef sandwich, corned beef and cabbage. Live music with Austin Walkin' Cane from noon until 2 p.m.

At **The Public House**, 17219 Lorain Avenue, feast on the corned beef dinner special or sandwiches all day, starting at 8 a.m. Plan to visit Survivor's Day – the day after – for New Barleycorn.

Smedley's Bar and Grill, 17004 Lorain Avenue, offers a band in the evening as well as corned beef all day, starting at 8 a.m. Bagpipe players will be stopping by.

P.J. McIntyre's Irish Pub, 17119 Lorain Avenue, opens at 7 a.m. for an all day Irish breakfast until 11 a.m. The first 100 people through the doors get a free 10-year anniversary St. Patrick's Day t-shirt. Bagpipers perform. Mary's Lane starts playing at noon. Take a chance on winning a free trip to Ireland by purchasing a Guinness or Miller Lite now through March 18. Ask your server for details.

Hatfield's Goode Grub, 16700 Lorain Avenue, puts a new spin on an Irish meal with hickory smoked corned beef that day and every day! Try their version of corned beef and cabbage plus garlic potatoes for something deliciously different.

Local Lenten Fish Fries Abound Here

The season of Lent began on Wednesday, February 14. It's a time many people fast and give up meat on Fridays. As a result, there are a variety of local Friday fish fries and meatless offerings in West Park. Here are a few options:

- AMP 150, 4277 West 150th Street, 216-706-8787
- Back Stage Bar, 17007 Lorain Avenue, 216-671-5483
- Dante's Pizza, 4176 Rocky River Drive, 216-251-0744
- Gene's Place, 3730 Rocky River Drive, 216-252-1741
- Hatfield's Goode Grub, 16700 Lorain Avenue, 440-263-5221
- K&K Portage Market, 3364-A Warren Road, 216-941-8029
- Our Lady of Angels Church, 3644 Rocky River Drive, 216-252-2332
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- The Public House, 17219 Lorain Avenue, 216-252-6608
- Red Lantern Kitchen & Bar, 17446 Lorain Avenue, 216-331-1458
- Saint Mark Church, 15800 Montrose Avenue, 216-226-7577 (March 2)
- Saint Mary Romanian Church, 3256 Warren Road, 216-941-5550
- Seven Seas Seafood, 15725 Lorain Avenue, 216-941-1359
- Smedley's Bar & Grille, 17004 Lorain Avenue, 216-941-0124
- VFW Hall, 3791 West 150th Street, 216-671-5849
- West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Avenue, 216-476-2000



Above: Crispy fish fry dinner from the VFW Hall, 3791 West 150th Street.
Below: Classic Public House perch platter.

Biz Bits

...by Ben Campbell

With assistance from the City of Cleveland's Storefront Renovation Program, Hatfield's Goode Grub, the restaurant at 16700 Lorain Avenue, has a new sign that matches the graphic design on their food truck.

The installation of landscaping in the new planter beds – most likely to occur in the spring – will mark the completion of the Storefront Renovation Program project at the HKM Building at 15708 Lorain Avenue. The new owner of the property has thoroughly renovated the building, inside and out, and has already leased one of the two storefronts.

Staff of Kamm's Corners Development Corporation (KCDC) is working with City Storefront Renovation Program staff and the owners of the Triumph Motorcycle flagship store proposed for 15101 Lorain Avenue. The opening of the store will require substantial rehabilitation of the building interior and a facelift of the building exterior with new signage.

Now that the new sign has been installed at the main entrance to the parking lot on Albers Avenue, KCDC has completed the final phase of improvements funded by a grant from Cuyahoga County. KCDC coordinated the project to make improvements and enhancements to 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.

The improvements included the removal of four trees, tree trimming, weed and shrub removal, and new top soil with grass seed. In addition, the project included the construction of a new storage shed for the Kamm's

Corners Farmers Market, KASID, and the installation of wall sconce light fixtures along the public walkway between Back Stage Bar and Walgreens.

For those of you who may have missed it, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches has opened at 17510 Lorain Avenue (immediately west of Marc's). Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. Call 216-688-0500.



New signage was installed at the main parking lot entrance on Albers Avenue.



A new shed stands ready for Kamm's Corners Farmers Market and maintenance equipment.

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The registration deadline is April 21, and is open to Cleveland and Lakewood residents. Register online at lakewoodrecreation.com, over the telephone at 216-529-4082, or in person at the Lakewood Recreation Department, 14100 Franklin Avenue, at the corner of Bunts Road and Franklin Boulevard. Parking is available off Bunts Road, alongside the building. The entrance is marked by the large purple flags.

Anyone who wants to be placed on the same team as a friend should state that when registering. For more information, contact Rick Wallenhorst at 216-529-4082 or richard.wallenhorst@lakewoodcityschools.org.



Our Lady of Angels School Helps the Homeless

The good work of children helping others just tugs at our hearts in indescribable ways. Thank you to Our Lady of Angels School students for collecting 878 pairs of socks to help our homeless neighbors.

The collection drive took place during Catholic Schools Week, and students of all grades came together in this joint service project to support the SocksPLUS Program. Everyone really got on board and donated what they could and the end result was just fantastic. It was Mrs. Wilson's 2nd grade class that collected the most items: an impressive 130! The winning class was excited to learn that they are being treated to a pizza party celebration courtesy of West Park Station restaurant.

This is the school's second year of support of the SocksPLUS program, and it's clear the students' faith and compassion for others are actively practiced. The program thanks Our Lady of Angels School for a job well done.

Special thanks to the volunteers who helped transport the items that will be distributed immediately to homeless men, women, and children with the help of Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH). Socks are the number one requested item by the homeless, so there is always a need for them in any size. To see how you can help, visit communitywestfoundation.org.



Mrs. Wilson's 2nd grade class collected the most items: 130!

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Summer Baseball Registration is Underway

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West Denison Baseball

Operating our summer concession stand at Asphalt Cinema, West Denison Baseball is a non-profit community organization run solely by volunteers. They offer a full summer of athletic activity which includes, tee ball for boys and girls ages 4 to 6, baseball for boys and fast pitch softball for girls ages 7 to 18 and a slow pitch softball program designed for children and adults with developmental disabilities.



Their season runs on weeknights during the months of May, June, July, and early August, with all games generally beginning at 6 p.m. The month of May is reserved for practices and practice games, with regular season play scheduled to begin the Tuesday after Memorial Day through July. League play-offs are scheduled during the last week of July and the first week of August. The majority of their youth leagues schedule two games per week, with the tee ball and special needs programs playing a lesser schedule.

The West Denison Baseball League began in 1955 when a few men organized a team of 28 boys who played alternately in whatever pickup games they could schedule. A group of fathers realized they had hit on something and in 1956 voted to organize a league structure of four teams. West Denison was underway.

For more information, email west_denison@yahoo.com.



Tri-League

Another option for youth baseball and softball in West Park is Tri-League, with an office at 4462 West 130th Street. Office hours are Wednesday

from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The league accepts youth ages 4 to 18. They offer a full summer of athletic activity which includes, tee ball for boys and girls ages 4 to 6; coach pitch baseball for boys 7 and 8 and for girls 7 to 9; softball for girls ages 10 to 18; baseball for boys 9 to 18.

There is an adult league for anyone 18 and over with no age restrictions. This is a fun way for adults to help get in shape during the summer months!

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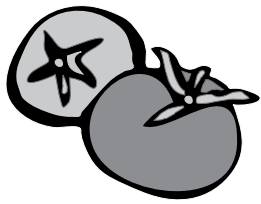
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This summer, drive or walk over to Kamm's Corners Farmers Market to feast on the sights, sounds, and camaraderie taking place every Sunday from mid June through mid October. Different from grocery store shopping, the farmers market shopping experience engages all your senses, your intellect, and your heart. There, food is a bridge to meeting other people in the neighborhood and a way to explore new produce options. Try an unfamiliar vegetable. Get tips on its preparation from the farmer who grows it, too.

Not only will you find new potatoes, sweet corn, peaches, and blueberries at their freshest, but also a variety of meats, cheeses, bakery, and goods produced locally. Other features include at least one artist and a wide variety of

live musical performances such as jazz, rock, pop, bluegrass, folk, and classical. And, catch the chef demo that takes place starting at 11:30 a.m. It's a great chance to learn a trick or two on cooking a delicious dish, often with produce available at the market.

If you do some of your shopping with an Ohio Direction Card, you can double your purchasing power at our market! Each week, you can get up to an extra \$10 in shopping dollars to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables just by using your card to shop!

Be sure to visit the market every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting on Sunday, June 10. It sets up in the municipal parking lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue, behind Walgreens. Make shopping at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market your Sunday tradition on the corner of fresh and fun.

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.

We Need Volunteers!

Join us! Volunteer on Sundays with a group of fun people who are passionate about our community and the award-winning Kamm's Corners Farmers Market. Training and community service hours are provided if needed. You'll have first access to local fresh foods, too! Any level of volunteer commitment is welcome.

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Wine in the Holidays Recap

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The SocksPLUS initiative is a source of great encouragement and it is remarkable to witness the generosity of this wonderful community. Over 150 "Tribes" of individuals, churches, clubs, schools, and businesses have joined this movement which has raised over a half million dollars in monetary and in kind donations for our homeless neighbors.

Community West Foundation places the health and well being of our community above all else and hope you will join in the efforts to help the least fortunate among us. The need is urgent and ongoing in our community. The winter months are the most extreme, both in terms of the weather conditions and the growing needs. Every dollar you give through the SocksPLUS initiative can also bring hats, gloves and more to the homeless.

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Coming Events at the West Park Family YMCA

Movie Night (Pajamas, Punch, Popcorn!) happens on Friday March 9, at 7 p.m. See the movie, Space Jam, in the gym. Wear your pajamas and bring pillows or blankets to keep yourself comfy. Free for full members. Program Members \$5/family. Community Members \$10/family.

Youth Soccer and Youth Baseball League: Registration deadline is Monday, March 5 for the 10-week session. (One game and one practice per week.)

Coffee with The Cops on Thursday, March 8, at 11:45 a.m. Cleveland Police officers will talk about safety and answer questions from residents. All are welcome. Snacks and coffee will be provided.

Spring Men's Adult Basketball League: Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 11. League play begins on Wednesday, April 18. There will be 8 to 10 games per session. Games take place Wednesday evenings (7 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 8:40 p.m., or 9:30 p.m.) Cost is \$250 per team and \$34 per game official fees.

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Back in November 2015, county voters overwhelmingly supported Issue 8, the penny-and-a-half tax and revenue source for CAC. The renewed tax provided ten additional years to invest in local arts and culture.

KCDC is pleased to be among the groups being funded in 2018. 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 \$1.9 million in grants went to 184 Cuyahoga County non-profits to support thousands of arts and cultural experiences in 2017.

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 12, and continues weekly throughout the summer at our Kamm’s Corners Farmers Markets every Sunday from June through October. And our monthly Asphalt Cinema in Impett Park features an art component on the third Friday in June, July, and August, where children color or create images from the featured film or design an image of their own.

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Edmond Blades, MD

Get a Colonoscopy

The American College of Gastroenterology recommends a first colonoscopy, or colorectal cancer screening, at age 50, or sooner if you have a family history of colorectal cancer, precancerous polyps, or inflammatory bowel disease. African-American patients are advised to begin average risk screening at age 45.

“Many people are nervous about having a colonoscopy because of the prep needed to clean the colon, or they are worried about being uncomfortable during the exam,” adds Dr. Blades. “Bowel prep medications have changed for the better – there’s less to drink, and the taste of the ‘drink’ has improved.”



During the procedure, patients are relaxed by conscious sedation or a “twilight” sleep, and a colonoscope (a long, flexible instrument about one-half inch in diameter) is inserted and advanced through the large intestine. As the scope is withdrawn, the entire lining of the colon and rectum is carefully inspected and polyps are removed. The procedure takes about 20 to 30 minutes.

“Although most people have no obvious symptoms, about one in five people over the age of 50 have a polyp growing inside them. If they have a colonoscopy, the polyp can usually be removed and almost eliminate their risk of getting cancer from that polyp,” explains Dr. Blades.

While it’s possible to have colorectal cancer and not know it, there are signs that should prompt a visit to your physician for further evaluation: blood in the stool, weight loss, changes in bowel movements, or the appearance of the stool.

Reduce Your Risk

You can also help lower your risk by making sensible lifestyle choices.

The most important thing you can do is stop smoking.

Eat a healthy diet. Limit your servings of red meat, like beef, and choose fish or chicken instead. Increase your intake of fiber, and fruits and vegetables. And try not to have more than one alcoholic drink per day.

“Maintain a healthy weight and stay active,” advises Dr. Blades. “Twenty minutes of medium-level exercise daily can reduce your risk as much as 25 to 50 percent. A brisk walk, a slow bike ride, and gardening are good activities.”

Treatment Options

Tremendous strides have been made in treating colorectal cancer.

In most cases, colorectal cancer is treated with surgery to remove the part of the bowel that contains the cancer. Minimally invasive surgery may be performed laparoscopically with small incisions, and often does

not require an ostomy bag following the procedure.

Chemotherapy and radiation treatment may also be necessary.

“Most patients who develop colorectal cancer have no obvious symptoms or risk factors,” says Dr. Blades. “That’s why screening is so important and can possibly save your life.”

To schedule a colonoscopy or an appointment with Dr. Blades, call 216-444-7000. To schedule an appointment with a Cleveland Clinic colorectal cancer specialist, call 216-444-HOPE.

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Vocational Guidance Services Opens New Location

New to the KCDC Building is a branch of Vocational Guidance Services (VGS). VGS' mission is "Preparing People with Barriers to Employment for a Brighter Future." This highly acclaimed, successful, private, not-for-profit vocational rehabilitation agency has more than 128 years of dedicated experience serving individuals with disabilities or other barriers to employment.

Every year, VGS provides a comprehensive range of vocational rehabilitation services as well as paid "earning while learning" work opportunities to more than 3,600 individuals with physical disabilities, mental disabilities, a history of incarceration, or other barriers to employment. All VGS services are provided at no cost to the individual.

VGS' services reflect a person-centered approach that is responsive to the needs, desires, and expectations of those served.

VGS measures each person's strengths and helps them discover the competencies they need in order to accomplish their employment goals. This process includes Work Evaluation, Work Adjustment, Skills Training, Specialized Services, Job Placement, Retention Services, and Job Coaching.

Individuals from all avenues of life are referred to VGS to obtain services that will enhance their existing abilities, help them to develop new skills, and set achievable goals on the path to their brighter futures. One way this is accomplished is through VGS' "earning while learning" work opportunities; every week these opportunities enable 1,000 individuals to overcome their barriers to employment and earn a paycheck.

VGS was one of the first organizations to receive accreditation by CARF International, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. VGS recently received its 17th consecutive accreditation which extends to August 2018. VGS is also registered as a Proprietary School



in the State of Ohio (State Board Proprietary School Registration Certification # 79-10-0671T).

The primary VGS' service offered at 17401 Lorain Avenue is "Day Services for Senior Citizens with Developmental Disabilities."

VGS' Senior Program provides opportunities for older adults with developmental disabilities to remain active in and connected to their community. The seniors enjoy visiting the Golden Age Center located in the Gunning Park Recreational Center for coffee, exercise, crafts, and fellowship.

The Vocational Guidance Services chapter of the Red Hat Society also promotes social interaction and volunteerism. With regular trips to Freeway Lanes for bowling and on-site Tai Chi instruction with Grey Dragon, participants build their stamina and improve their balance.

The most popular community trips include lunch at George's Restaurant, selecting movies at the Lakewood Public Library, and shopping for bingo prizes, serving the dual purpose of getting outdoors and into the community while practicing social, decision-making, and budgeting skills.

The VGS main West Side location is at 13102 Triskett Road. The vocational rehabilitation services offered at this location include:

- Work Evaluation
- Work Adjustment
- Skills Training
- Placement
- Work and Life Skills

"Earning while Learning" work opportunities offered at this location include:

- Custodial
- Packaging and Assembly

For more information about any of VGS' programs or to volunteer, please call: 216-476-3020 or check them out at vgsjob.org.

Fun at the Cleveland Public Library's West Park Branch

The following fun and engaging activities and programs are available at the West Park Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 3805 West 157th Street, for March through May.

Children/Teen Programs:

Story times:

Every Tuesday morning March 5 – April 24

Bouncing Babies!

(Birth to 18 months): 10:30 a.m.

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(18 months to 3 years): 11:30 a.m.

Art Therapy:

March 6 – May 3

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Utilizes art media and processes to help tween and teen individuals focus on communication, cooperation with adults and peers, and appropriate social interaction

Kids Cafe:

March – May

After school meals courtesy of the Cleveland Food Bank

Monday-Friday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Other Activities:

Thursday, March 15: Celebrate St. Patrick's Day 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 19: Bring Out the Poet in You 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 10: Mom's Day 4:30 p.m.

Adults:

Page Turner Book Discussion Club:

Every second Wednesday of the month

March 14: The Train to Crystal City by Jan Jarboe Russell

April 11: Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

May 9: Orphan #8 by Kim Van Alkemade

CCA Tax Assistance:

Monday, March 12 & Monday, March 26: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11: 1:30-5:30 p.m.

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Free Computer Classes:

Tuesdays in March 5:00 p.m.

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The Marquard Shrine on Rocky River Drive

...by Gary Swilik

The 108-year-old Monastery of Poor Clares, at 3501 Rocky River Drive, sits on a beautiful lawn surrounded by shade trees. At the southwest corner of the yard, closer to the street, is a pavilion containing a painted statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. The roof of the shelter is supported by eight carved wooden pillars.

This graceful shrine originally stood almost a mile away on the grounds of the Marquard Mansion at 3260 Warren Road, the home of local builder Philip Marquard. When he passed away in 1942, it was donated to the monastery. The shrine was altered after it was moved. Originally it included only four columns and was partially enclosed by a wall.

“The Poor Clares was a favorite charity of my grandfather,” says Philip’s grandson Thomas A. Marquard of Dearborn, Michigan. “The shrine on Rocky River Drive is the same one that stood in his yard on Warren Road. The house and grounds had many religious statues, shrines, and artwork. Most of the large pieces were donated to various churches.”

The origin of the shrine is common knowledge to the nuns who live at the monastery. “The Marquard family was an early benefactor and friend of our community,” Sister Therese told the author.

The Marquard shrine, an architectural treasure, has found a safe home with the Poor Clares. Meanwhile, the future of the Marquard Mansion on Warren Road, one of the most historically significant sites in West Park, is in the hands of St. Mary’s Romanian Church which bought the property in 2009.



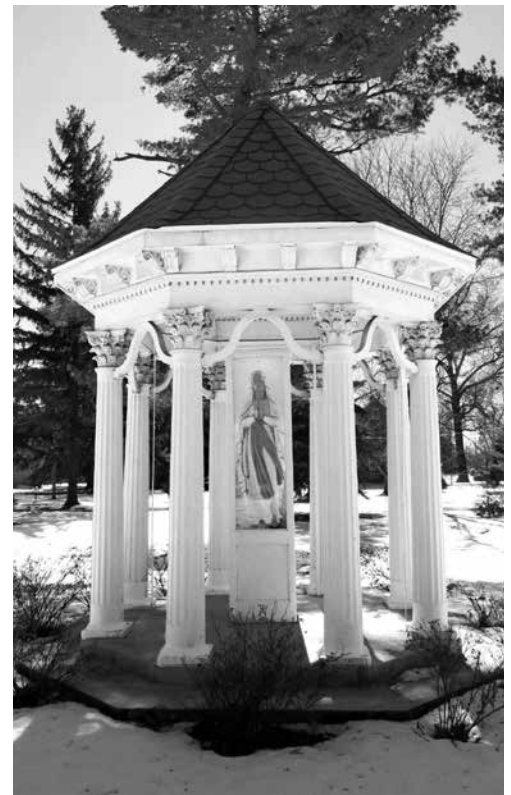
The Marquard shrine at the Monastery of Poor Clares on Rocky River Drive. Photo 2014.



The shrine at its original location at the Marquard Mansion on Warren Road. Collection of Vincent L. Marquard, Sr.



The shrine originally stood in the yard here – at the Marquard Mansion on Warren Road. Photo November 1, 2017.



The Marquard shrine as it looks today. Photo February 22, 2014.



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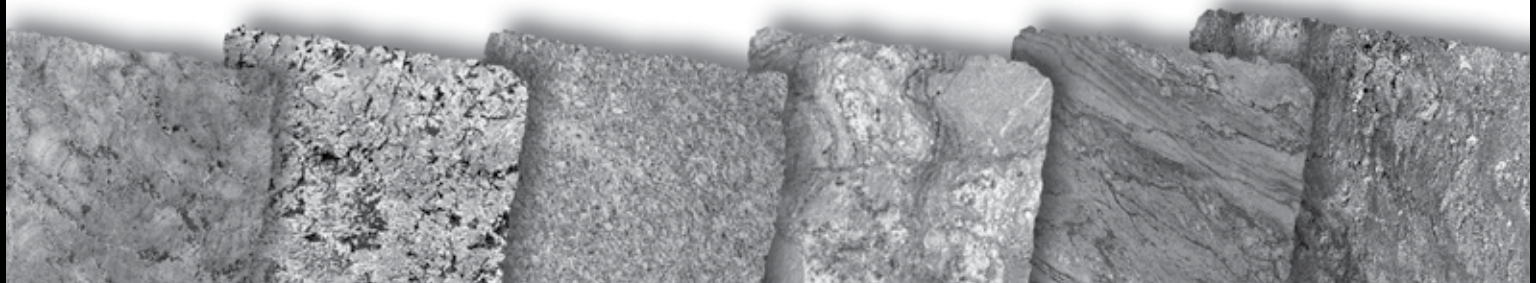


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Celebrity Judges Award Brothers Pizza First Place in Bake-Off

The Fourth Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off was held on Monday, January 22, at Saint Patrick West Park Church. A stream of people sampled all they could eat pizza from the eight participating pizza shops – Athens, Bella, Brothers, Happy’s, Patino’s, Pizza Fan, Romeo’s, and Upper Crust. The large crowd consumed well over 200 half-sheet pizza of all types, and cast more than 400 votes in total for West Park’s Best Pizza – People’s Choice.

The winners of the People’s Choice awards were: First Place to Athens Pizzeria, Second Place to Brothers Pizza, and Third Place to Upper Crust Pizza Ohio. Patty Harken, FOX 8 in the Morning, Carmen Angelo, WTAM News Radio 1100, and Ross Keller, owner of Italian Creations in Lakewood, were the celebrity judges of West Park’s Best Pizza. They awarded First Place to Brothers Pizza, Second Place to Athens Pizzeria, and Third Place to Bella.

“We were extremely pleased with this year’s pizza bake-off, which included three new strong participants: Happy’s, Pizza Fan, and Upper Crust. That really boosted the competition,” said Jeff Quinn from Saint Patrick Holy Name Society, the event organizer. He said that there was only a two-point difference between first and third place in West Park’s Best Pizza celebrity judging. In fact, they had to do two tie breakers: one for first and second place, and the other for third and fourth place.”

Jeff added, “West Park continues to amaze me! The businesses and the residents are so supportive of this and other events we have here at Saint Patrick’s! I sincerely thank all of the pizza shops and those who attended this year.”

Next year they are looking into moving the event to the MLK Day Monday holiday to make it easier for families to attend. Either way, it will be held in January. The Holy Name Society is also working on having a food truck and wing event this summer. Updates will be available in our e-newsletter. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact the organizers on Facebook @ West Park Pizza Bake-Off.

Teen Summer Arts Jobs

Cleveland Public Theater (CPT) is calling all teens to participate in their Student Theatre Enrichment Program (STEP). Be an actor or designer! Get paid for doing art and make a difference! This is an arts-based job training program that engages Cleveland area teens from low income families.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, March 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, March 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. Teens are to attend only one audition and will stay all three hours. Dates and times are subject to change.

To audition, applicants must:

- Be 14-20 years old Cuyahoga County residents
- Show an interest in acting, rapping, dancing, singing, writing, or designing
- Perform a one-minute piece (dance, monologue, or song)
- RSVP by calling 216-631-2727 x 219 to Adam Seeholzer
- Leave their name, phone number, and preferred audition date

STEP is a Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) Worksite associated with their Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). Register for Y.O.U. at youthopportunities.org. Registration for Y.O.U. is not required but is recommended.

In addition, Ohio Temporary Cash Assistance for Needy Families in Ohio (TANF) qualified teens are eligible for Y.O.U. SYEP.



CPT's "And Yet We Shine" 2017 STEP Show at CMHA's Riverside Park Photo by Steve Wagner.



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Keep Warm and Safe with Top 10 Cold Weather Tips from the Red Cross

As temperatures remain low this winter, the American Red Cross offers ten steps people should take to stay safe during the cold weather.

1. Layer up! Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.

2. Don't forget your furry friends. Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.

3. Remember the three feet rule. If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away - things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains, or rugs.

4. Requires supervision - Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.

5. Don't catch fire! If you are using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.

6. Protect your pipes. Run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent your pipes from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.

7. Better safe than sorry. Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night. Your heating bill may be a little higher, but you could avoid a costlier repair job if your pipes freeze and burst.

8. The kitchen is for cooking. Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.

9. Use generators outside. Never operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage.

10. Knowledge is power. Don't hook a generator up to the home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.

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Promoting A Cleaner, Greener West Park

...by Rick Hamilton

Help to make West Park a strong supporter of the Cleveland Climate Action Plan (CCAP) in the months ahead. One way is to join the workshop being held on Health, Community, and Climate Action on Wednesday, March 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the West Park Historical Society, 17401 Lorain Avenue. (See article on page 29.)



In addition, there are steps you can take personally. Did you know that Ohio ranks

sixth nationally for the total amount of energy we use and third nationally for the amount of pollution we emit when generating electricity? Whether it's in our home or business, energy efficiency and conservation are often the most cost-effective approaches for reducing emissions and energy costs.

Remember, you can purchase renewable energy through aggregation (clevelandenergysaver.com/city-of-cleveland-aggregation-opt-out) and bring down both cost and emissions.

With spring just ahead of us, it's time to think about composting the leaves that couldn't be picked up due to snow. Composting organic material keeps it away from landfills thus reducing City of Cleveland disposal costs.

Nationally, the U.S. exports about one-third of its recycling and nearly half goes to China. For decades, China has used recyclables from around the world to supply its manufacturing boom. But last summer, China declared that this "foreign waste" includes too many non-recyclable materials that are "dirty," and even "hazardous." In a filing with the World Trade Organization, the country listed 24 kinds of solid wastes it would ban. That is leaving U.S. recycling companies scrambling to adapt.

Cleveland Waste Recycling may be challenged as a result. Take time to review city recycling guidelines to better understand what materials can be recycled. Do not bag recyclables for curbside pickup. That creates an extra step for recycling center workers. Just put them loose in the blue bin. The city is dependent on selling clean recyclables.

And finally, as we move closer to spring and summer, lower your water bills by installing a rain barrel or rain garden. This can result in a flat reduction of 25% in your bill (www.neorsd.org/about).

Did you know that our extensive West Park tree canopy puts us near the top of the Cleveland's greenest neighborhood? Let's work to make our great neighborhood even cleaner and greener.

CCAP details are available at: tinyurl.com/y82rypks.

Keep in Touch with Your Neighbors Through NextDoor.com

A helpful website for keeping neighbors abreast of issues and events is nextdoor.com. This private social networking site is useful for a host of items from lost dogs to petty crimes, or garage sales. It can be particularly useful for staying in touch with people in your immediate vicinity during the winter months when people don't see each other as often. More than 167,000 neighborhoods across the country use Nextdoor, with 1,300 of your West Park neighbors already using this site.

Only those who are verified as neighbors may join. To find your neighborhood on Nextdoor, enter your street address and email address at nextdoor.com.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT!

Reverend Michael Dennis Scheer



Meet the new pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School, 4260 Rocky River Drive. Appointed in July of 2017, Reverend Scheer most recently served as Director of Church Relations for Concordia University in Portland, Oregon. Originally from North Olmsted and a graduate of North Olmsted High School, he taught school physics and mathematics prior to pursuing and being awarded a Master of Divinity Degree in 2002.

His first assignment was at All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center in Slippery Rock, PA, where he served for almost 14 years as a "town-gown" pastor, meaning his work included both congregational and campus ministries.

His wife Heidi Marie grew up in West Park near Impett Park and graduated from Saint Joseph

Academy. This new assignment is a happy return home after 20 years living elsewhere. They have three children: two in college and one in high school. In his free time, the reverend enjoys brewing beer and collecting pinball machines and other vintage arcade games. Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. Visit holycrosslife.org or call 216-252-2348 for more information.

Kamm's Calendar

Keep the following dates circled on your social calendars!

The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™

Saturday, May 12

Noon to 8 p.m. Lorain Avenue between Rocky River Drive and West 165th Street.

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market

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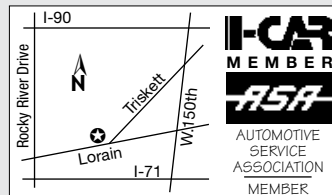
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A series of ten neighborhood workshops will take place at various times and locations throughout the city to connect health, community, and quality of life to climate action. Join your neighbors to develop ideas and connect them with resources for action.



Learn how to fund project ideas and earn up to \$5,000 in support per neighborhood project through the Cleveland Climate Action Fund. The workshops are free, and one is being held on Wednesday, March 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the West Park Historical Society, 17401 Lorain Avenue. Parking is free, and the event is on the first floor of the KCDC Building with easy access. Visit kammscorners.com for details.

Did You Get Your Passport?

Over the winter holidays, six new businesses created a Holiday Passport program to attract shoppers to their establishments. Passports with four or more different stamps were eligible for a drawing in the KCDC offices, presided over by the brainchild of the program: Conor Boylen of 5 Points Coffee & Tea. Also present were Lisa Kay of Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Company, and KCDC Executive Director, Steve Lorenz.

The winners were Mark Adkinson, Barb Boyle, Ashley Christyson, Matthey Hout-Reilly, Lisa Oaksford, Joe Outlaw, Eileen Paskert, Emily Paskert, Tim Paskert, Julie Phillips, Sandy Platt, and Diane Powers.

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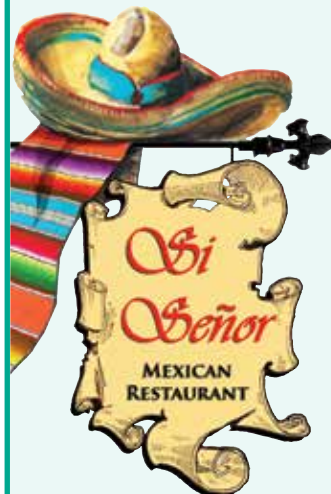
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