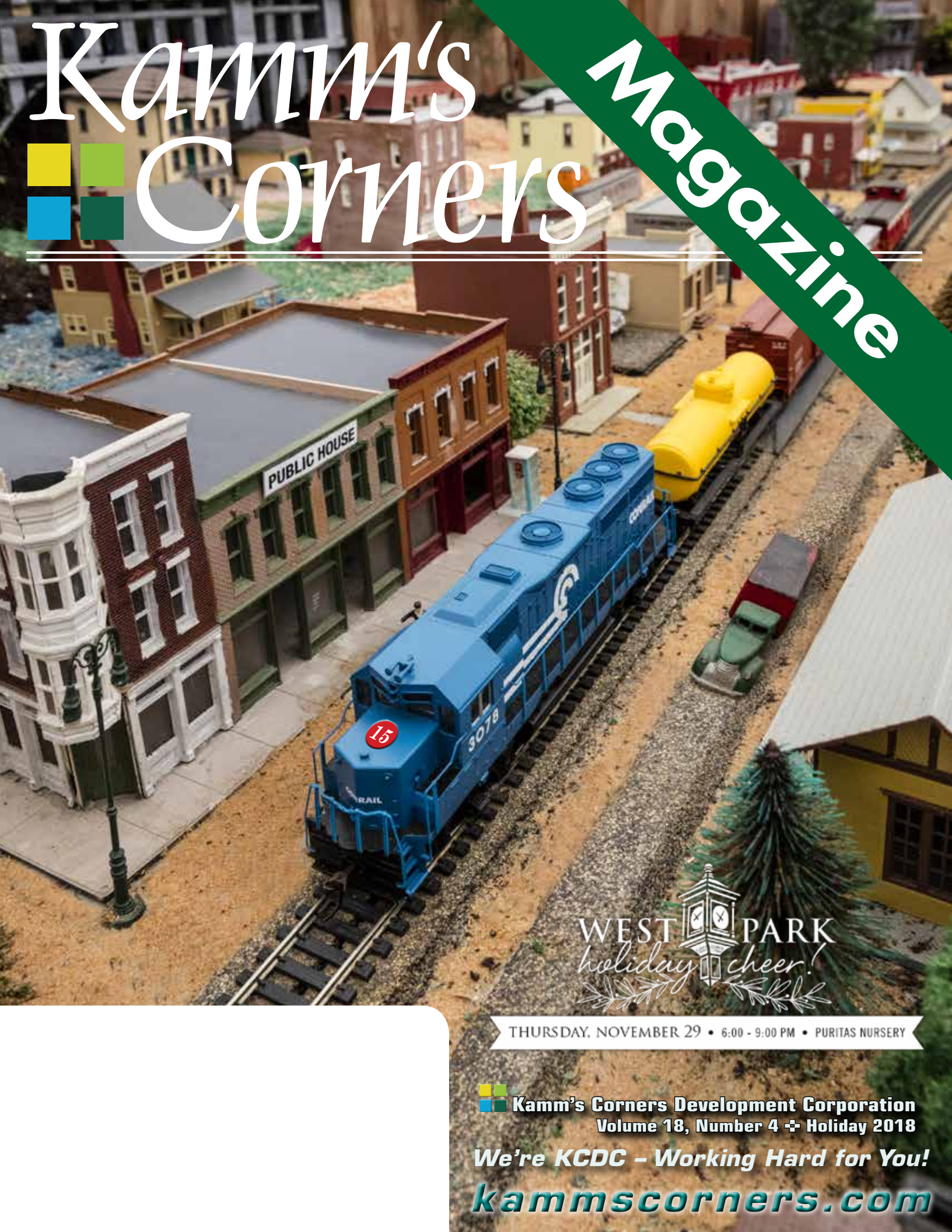



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From the Director

We have had a productive year here at KCDC, but there is so much more to do! Our engaged Board of Trustees and KCDC Staff recently completed a retreat where we reviewed accomplishments, set new directions and goals, and charted a path forward. Stay tuned over the next few months as we refine and advance these initiatives.

The Kamm's Area Special Improvement District (KASID) has been renewed for a 5-year term. This is the result of property owners in our "downtown" agreeing to assess themselves, creating a fund of \$30,000 annually to keep the area clean, maintain the planters, install holiday lighting and banners, clear the snow, and complete other activities that add to the attractiveness and vibrancy of the district. Hats off to these generous property owners!

We had a great season at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, now one of the most "senior" farmers markets in Cleveland. We appreciate the support of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture for supplying the funding to pay our musical artists. Thanks also to our vendors, some of whom have been with us from the beginning. They are the heart of the market. There will be one Holiday Market, detailed in the pages that follow.

We also welcomed several new businesses into the neighborhood, most recently Triumph Cleveland and Two Sons Tattoo. We will continue our efforts to attract new businesses and help current businesses grow and expand. Part of those efforts include being chosen for Cleveland State University's "Capstone Project," a study that will help us look at the best uses for the commercial properties and associated land from the former Kmart east to the rapid tracks. The study will commence in January and will help us guide future development.

The 15th anniversary of our only fundraiser of the year, Wine in the Holidays, is being celebrated with a refresh of the name of the event, now West Park Holiday Cheer. Look for details on page 6, and please join us to support our efforts to advance West Park.

As we move into the holidays, remember your neighbors, especially our seniors, who often experience isolation in the winter. And don't forget to patronize our LOCAL merchants!

Wishing you a safe and meaningful holiday season! As always, let us know how we're doing.

Our cover: Last year's Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains display featured a fanciful Kamm's Corners streetscape complete with an advancing freight train numbered 15 in honor of the fifteenth anniversary of our Wine in the Holidays fundraiser. Now named West Park Holiday Cheer, you can learn more about the event on page 6. Photo by Gary Yasaki, Yasaki Photographic, 216-781-7330.

Steve Lorenz
Executive Director

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Around the Corners

On Thursday, November 29, join your friends and neighbors at **West Park Holiday Cheer**, formerly known as Wine in the Holidays. We celebrate under glass at **Puritas Nursery**, 19201 Puritas Avenue, from 6 to 9 p.m. at our only annual fundraiser. Connect with friends and neighbors while sipping wine, tasting locally brewed and craft beer, and enjoying hearty hors d'oeuvres from the fabulous AMP 150 restaurant. Tickets are \$55. Visit kammcorners.com to purchase, or call 216-252-6559, ext. 1000 with questions. Read details on page 6.

Fairview Hospital held a ribbon cutting event for their new Hybrid Operating Room (OR) on October 11. Surgeries began in the new OR on October 30. A Hybrid OR is a state-of-the-art operating room that allows vascular surgeons to perform surgeries on the entire spectrum of interventions, from accessing arteries with wires and catheters, to standard open vascular procedures. Look for a feature article in our winter issue, coming in February.

During the first weekend of December, **Scout Troop 293** will be holding its annual Fraser Fir Christmas tree sale on the lawn of **Saint Mark Church**, 15800 Montrose Avenue. Dates and hours are Friday, November 30, from 5 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, December 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, December 2, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Trees are fresh cut from North Carolina. All proceeds benefit the troop.

West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Avenue, is holding its annual **Christmas Craft Show** on Saturday, December 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside their restaurant and at **Backstage Bar**, 17007 Lorain Avenue, just east of them. Shoppers are encouraged to enjoy lunch.

Westpark Community Elementary School, 16210 Lorain Avenue, sets up a **Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair** on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. This is a one-stop shop for all your holiday gift needs from beauty to bling and blankets to tasty treats. There will be raffles, too.

Share your favorite Christmas memories as a child living in West

Park at a presentation by the **West Park Historical Society**, 17401 Lorain Avenue. Local historian **Ralph Pffingsten** will lead the discussion on Wednesday, December 5, at 7 p.m. Park behind Citizens Bank and enter through the rear door. The event is free.

Horse-drawn carriage rides are fun for couples and families! Three opportunities are offered for such rides in December, sponsored by **Kamms Plaza**. Queue up at the tower corner of the plaza for a journey around the parking lot, compliments of plaza management. The free rides take place on Friday, December 7, 14, and 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., weather permitting. It's fun for all ages!

Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co. celebrates favorite ice cream flavors, the change of seasons, school sports teams, unity of family, and great friendships. Call 216-417-4382 for details on a sweet birthday party experience at the shop or let them cater your next special event! "Scoop happiness to life," at 3764 Rocky River Drive. Winter hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. See the ad on page 17.

Treat yourself and friends to the annual **Christmas Concert** at **River's Edge**, 3430 Rocky River Drive, on Sunday, December 9, from 2 to 3 p.m. The tickets are \$15 with proceeds benefiting River's Edge and the **Women's Outreach Center**. **Saint Ignatius** and **Saint Edward High School** choruses will be performing with a reception to follow. See the ad on page 31.

Our popular, one time only indoor **Kamm's Corners Farmers Market** returns on Sunday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside the **Cretan Center**, 3853 West 168th Street, directly across from our summer market. Enjoy the bounty of our regular market vendors and more! See all the details in the article on page 14.

The **Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains** return for the 16th consecutive year! Located at 19201 Puritas Avenue, they run daily from November 25 through December 31. See the article on page 7 and the ad on page 24.

Support the **Jack Mulhall Center**, 4395 Rocky River Drive, by attending their **2nd Annual Holiday Party** on Saturday, December 8. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. at **Saint Demetrios Cultural Hall**, 22909 Center Ridge Road. The donation is \$50 per person. See details in the article on page 12.

Winter is in the air, so **5 Points Coffee & Tea**, 3600 West Park Road, has reintroduced its locally handcrafted soups. They currently have a toasted special (ham, cheese, tomato and onion), so a soup lunch combo is available. Cold weather also means hot chocolate weather! Try their Cadbury's drinking chocolate along with Bewleys Irish indulgent white chocolate to keep warm!

Enjoy an inspiring **Christmas concert** in the auditorium of **Saint Joseph Academy**, 3470 Rocky River Drive. All are welcome on Tuesday, December 18, at 7 p.m. The event is free of charge. For more information, call 216-251-6788.

The **2019 West Park Historical Society** calendar is now available for only \$10, featuring photographs of the iconic **Tyler Estate**. See the cover image and ordering details on page 22.

Registration is underway for the January 2019 school semester at **West Park Discovery World**, 3909 Rocky River Drive. Call 216-671-7229 for details or visit discoveryworldwup.com.

On Saturday, December 8, **Santa 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 per adult and \$6 per child. See the ad on page 28.

The **West Park United Church of Christ**, 3909 Rocky River Drive, offers a free community meal on the last Sunday of each month. 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.

Pets enjoy having new toys, so remember them this holiday season by shopping at **Style Mutt**, 3525 Warren Road. Check out their store-wide sales, specials, and gift coupons for goods and also for services like grooming. Did you know the store delivers? No need to lug heavy bags of dog food! Call 440-409-0454 for information.

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 through December 15.

Stay warm and active at the **West Park Branch** of the **Cleveland Public Library**, 3805 West 157th Street. It offers free entertainment with your library card. Books, CDs, and DVDs are there to borrow and enjoy. Call 216-623-7102 for more information. See a list of activities on page 28.

Our Lady of Angels Credit Union offers financial services to its parishioners and to those of Saint 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 8 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.

Congratulations to our friends at the **Global Ambassadors Language Academy** on receiving a \$493,277 grant from the U.S. Department of Education over a two-year period to support their unique education model and growth. The school is located at 13442 Lorain Avenue. Visit GALACleveland.org for more information.

The **First District Cleveland Police Community Relations** meeting takes place at Saint 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, First District Community Representative**, at 216-664-6634.

If stray cats worry you, 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.

Save the date! Monday, January 21, is set for the **5th Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off**, from 5 to 8 p.m. at **Saint Patrick Church** gym, 4427 Rocky River Drive. Proceeds benefit the church. See the article on page 27.

Are you looking for opportunities to get more involved with the neighborhood? Volunteer with us! Sign up on our website kammscorners.com or call **JD Smith** at 216-252-6559, ext. 1300.

If your organization is hosting an event or community meeting open to the public, let us publicize it in our e-newsletter. It is sent to our 1,900 subscribers on or near the 1st and 15th of every month. Send details to info@kammscorners.com.

Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

News from Ward 17 and City Hall



Dear Neighbor:

Happy Holidays! There have been some great successes and tough times in the neighborhood this year. New businesses opened while a couple of long standing partners moved on. Most important is to appreciate the good we have. Holidays can be a tough time for some. It helps if everyone makes an extra effort to check in on, say hello to, or just be kind to others. It can make a positive difference.

Another election season is behind us! Congratulations to the victors and thanks to all for answering the call to public service. Our system is not perfect. But it is free, and to all those who voted, I say thank you! It is a sacred right bestowed on us by our rich history. Casting a vote is the bedrock of our system of government.

In the neighborhoods, a strong housing market continues. While "For Sale" signs are not my favorites, they indicate a thriving real estate market for people who wish to call West Park home! Safety and schools top the list in discussions with prospective residents and new arrivals. Safe neighborhoods are driven by the people who live here. Taking care of our properties and looking out for our neighbors remains the number one deterrent to criminal activity. Crime does happen. But a good group of neighbors or a strong block watch has a significant positive impact.

We remain in discussions with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District about the future of Valleyview and Douglass MacArthur Schools. Hopefully, we can get the state funding issues resolved and move forward. Yet, our neighborhood remains an attractive location for school choice, whether public or private, parochial or charter. Options are many.

Curbside leaf pick-up has returned to designated areas until the end of the year. Despite recommendations to expand, the service areas remain

the same. Leaf pick-up will occur only after orange signs are posted on a street indicating that it will be serviced the next week. This is not open season to rake leaves from the yard into the street every week. Those leaves will end up in your neighbor's yard, which isn't fair, or down the sewer. Instead, rake leaves onto the tree lawn when notice is provided. Pick-up is weather dependent. Should it snow, you'll have to bag your leaves like the rest of the Ward. The program ends with 2018. Last year, neighbors raked leaves into the street well into February. No one is coming to get those leaves. Please understand, while Council budgets for a curbside program, Council does not choose the streets nor the schedule.

The loss of the Kmart at Lorain and West 150th Street is significant. Their departure should not be interpreted as a bad reflection on our neighborhood nor the City. The same can be said for Fifth Third Bank on Rocky River Drive. All indicators were it was a healthy branch with good numbers and a strong customer base. In both closings, bigger market forces were at play. Our job is to work closely with the property owners to find uses that add value to our neighborhood. All parties agree. We are currently struggling with illegal dumping and an illegal truck stop at Kmart. Through cooperation of ownership and constant support from our First District Police staff, we are taking steps in the right direction. Keeping those lines of communication open will result in positive change for both locations.

At this time of year, I stress the importance of shopping locally! Showcase our retail corridors to friends and family by shopping and dining here. Our small businesses take a chance on us. Let's show them how much we appreciate them. From my family to yours, we wish you a healthy and happy holiday season!

God Bless,

Marty Keane



Join Us for West Park Holiday Cheer!

Bright wonders and the joy of the holiday season take center stage at our 15th annual KCDC fundraising event at Puritas Nursery, 19201 Puritas Avenue. Experience this

historical retail garden center transformed into a party place filled with sparkling lights and hundreds of poinsettias. Formerly known as Wine in the Holidays, the magical event takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, as we kick off the holiday season with West Park Holiday Cheer.

Casual festive attire adds to the atmosphere, so don your holiday sweater, scarf, or other accessories. Enjoy wine and beer at your leisure during an evening of socializing and tasting hearty hors d'oeuvres, sipping wine, and sampling locally brewed and craft beers. Find some new tastes to love, share, and enjoy---all thanks to our presenting sponsor, Fifth Third Bank!

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 medley of delights, from savory to sweet.

As DJ Clint Holley spins holiday tunes, guests may explore the action of 12 train sets traveling on three layouts through the live greenery at this adults-only evening. Saint Joseph Academy students will sing again this year. In addition, a string ensemble from Saint Mark School will perform.

Invite 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. A long sleeve commemorative West Park T-shirt is included in the ticket price!

Participate in the 50/50 raffle or enter to win 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.

Our gratitude to additional sponsors, AMP 150, Only in Clev, Public House, Puritas Nursery, and Working Class Brewery. Proceeds will be used to continue the revitalization of West Park.

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



By popular demand, AMP 150 is catering our fundraiser once again, presenting a cornucopia of tasty bites! There will be something for everyone resulting in our guests clamoring around the appetizer and dessert tables, adding to this memorable event.

Remember AMP 150 when you are looking for a place to host your company's holiday party or are seeking a dining experience a cut above the rest. It is a great place for gathering your favorite people together to enjoy conversation and laughter over delicious food. 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 dishes 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 West Park Holiday Cheer would agree.

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

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Fun for the Entire Family!

Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains Return November 23



The holiday season is upon us, brightened by decorations peeking onto the streets from house windows and adorning front lawns, lighting up our storefronts and public spaces. Twinkling lights, greenery, and yes, even toy trains

add to the festive decor. For 16 years, here in West Park, the sight of trains winding through miniature scenes at Puritas Nursery have delighted kids and kids at heart.

Dale Heyink, proprietor, and his crew of employees and volunteers have put together the finest holiday model train displays in Cleveland. Join the families who visit 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 16th annual holiday train show, which is their most popular event of the year. Twenty model trains of three different sizes roll along 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.

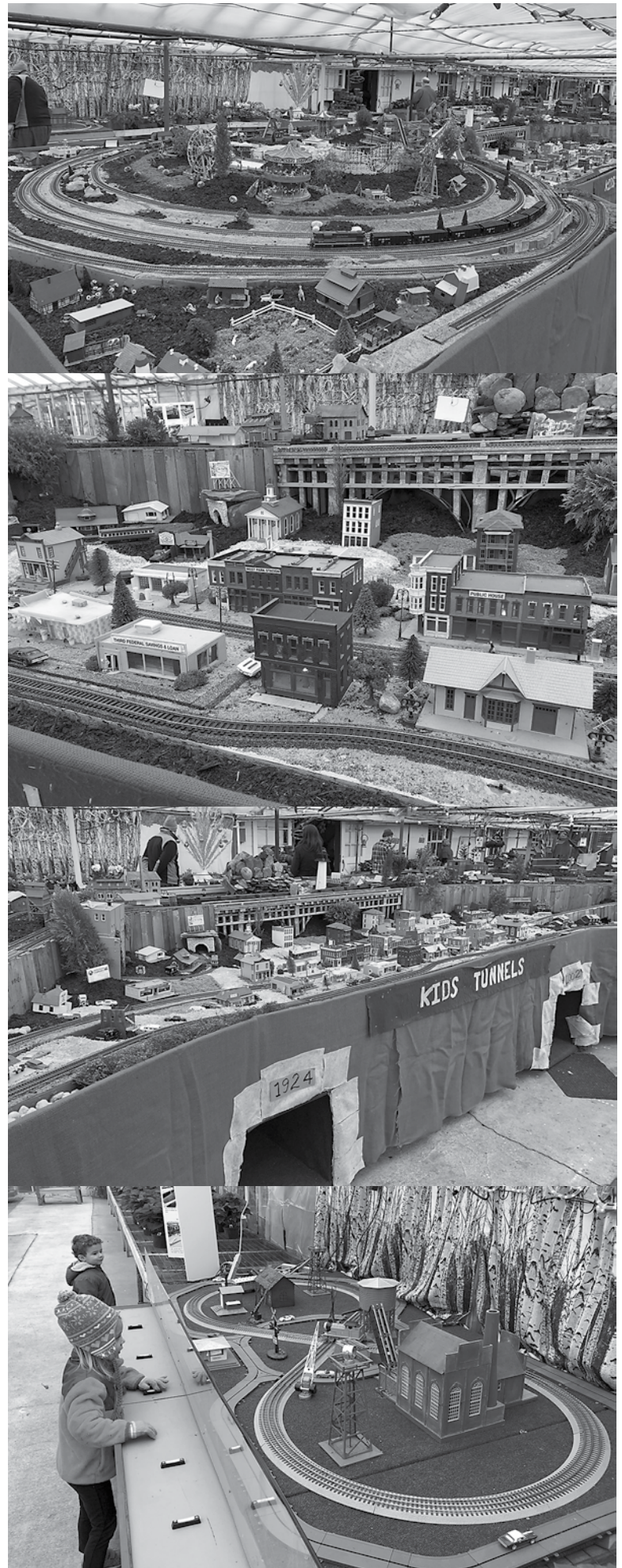
Children may cut through the two carpeted tunnels beneath the display as a shortcut from one side of the layout to the other. The size, extent, and variety of the displays make for great family photos, so cameras are welcome.

The G scale layout features several captivating themed scenes, including Wizard of Oz, Lion King, a circus, Star Wars, and a fairy garden. Note the tiny replica of Kamm's Corners Farmers Market! 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, Dave Powers, and Dave Craven, the Lionel O gauge layout spreads across a 7' x 30' area utilizing six rail loops across rural, urban, and wintry scenes with lots of action for kids to enjoy.

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.

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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New Lighting Brightens Memorial Walkway

On Thursday, November 1, a team of volunteers headed by Jonathan McCafferty of Kichler Lighting installed new lights at the West Park Police and Firefighters Memorial Walkway. Kichler Lighting donated all the materials and designed the lighting installation.



Photo Credit: Aaron Josefczyk, Kichler Lighting.

Contractor Dan Husney of Litescapes by Husney was assisted by Anthony Santurri and Bret Korcykoski of RK Sales in installing a light below each flag.

The work was completed in a driving rain!

Jonathan McCafferty reported, "We put in a new 200-watt transformer and 24 new LED fixtures (full product name 12V LED Accent with VLO). We removed the old fixtures that used 35 watt bulbs, and the new bulbs can be integrated using only 5.5 watts. This is an 85% reduction in energy usage, saving the city money."

The positive response to amateur photos of the new lights on the West Park Neighborhood Facebook page has been overwhelming with 270 likes being posted in 24 hours!

All labor and materials for this installation were donated.

City of Cleveland Reactivates Seasonal Leaf Pick-up Program in Designated Areas

Starting in November and ending December 31, eight leaf vacuum vehicles are being used to pick-up curb side leaves in designated areas. You will know if your street is included by viewing the orange signs that will be posted one week prior to service. Please note! To streamline the process, residents are encouraged to rake leaves from their property onto their 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. If your street is not included or if inclement weather prevents pickup, bag your leaves as usual. Don't just leave them in the street!



NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT!

Conor Boylan Receives Community Service Award



Please join us in congratulating KCDC Board Member Conor Boylan of 5 Points Coffee & Tea for earning Fairview Hospital's 2018 Community Service Award. He was honored by the hospital's president Neil P. Smith, DO at a breakfast meeting on November 8. Since opening in August 2017, his shop was an immediate hit with the neighborhood. In addition, Conor immersed himself in neighborhood affairs with the coffee shop as the hub for many health-focused activities, including:

5 Points Coffee & Tea
3600 West Park Road

- West Park WOW (Walk on Wednesdays). Conor was one of the founding committee members of WOW, which brought community leaders, residents, and merchants together for "walk and learn" around the West Park community. More than 250 residents have participated in the walks.
- The West Park Wheelers bicycling group: Founded at 5 Points Coffee & Tea, cyclists ride 15-20 miles starting at the shop on Saturday mornings. Conor is always among the riders and manages the group's Facebook page.
- Yoga classes: Offered each week, these classes are well attended.

Congratulations, Conor and thanks for all you do for our neighborhood!



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Local Funeral Directors Offer Tips to Prepare for the Inevitable

...by Marilyn Osborne

None of us likes to talk about death or funerals – especially our own! But, at some point, you are going to be exiting this life and will need some sort of funeral or memorial service. Why not make it easier for your family and also guarantee the send-off you want by planning your own ahead of time? Chances are you'll be seeing family over the winter holidays. Why not broach the subject in a light-hearted way? Then, go into deeper planning shortly afterwards.

To plan a funeral, you need to know what happens at one. For advice and to learn what's involved in funerals today, I spoke with four local funeral directors: Dan Chambers of Chambers Funeral Home, Dean Schreiber of Corrigan-Craciun Funeral Home, Sally Donlon Armstrong of Donlon Funeral Home, and David G. Martens, Jr. of David G. Martens & Son Funeral Home.

Learn what's involved

There are three components to a funeral: preparing the body, holding the ceremony, and handling the burial. A range of options are available for each. Do you want embalming or cremation? All of our local funeral directors agreed that cremation is on the rise. Last year, for the first time in America, cremations exceeded traditional burials. "Even older people are choosing cremation," said David Martens. "That's a huge change from what was happening in my dad's day. It is not uncommon to have a one-day viewing followed by cremation and a celebration of life or memorial service."

Plan in advance

A third-generation family operator of Chambers Funeral Home, Dan Chambers said his father and grandfather would be surprised at all the changes. "Back in their day, most people had a two-day wake and then the funeral. Today, it is often all in one

day. People don't go back to the house; they go to a catering facility or return to the funeral home for a reception. We have remodeled the building next to ours (where the Saint Patrick credit union used to be) to hold a reception for 50 people. Our Berea location holds 100 or more. Remember, often times families are coming from out of town and appreciate a meal and time to talk with seldom seen friends and family."

So, will it be a traditional burial with or without embalming. Or will the body be cremated, with or without a viewing first? Will there be a full service at a funeral home, a graveside service, or simply an informal memorial at a restaurant or catering facility? Will there be a burial in the ground or in a tomb? Or will the ashes be scattered someplace meaningful or kept in an urn?

"Sometimes the body is donated to science," said Sally Donlon Armstrong, also a third-generation funeral director. "Even when there is no body to view, a memorial offers comfort and closure. Callers express their love for the deceased, which takes away some of the pain.

A former Baptist minister, Dean Schreiber of Corrigan-Craciun Funeral Home is a relatively new funeral director. He started out helping families planning a funeral ahead of need, which is not uncommon. "Women are more inclined to talk about and plan for funerals. Not men! So, a couple will come in together and sit down to talk about it wisely usually at the urging of the wife," he explained. "After all, premature death does happen! Nobody plans for the accident or stroke."

Talk it over and write it down

All of our funeral directors agreed that planning relieves your loved ones from guessing what you would have wanted. If you don't know the many options available, talk it over with the funeral director of your choice. Then tell your loved ones what sort of funeral you'd like to have and how much you want to spend. Be specific, but realize your family may not be able to deliver on everything you want. "Planning involves all close family members," said David Martens. "This avoids having three children come in with three different ideas on what mom wanted, and not really knowing

because it was never discussed.

How much better for a bereaved widow to be able to state with certainty: "My husband said he always wanted to be buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, and we even purchased side-by-side graves."

Estimate the cost of your funeral

With the traditional funeral and a viewing costing an average of \$7,000, you need to treat this like any other large purchase. Shop around and buy only what you want. "People use the internet to research other alternatives to a traditional funeral to save money," said Dean Schreiber. "But, many times when you think you're cutting corners, you end up finding that you're creating added burdens and stress for yourself because you're not allowing the professionals to step in and help with work they are able to do quickly and efficiently due to practice. The TV and internet make it seem like so many things in life are easier to accomplish than they really are."

What funeral homes provide

All our neighborhood funeral homes have caring professionals doing work behind the scenes so well, so quickly, and so perfectly! This may lead some to conclude that the work is easy. But, a lot has gone on. In a matter of days, the funeral director and staff have walked through 50 to 100 steps to make a funeral happen. These include contacting the minister, singers, organist, the cemetery, and getting permits for burial or cremation. Then there's the runner for the funeral home who has gotten to the doctor's office to have the death certificate signed. All legal documentation has to be completed properly.

For a burial, the order for the burial has to be done making sure the section lot and grave number is selected, the burial clothes, perfect hair like in the photograph, casketing, transportation to the right funeral home – all this takes a group of people working in unison to make it happen.

The staff works very long days! Other services provided are the registration books, personalized prayer cards, and other printed materials. In addition to the photo boards, tribute videos are popular. They're available during the service and may be watched

online at the funeral home's website afterwards in some cases.

Why have a funeral or memorial service at all?

Such events provide surviving family members and friends with a caring, supportive environment in which to recognize the death of a loved one and to share thoughts and feelings about that person. "You can see how others loved your loved one," said Sally Donlon Armstrong. Dan Chambers added, "Taking the time and making the effort to go to a funeral or memorial service makes all the difference to a family in mourning. It beats a sad face emoji and one-line sentiment posted on social media."

The ritual of attending a service provides many benefits including:

- Providing a social support system for the bereaved
- Helping the bereaved understand death is final and part of life
- Integrating the bereaved back into the community
- Easing the transition to a new life after the death of a loved one
- Providing a safe haven for embracing and expressing pain
- Reaffirming one's relationship with the person who died
- Providing a time to say goodbye

Final thoughts

Can you picture a meaningful service for yourself? Let the funeral professionals in West Park walk you through all the steps and options available to you to make your wishes happen. They can share with you all the basics and even provide personalized funeral planning resources. Find out your payment options, too, including how to remove the burden of financial hardship on survivors. Be sure to make your wishes known! Ideally, provide a written record and keep it with your other important documents. Talk it over with your trusted loved ones and tell them how to find it.

Thanks to the following for sharing information about their services and funeral trends...

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West Park Neighbor Night Enters Its Second Year

This high-energy monthly gathering of West Park residents encourages conversations about things that matter to neighbors. The group shares information, nurtures connections, and provides mutual support using a series of practices that are safe and welcoming on the second Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m. at West Park United Church of Christ, 3909 Rocky River Drive. Snacks are provided, and all are welcome. Join a network of West Park neighbors who are making change!

Neighbor Night is an initiative by West Park residents Melanie Sklarz, Danielle Doza, and Valerie Jerome. 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." Come see what it is all about and experience the power of the network. The next two meetings of 2019 will be on January 10 and February 13. Questions? Email Danielle.Doza@gmail.com.



Neighbor Night meetings encourage people to share information and nurture connections.

Saint Joseph Academy Hosts Third Annual Christmas Fair Trade Boutique

Shop for gifts that help people and help the planet at the Third Annual Saint Joseph Academy Christmas Fair Trade Boutique on Thursday, November 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium at Saint Joseph Academy, 3470 Rocky River Drive. Browse various trade items from more than 20 vendors, including artwork by Saint Joseph Academy students and teachers. Other vendors include One World Shop and Sweet Designs.

Among the items for sale are jewelry, soaps, lotions, prints, cards, coffee, tea, homemade candles, high-end handbags, scarves, fruit leathers, knitted apparel, and chocolates.

Admission and ample parking are free of charge. For more information, visit sja1890.org.

The Jack Mulhall Center for Sober Living Helps Men Recover from Substance Abuse

Newly occupying the former convent of Saint Patrick Church, the Jack Mulhall Center for Sober Living is located at 4395 Rocky River Drive. Director Jack Patton discovered the location in 2016 after the building sat vacant for many years. It was in need of renovation, which was completed prior to its opening on September 1, 2018.

The in-house program provides adult men with a key piece in recovery from addiction. Primarily, it provides a structured living environment and services to 40 men who have recently completed detoxification from substance abuse.



*Pat Patton,
Co-Founder and Director*

The goal is to help residents break the cycle of addiction and enable them to become productive members of society.

While in residence, the men participate in a 12-step recovery program as well as gain access to a variety of services including, but not limited to G.E.D. classes, anger management training, parenting skills, life skills, and workforce development.

The center is holding a fundraiser on Saturday, December 8 at Saint Demetrios Cultural Hall, 22909 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Donation is \$50 per person. There will be door prizes, basket raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and sideboards. The dress style is casual. Visit jackmulhallcenter.org for more information or call Pat Patton at 216-548-2249 or Margie Walters at 216-835-6540 for tickets.



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Historic Marquard House Demolished

...by Gary Swilik

In mid-October, the Marquard House at 3260 Warren Road came to the sad end so many feared. The home, well over 120-years-old, was leveled. Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, which owns the property, has plans for the now empty site.

Local builder Phil Marquard bought the home in 1908 when it was merely a farmhouse. Needing more space for his family of 12 children, he steadily remodeled the property until it reached a mansion-like 52 rooms, including a ballroom, chapel, and separate suites for his grown children. The elegant white-painted wood-frame house, surrounded by shade trees, its central entrance flanked by four tall decorative columns, was a landmark on Warren Road.

In its heyday, the surrounding grounds were beautifully landscaped to create a park-like playground with benches, swings, a maypole, and a giant wooden slide where the Marquards gathered for picnics and celebrations.

Phil Marquard's company, Marquard Home Builders, constructed hundreds of homes throughout Cleveland and was one of the primary developers of early West Park. It's been said that if all the homes the Marquard Company built were placed side-by-side they would stretch for eleven miles!

"I own a Marquard-built home," said Mike Kauntz of West 148th Street. "Marked by ornate woodwork and French doors, it exhibits fine craftsmanship. I still have the original windows and don't mind changing the screens and storms every season."

Wealthy but generous, Mr. Marquard donated to the Catholic Church and many local institutions, yet he always preferred his bequests remain anonymous. He passed away at the home in 1942 at age 74. The house was converted into apartments for war workers.

After the war, the Marquard House became a public apartment building known as Manor House Apartments with 17 three-to-five-room suites. It was still home to many renters in the early 2000s. Eventually the property fell into disrepair. It was empty and deteriorating at the time of its demolition.

Many felt a personal connection to the Marquard Home and are heart-broken that it's gone. "I'm disappointed and really down about this," commented West Parker Toni Geib, "I considered the house part of our neighborhood's historic identity."

"So sad," said Kathy Forlini Riley. "All the stories and history that went with that beautiful house and the Marquard family, which built it so many years ago. Even empty, the house was still so grand."

Marquard Family descendants and other groups made a sustained effort to save the house. Competing interests and economics ultimately proved to be an insurmountable challenge. Restoring the home reportedly carried a price tag of over \$800,000. Fortunately, West Park still has many significant historic sites to celebrate.



In 1908, Phillip Marquard bought a farmhouse in West Park and remodeled it into the mansion-like Marquard House, a landmark on Warren Road. Courtesy of the Marquard family. The Marquard House, 3260 Warren Road. Circa 1943.



Marquard House, front entrance on Warren Road. Photo November 2017.

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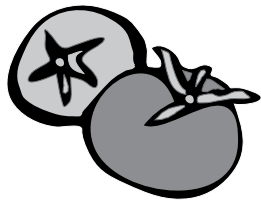
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Get out of the house to enjoy the bounty of our regular market vendors coupled with select artisans, craft makers, community health features, holiday music, and prepared food, too!

This will be our final market of the 2018 season. Below are a few photos from last summer's market to reminisce about the good times. Be sure to check kc-fm.org for the most up-to-date market news.

As of this writing, here's a list of vendors who will be joining us: All the Girls Honey, Backattack Snacks, Breadhead's Breadery, Buckeye Blends, Cookie Jar Enterprises, Federation Station, Haynes Mobile Foods, Hummingbird Creations, Jimmy's Jam, Maria Leng,

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There are three words that define the Hesslers both as individuals and as a couple – faith, hope, and love. Their lives have a beautiful direction and purpose as God's grace has made them instruments of His love.

Examples of their generous spirit and support are easy to find. The list of the Hesslers' civic and philanthropic leadership roles is as prestigious as it is long. The couple's public and private generosity support a staggering number of causes.

The award presented to the Hesslers was a commissioned print of the original sketch for the Homeless Jesus statue, created by Timothy Schmaltz, a noted Canadian Sculptor. Timothy focuses on religious figures based upon the Gospel of Matthew 25, and the Homeless Jesus sculpture that he created was in reaction to the many homeless living on the streets. Installments of his inspiring work have brought his visual message across the globe and especially in Rome at the Vatican.

The Art of Caring Award was presented by David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO of Community West Foundation, who said, "The award is in homage to David and Martha because we see the light of Christ radiantly shining through them." To further honor the Hesslers, Community West Foundation created the David and Martha Hessler

Illuminating Hope Award, a version of the Homeless Jesus. This symbolic award will be presented at the Foundation's annual Corporation Meeting, to one of our local nonprofit organizations that is indeed Illuminating Hope in our community. This is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the achievements and positive impact of the people and organizations in our community.



David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO of Community West Foundation, presented the Art of Caring Award to David and Martha Hessler.

The Hesslers have endeared themselves to the entire community by opening their lives to the gift of His magnanimous grace and are generous in sharing it with others. The best way we can honor the Hesslers is to use our own talents, great and small, to spread kindness, generosity, and goodwill as this couple has graciously extended to so many.

In celebrating David and Martha, a highlight of the evening was a video tribute that offered a unique insight into our honorees. To view this moving portrait of an exceptional couple go to: https://youtu.be/_V6Kxg73EDk.



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Cooking and shopping: For those in need of a little help, meals can be prepared as a team and trips to the grocery store can be made together. If more assistance is needed, the caregiver can shop at the grocery store and cook meals as part of the service.

Assistance with personal care: Training in personal care is provided to care personnel, meaning they have learned how to provide help with eating and drinking, bathing and showering, toileting, dressing, and mobility assistance. The help provided is done in a manner that they themselves would want from a care provider.

In addition to the above described services, Seniors Helping Seniors may provide the following: light repairs, yard work, medication reminders, mailing letters and bills, and recommending safety measures.

Getting out to visit with friends, attend events, or keep appointments is great for a senior’s mental, emotional, and physical health. Services include escorts to appointment and events, running errands, and providing transportation to and from destinations such as a movie, the park, or simply a casual cruise around town to see the sights.

This matching service allows spry seniors the opportunity to stay active in their community and feel the joy of helping their neighbors. Often times, both the senior providers and the receivers form strong bonds; it is truly like getting a little help from your friends. Visits can range from two hours to 24/7, if necessary. Services are private pay or may be covered by long term care insurance.

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Biz Bits

...by Ben Campbell

The Shop Local model emphasizes the positive impact of shopping at locally owned business. Before going any further, we here KCDC acknowledge and appreciate the national chain stores that do business in our neighborhood.

The presence of these stores signifies their confidence in our market and are a sign that our neighborhood can support successful business activity. With that said, shopping locally brings added benefits to the regional economy. First, it is a foolproof way to accumulate wealth locally. Studies have shown that for every \$100 spent at locally owned stores, \$68 stays in the local economy. For every \$100 spent at a national chain, only \$43 remains in the local economy. Further, this local impact results in the creation of new jobs.

Second, another study showed that sales through local hardware and paint dealers have a local impact nearly seven times (676%) greater than sales through Amazon. Third, locally owned stores help make communities unique and become a destination for shoppers, tourists, and residents. Finally, shopping locally nurtures strong communities that support creativity and entrepreneurship and, in turn, local business owners who are more likely to donate their time, money, and expertise to local charities and organizations.

Based on the successful inauguration of the Kamm's Corners Holiday Passport, we are pleased to announce the return of this successful project for a second straight year. Last year, the program – the brain child of Lisa Kay of Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co. and Conor Boylan of 5 Points Coffee & Tea, in partnership with KCDC – celebrated the establishment of six new, locally owned businesses in 2017. Shoppers were encouraged pick up the Holiday Passports and, if they visited the stores, they were eligible to enter

a drawing for donated prizes. Bonus points were given to shoppers who walked or biked to their destination.

This year, the project will be expanded to include more locally owned businesses in our neighborhood. The date projected to roll out this year's program is November 15, with the drawing for prizes to be held before Christmas Day. Look in KCDC's e-newsletter for promotions and more information about the project. If you want to sign up for KCDC's e-newsletter, go to kammscorners.com and click on the link to "Publications."

KCDC continues to collaborate with the local business community to produce quarterly Business Mixers. The goal of each event is to provide networking opportunities for merchants and commercial property owners and to share news about current local events. The location of the event changes each time to give different businesses the opportunity to host the mixer. Recent mixers highlighted new businesses with August's event hosted by Triumph Cleveland at 15101 Lorain Avenue, and last month's mixer was hosted by the owners of the recently opened Two Sons Tattoo at 16900 Lorain Avenue.

Prior reports that a construction project planned for the City-owned parking lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue would start this fall have proven to be optimistic. Plans are moving forward to install green infrastructure (bio retention basins and landscaping) to address storm water runoff and to resurface and restripe the entire parking lot.

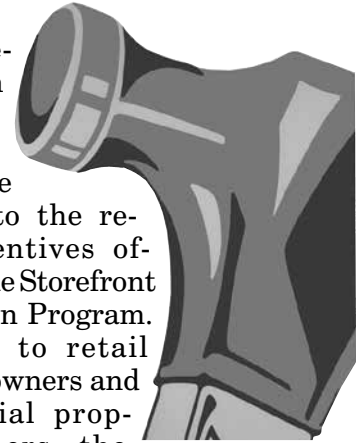
Projections estimate the green infrastructure will divert almost one million gallons of storm water runoff out of the sewer system, which is a major goal in improving the water quality of Lake Erie. The City of Cleveland has put the project out to bid, a contractor has been selected, and work is now slated to start next spring and be completed by early summer. The funding is the result of a grant application prepared by KCDC, with the support of Councilman Marty Keane, and awarded by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. The City of Cleveland will manage the project construction.

If you read this column in the summer magazine issue, you would have learned about the Mission Boutique and their relocation to 16604 Lorain Avenue. Since that time, the store has installed a new sign that matches the design guidelines established for the building and received assistance from KCDC and the City of Cleveland's Storefront Renovation Program. It represents the 88th project completed in the life of the program in our community.

Also reported in the summer magazine were changes to the rebate incentives offered by the Storefront Renovation Program. Targeted to retail business owners and commercial property owners, the incentives have been substantially enhanced.

The rebate for a building exterior renovation has been increased from 40% to 50% of the project costs and the maximum rebate amount has been raised from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Sign rebates have increased from 40% to 50% with the maximum rebate amount increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000. In addition to the financial assistance stated above, the program offers free design assistance or, if an architect is required, a 100% rebate of up to \$3,500 is available. To determine if your building or business is eligible, please contact me at 216-252-6559 ext. 1200 or ben.campbell@kammscorners.com

Earlier this year, KCDC was awarded a grant from Cuyahoga County to install new LED lighting around the perimeter of the municipal parking lot and along the sidewalk adjacent to Backstage Bar. This work has been completed and markedly enhanced the visibility within the lot. The final component of the grant is a camera surveillance system that should be up and running by the end of the year. Thanks to our partners at Cuyahoga County and County Councilman Dale Miller for these safety initiatives!





West Park Calendar 2019 Makes a Fine Gift

Enjoy 15 recently acquired vintage black and white images from the W.S. Tyler Estate and Farm when you purchase the 2019 West Park Historical Society Calendar.

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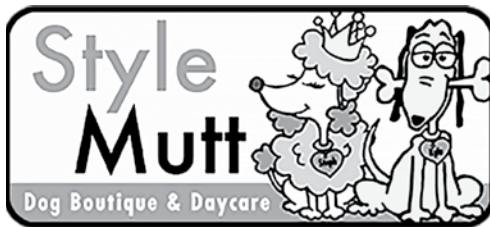
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Puritas Baseball Holds Fundraiser for New Equipment

A wing night at West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Avenue, takes place on Saturday, January 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. to help Puritas Baseball purchase new equipment, including bats and catcher's gear. A \$30 ticket includes an all-you-can-eat menu of wings, pasta, pizza, beer, wine, and liquor. There will be side boards and a gift basket raffle, too.

Puritas Baseball has been dedicated to providing a fun, safe, family-oriented atmosphere since 1956. One of its long-time business sponsors is Chambers Funeral Home. "To hear someone say they played for Chambers, and now their grandchildren are playing in the league – we're proud of that," said Dan Chambers.

A successful fundraiser means the cost of new equipment won't be passed on to the players' families

To make a donation, please send it to: Puritas Baseball League, 19500 Puritas Avenue, Suite 121, Cleveland, OH, 44135

If you would like to donate a gift basket, please email cburke1309@yahoo.com or call 216-862-7618.

Details on how to purchase tickets for the fundraiser will be published on their Facebook event. Simply look up "Puritas Baseball Fundraiser." Or visit their website at puritasbaseball.com.



The enthusiastic team members of Puritas Baseball and their coaches.

New Technologies Aid in Diagnosis and Treatment of Prostate Cancer

According to the American Cancer Society, one in nine men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, which develops mainly in older men. (African-American men are also at higher risk). The average age at diagnosis is 66.

“Recent advances in technology have improved the screening process for prostate cancer,” says Robert Abouassaly, MD, a Cleveland Clinic urologist who treats patients at Fairview Hospital, as well as main campus. “Use of magnetic resonance imaging or MRI is now more common in diagnosing prostate cancer, and we’re continuously learning more about how to interpret test results to better diagnose and treat patients.”

MRI results are also helping to improve the accuracy of biopsies when needed. A recent study showed MRI-targeted biopsy led to a 12 percent increase in the detection of clinically significant prostate cancer and a 13 percent decrease in the detection of clinically insignificant prostate cancer.

“In addition to improved accuracy, screening MRI exams currently being investigated are quick, taking less than 15 minutes, compared to a standard prostate MRI that takes about an hour,” says Dr. Abouassaly.

If clinically significant prostate cancer – meaning treatment is recommended – is diagnosed, there are improved treatment options available as well.

“Finasteride is a medication that has been around for a long time, typically used to treat benign prostatic hyperplasia or BPH, a common condition in which a benign



Robert Abouassaly, MD

tumor grows inside the prostate, leading it to grow larger and causing issues with urination,” says Dr. Abouassaly. “Recent studies have shown this drug is also very effective in decreasing a patient’s risk of dying of prostate cancer.”

Targeted treatment including the use of ablative technology like lasers, radiofrequency, or high-intensity focused ultrasound to treat prostate cancer allows for increased accuracy – destroying cancer cells while preserving the rest of the prostate.

“As men age, their chances of being diagnosed with prostate cancer may be high, but their chances of dying from it are low. In the last two decades, we’ve seen a decrease in the number of prostate cancer related deaths,” says Dr. Abouassaly. “We attribute this progress to these continuous improvements in screening and treatment.”

To make an appointment with Dr. Abouassaly or another Cleveland Clinic urologist, please call 216-444-5600. Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.

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To register for a free online or in-person informational seminar visit clevelandclinic.org/bariatricseminar.

To make an appointment at Cleveland Clinic’s Bariatric and Metabolic Institute, call 800-339-9829.

Let's Go Out to Eat!

We recently asked our Facebook followers to post their favorite "go to" dish offered by restaurants in West Park. Some named more than one. All knew their answers would appear here in the magazine. The point is to encourage others to expand their palates by trying a new place and ordering a dish enjoyed by others. Why not go out and try these neighborhood favorites?

Backstage Bar

17007 Lorain Avenue
216-671-5483

Lemon Parmesan Chicken

Natalie Elizabeth

Caesar Salad

Kathleen Meszaros Bouley

Patty Melt

Chris Young

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Shrimp and Vegetables, and Egg Rolls

Marty Cader

Wonton Soup

Ashley Nicole Palek and Steph Lynn

Beef Broccoli, Fried Rice, and Egg Rolls

Erin Gerrity

Gene's Place to Dine

3730 Rocky River Drive
216-252-1741

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Veggie Wrap

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Meatloaf

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Chicken Club Wrap

Brian Hudson

Lobster Bisque

Arlene Furry Brosky (reminds her of the Boardwalk Bisque at Put-in-Bay)

Spinach and Artichoke Dip

Michele Tomasi

Full Irish Breakfast

Diane Zerbey

Burger

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Irish Egg Rolls

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Irish Egg Rolls

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Salmon Wrap with Bacon

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Greek Salad

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Fried Reuben Wrap on St. Paddy's Day

Anna Mosijowsky

City of Cleveland Launches Updated Climate Action Plan

Over the past year, the City of Cleveland's Office of Sustainability engaged more than 450 people to inform the updated Cleveland Climate Action Plan (CAP). The update maintains the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050, with interim goals of 16% by 2020 and 40% by 2030. Implementing the CAP was a major focus of Mayor Frank G. Jackson's 10th Annual Sustainability Summit, that took place September 20 through 21 at Cleveland Public Auditorium.

"Given the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, it is even more important for Cleveland and other cities to lead on climate action," said Mayor Jackson. "This Cleveland Climate Action Plan is critical to ensuring we transition to a sustainable economy while cleaning the environment and protecting our most vulnerable residents." The plan includes 28 key objectives in six focus areas:

- Energy Efficiency and Green Building
- Clean Energy

- Sustainable Transportation
- Clean Water and Vibrant Green Space
- More Local Food, Less Waste
- Cross-Cutting Priorities

"This plan is about much more than climate change," said Chief of Sustainability Matt Gray. "This CAP update builds off our progress by firmly establishing a series of cross-cutting priorities:

- Social and racial equity
- Good jobs, green jobs
- Resilience to the impacts of climate change
- Business leadership."

This CAP update prioritized engagement and involved the community, including 90 members of the Climate Action Advisory Committee, 300 resident leaders who participated in 12 neighborhood workshops, and those who contributed to the 200 comments received during the public comment period. The commitment to update the initial 2013 plan and report publicly on its progress has elevated Cleveland nationally and across the globe.

For more on the Cleveland Climate Action Plan and the City of Cleveland's commitment to sustainability, visit Sustainable Cleveland at sustainablecleveland.org/climate.



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An added bonus to shopping locally is the customer service is better because it is more personal. After all,

we see our local merchants frequently, both in their shops and around town – and they see us! So, we matter more to them, too. Shop for gifts or services at the stores that add so much to the character that is West Park. Each time you choose to spend your dollars here, you increase the vitality of your neighborhood. While on your holiday outings, dine at local owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip, too. Spread the happiness! Remember, too, that gift certificates are available from our many fine neighborhood businesses.

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- Kamms Plaza Pet & Supply: pets, supplies, pet grooming
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Fifth Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off Set for January 21

The 2019 West Park Pizza Bake-Off will be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Saint Patrick Church gym, 4427 Rocky River Drive. The event organizers hope that will make it easier for families to attend the event.

Tickets to this 5th 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. Tickets make great stocking stuffers.

Ask your favorite pizza shop if they have them, or you can find an updated list at [facebook.com/West-Park-Pizza-Bake-Off](https://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:

- 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.

If your pizza shop would like to participate and has not yet been contacted, call Jeff at 216-402-7621 or email stpatshns@gmail.com.



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Resources and Programs to Warm Hearts at West Park Library Branch

The Cleveland Public Library's West Park Branch offers more than books. It has resources and programs for all ages at 3805 West 157th Street. Come join the fun and learning opportunities nearby. Here are a few of the scheduled programs:

Story Time through December 11, every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for babies from birth up to 18 months old. "Bouncing babies and books, oh my!"

Wee Read and Play through December 11, every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. for ages 18 months through 3 years old. Continue to develop your toddler's language and social skills.

Kids Cafe, Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. After

school meals for children are available daily while supplies last. This program is offered in conjunction with the Cleveland Food Bank.

PS4 Gaming for Kids. Ongoing after school and Saturdays. Students must sign-up to play. Restrictions apply based upon the waiting list.

Board Games. A variety of board games are available for patrons. In-library use only.

Kids' Activities and Crafts. Ongoing crafts for kids to work on after school.

Adults Page-turner Book Club. Second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m.

Please note, classes and programs may be cancelled if the minimum registration is not met.

Call the West Park Branch at 216-623-7102 for more information or to register by phone.



Kamm's Calendar

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NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT! Carol Silvay Steps Out with the Saint Patrick Choir



Community Involvement plays a big role in Carol Silvay's every day life. She grew up in West Park and volunteers at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market every other Sunday during market season. Usually she can be found at the customer service table, having completed her fifth season there.

But her first love is singing and dancing, sometimes together! A parishioner of Saint Patrick Church, she sings with the choir and cantors each Sunday. When the church had a Catholic School, she was the director and choreographer for the children's Christmas musical every year.

A long-time member of Steppin' Out, a women's show choir, Carol performs a combination of song and dance like a celebrity. "I joined them when I was pregnant with my son, and now he's 40!" Carol exclaimed. The group volunteers their time to sing

and dance at various events throughout the year, including performances at local senior living centers. "Frequent performances keep us in shape," Carol said.

Each May, Steppin' Out puts on a benefit show to donate money to help a carefully selected organization. In May 2019, they will perform to raise money for Camp Imagine, a camp for kids with special needs. But, this December, Steppin' Out and the Saint Patrick choir are combining their talents to present a deeply moving concert, a mix of beautiful religious and secular tunes. Free and open to the public, the event takes place on Sunday, December 16, at 3 p.m. inside the church at 4427 Rocky River Drive. A free-will donation is appreciated. Treat yourself to the pleasure and mood boosting benefits of a live musical performance right here in the neighborhood!

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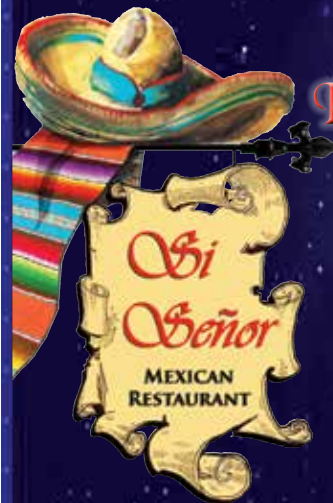
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