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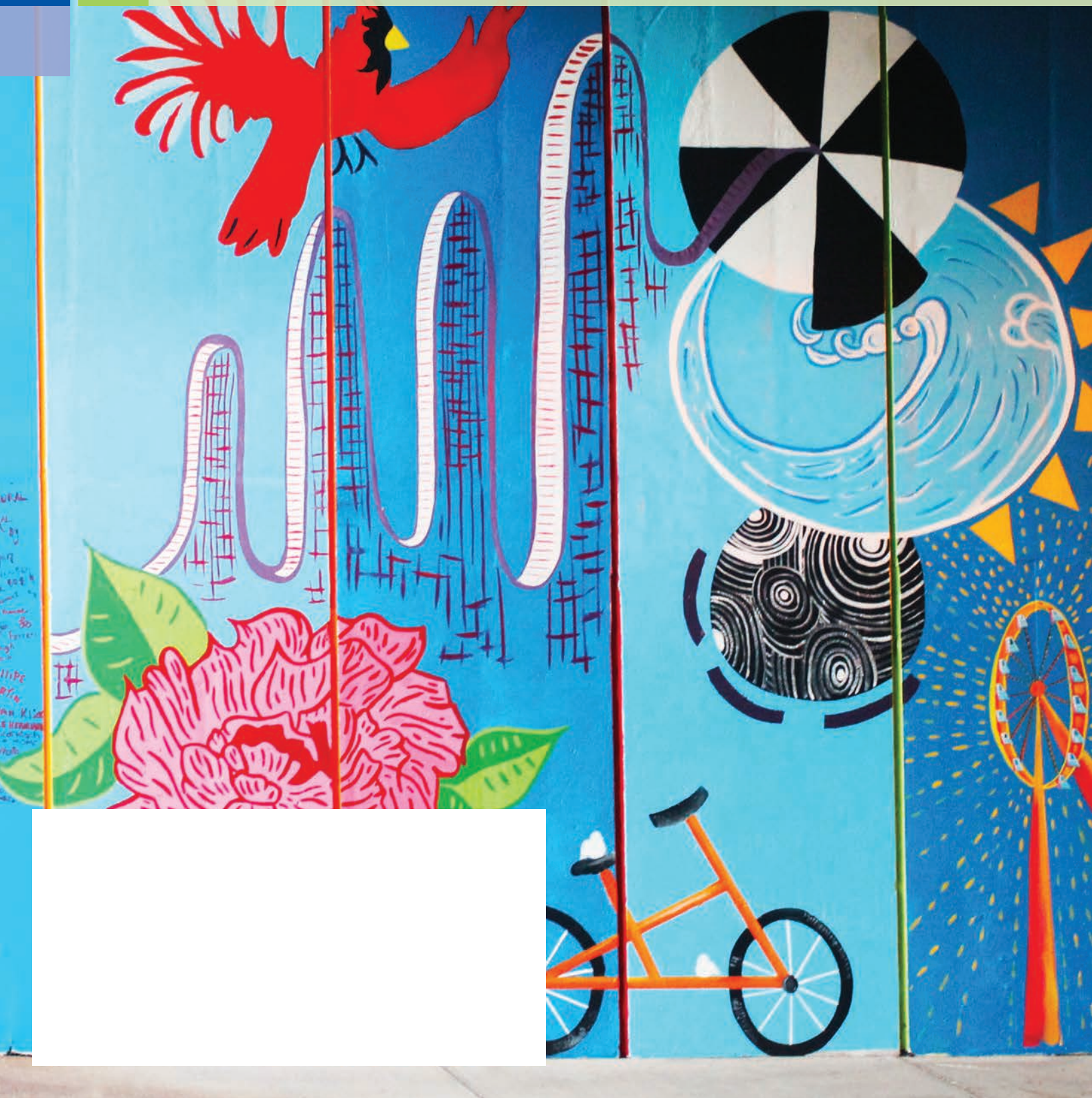
WEST PARK KAMM'S NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT | **HOLIDAY 2019**



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WEST PARK KAMM'S NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

The vision of West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development is to promote, develop, and guide the West Park neighborhood as the best place to live, learn, work, shop, worship, and play.

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Great news to share! After an extensive search for a new Executive Director, our Board found the perfect fit in Rosemary Mudry, who comes to us with extensive community development experience. Most recently, she worked as Director of Neighborhood Development and Managing Director at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation. Rosemary also spent time at Ohio City Inc. and earned a Master of Urban Planning, Design, and Development from Cleveland State University. She and her husband, Joel Warger, have two children and live in Cleveland.

The Board is confident you'll find Rosemary as engaging, intelligent, and energetic as we do. You can meet her in person at our sole fundraiser, West Park Holiday Cheer, on December 5th at Puritas Nursery. It's such a uniquely West Park way to welcome in the holidays together and support our community. Purchase tickets online at westparkkamms.org/cheer. Three days later, she'll be at our Indoor Farmer's Market on December 8th and at the West Park Holiday Passport celebration at 5 Points Coffee & Tea on December 19th. Passport prizes will be drawn that evening. More details in later in this magazine.

We hope you were able to attend some of our other neighborhood events this year; The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™, Lawn Chair Cinema, Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, and Walk on Wednesdays. They would not be possible without the support of West Park residents and businesses, the City of Cleveland, and Councilman Marty Keane. We also appreciate Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital's ongoing sponsorship.

2019 brings us to the end of this decade, and our staff and Board of Directors are excited for the next 10 years. We look forward to seeing what achievements and progress await our neighborhood.

Wishing you an amazing holiday season, along with a healthy and happy new year!

Todd Sheppard
Board Chair, West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development

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SUMMER 2019

Thank you to the 1st District for holding the annual Safety Fair at the August Lawn Chair Cinema.

LAWN CHAIR CINEMA

Lawn Chair Cinema is a free summer celebration and family movie night held in June, July, and August at Impett Park. The fun begins with games and arts and crafts activities, followed by a family-friendly movie at dusk.

Thank you to our local partners for participating. We gratefully acknowledge our sponsors:

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2019 LAWN CHAIR MOVIES:

Mary Poppins Returns • Lego Movie 2: The Second Part

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

350+ Attendees

WOW West Park

WALK ON WEDNESDAYS

Walk and learn with some of West Park's best people as you explore the neighborhood by foot and visit local merchants.

11 WOW WALKS
25 MILES OF WEST PARK
22 WOW STOPS

Thank you to all of our stop hosts who welcomed our WOW walkers!

PARTNERS:

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Kamm's Corners Farmers Market

13 years of providing our community with the freshest seasonal fruits and vegetables, honey, meats, cheese, and eggs. Plus, homemade breads, pastries, soaps, salsa, dog treats, and pickles are available every Sunday from June-October.

MARKET OPENS JUNE 14, 2020

LOVING OUR FARMERS MARKET

"I look forward to the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market each week. It's the highlight of my week, catching up with old friends and making new ones!"

"When the market ends I start counting the months until the new season"

2019 MARKET STATS:

- 27 Vendors
- 10 Artisans
- 11 Healthy Living Organizations
- 18 Musicians
- 13 Chef Demos
- Average 700 shoppers per week
- $5,600 in WIC coupons
- $2,300 EBT
- $2,200 Produce Perks program

"the fresh veggies are great but it's the people I meet who make the market so special. I'm alone a lot during the week so when I'm at the market I take my time shopping and sampling. I enjoy the food demos and sitting under the tent listening to the music. The vendors are so knowledgeable and willing to share tips and tricks! Going to the market does my heart good!"

"My husband has Parkinson 's Disease and he loves walking around the market and listening to the music. It makes him happy!"

"People are friendly at the market and it's so clean and organized!"

"We Love Miss Maddie's Yummy Creations! Great desserts!"

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Tickets are $65 and available at westparkkamms.org/cheer or call 216-252-6559

On the Corner of Fresh and Fun!
Kamm's Corners Farmers Market
Indoor Kamm's Corners Farmers Market
Sunday, December 8, 2019
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Announcing the 2019 Indoor Kamm's Corners Farmers Market!

Mark your calendars for the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market annual indoor market on **Sunday, December 8 from 10am-1pm**. Enjoy the treasures of our regular market vendors, along with select artisans, makers, and community health features. Shop for the holidays while enjoying holiday music.

KC-FM.ORG

Location: The Cretan Center
3853 W. 168th St.
Cleveland, OH 44111
Directly across from our weekly market!

WORKING CLASS BREWERY ADDS A KITCHEN

West Park's only microbrewery has expanded by adding a kitchen. Located at 17448 Lorain Avenue in Kamms Plaza, Working Class Brewery is now serving pizza and more along with its variety of beers brewed in house. Four different pizzas are now available: Cheese, Pepperoni, Margherita, and Prosciutto/Arugula.

Working Class Brewery's beer menu includes five year-round styles of beer and a variety of seasonal beers are also available throughout the year.

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Fairview Hospital: Community Wellness

Fairview Hospital's mission is to not only provide care to the sick, but to contribute to the health and wellness of the community that it sits in. Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital Wellness Center offers a wide array of classes and programs to meet the needs of all ages. It is home to various meditation, holistic, and educational classes that focus on health and well-being, as well as several support groups. Some of the programs at the Wellness Center include:

- Group Exercise Classes, including Yoga and Tai Chi
- Cooking Classes
- Childbirth Education Classes
- Lactation Consultations
- Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Physical, Occupational, Speech, Neurology, and Lymphedema Therapy

For more information about the Fairview Hospital Wellness Center, visit fairviewhospital.org/wellnesscenter or call 440.356.0670, option 4

In addition to the Wellness Center, Fairview Hospital has a robust community outreach program that contributes to the health and wellness of the community at large. For more on Fairview Hospital outreach programs, call 216-312-5640.

GET HEALTHY IN 2020

We're excited to share that the *Be West Side Well 8 Week Health Challenge* will begin on January 16. This fun competition motivates participants to get in shape in a healthy way. Programming includes group exercise sessions and weekly health talks with Cleveland Clinic caregivers and other lifestyle management professionals. Pre and post health screenings are performed to help participants track their progress and celebrate their success.

For more information about the *Be West Side Well 8 Week Health Challenge*, call 216.312.5640 or send an email to jameysj@ccf.org.
Visit clevelandclinic.org/bewestsidewell

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Christmas Fun Day!
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ICE CREAM IN WEST PARK

Make a new tradition of ice cream and board games as you prepare for the holidays. Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Company has a vast array of board games for all ages. Take a break from holiday mayhem and join the fun on Saturday, December 7, from 1-9pm, for the Christmas Fun Day! Fun activities are planned such as face painting, decorating a cookie or cupcake, and coloring!

Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co. will not have regular store hours after Christmas. Stock up now on pints of all your Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co. favorites. Watch for updates on their Facebook @kammscornersicecreamcompany and Instagram @kammscornersicecream for "Pop Up Pint Sales" during the winter months.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOW-JANUARY 2020
West Park Discovery World
Registration is underway for the 2020-2021 school year.
West Park Discovery World, 3909 Rocky River Drive, 216-671-7229, discoveryworldwp.com

NOVEMBER 13 • 7:00PM
West Park Historical Society
William G. Krejci, author of *Haunted Franklin Castle* and *Buried Beneath Cleveland* will be speaking on the cemeteries surrounding the Cleveland area. WPHS Community Room, 17401 Lorain Avenue, behind Citizen's Bank, westparkhistory.org

NOVEMBER 23-24 • AFTER MASSES
St. Mark Fair Trade Festival
Fair trades enables artisans and farmers around the world to earn a fair wage. Purchase textiles, jewelry, nativity sets, pottery, metalwork, wood carvings, scarves, greeting cards, and more from the Trade Fair. St. Mark Church, 15800 Montrose Avenue, 216-226-7577, stmarkcleveland.com

NOVEMBER 24 • NOON-4:00PM
Pictures with Santa
Dogs and Santa photos at Cleveland Bed and Biscuit. Must RSVP!
Cleveland Bed & Biscuit, 18200 Brookpark Road, 216-400-7150, cleveland-bed-biscuit-inc.business.site

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH • NOVEMBER 24, DECEMBER 29, JANUARY 26 • 11:30AM-12:30PM
Free Community Meal
All are welcome. West Park United Church of Christ, 3909 Rocky River Drive, 216-671-7228, westparkucc.org

NOVEMBER 27 • 8:00PM
Kamm's Corners Comedy Night by SX1 Entertainment
Featuring Luke Fegenbush
P.J. McIntyre's Irish Pub, 17119 Lorain Avenue, 216-941-9311, pjmcintyres.com
SX1 Entertainment

NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 31
Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains and Santa
Holiday trains return for the 17th consecutive year. Santa will be visiting on 12/7 and 12/14 from 1-3PM. Bring your camera!
19201 Puritas Avenue, 216-267-5350, puritasnursery.com

DECEMBER 5 • 6:00-9:00PM
West Park Holiday Cheer
Celebrate West Park under glass at WPKND's annual fundraiser. Tickets are $65. Visit westparkkamms.org/cheer to purchase, or call 216-252-6559 x1300.
Puritas Nursery, 19201 Puritas Avenue, puritasnursery.com

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH • 7:00PM
The First District Cleveland Police Community Relations
All are welcome to hear Commander Fay talk about current issues in our community. Questions? Call Tammy Hanna, First District Community Representative at 216-664-6634.
Saint Ignatius of Antioch School, 10205 Lorain Avenue

DECEMBER 6-8
Scout Troop 293 will be holding its annual Fraser Fir Christmas tree sale, freshly cut from North Carolina. All proceeds to benefit the troop. St. Mark Church, 15800 Montrose Avenue, 216-226-7577, stmarkcleveland.com

DECEMBER 7 • 1:00-9:00PM
Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co.
Christmas Fun Day! Fun activities are planned such as face painting, decorating a cookie or cupcake, and coloring.
Kamms Plaza 3764 Rocky River Drive, 216-417-4832, kammscornersicecream.com

DECEMBER 7 • 11:00AM-3:00PM
West Park Station, is holding its annual Christmas Craft Show.
17015 Lorain Avenue, 216-476-2000, westparkstation.com

DECEMBER 7 • 10:00AM-4:00PM
Westpark Community Elementary School Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair
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. Plus raffles! 16210 Lorain Avenue, 216-688-0271, westparkcommunityelementary.constellationschools.com

DECEMBER 7 • 5:00PM
The Jack Mulhall Center
3rd Annual Holiday Party
Support The Jack Mulhall Center's goal to help residents break the cycle of addiction and enable them to become productive members of society at the Holiday Party. $50 per person. Saint Demetrios Cultural Hall, 22909 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River
For tickets: Jack Mulhall Center, 4395 Rocky River Drive, 216-600-5100, jackmulhallcenter.org

DECEMBER 8 • 10:00AM-1:00PM
Kamm's Corners Indoor Farmers Market
Enjoy the goodies of the summer KCFM market vendors held at the Cretan Center.
Cretan Center, 3853 West 168th Street, Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, 216-252-6559 x1700, kc-fm.org

DECEMBER 14 • 9:00-11:00AM
Breakfast with Santa
Register through the West Park YMCA by calling 216-941-5410. Crafts and photos are part of the fun. Proceeds to benefit the West Park YMCA. West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Avenue, 216-476-2000, westparkstation.com

DECEMBER 19 • 7:00PM
West Park Holiday Passport Party
Join WPKND at 5 Points Coffee & Tea for a West Park Holiday Passport Party! Prizes will be drawn that evening!

JANUARY 20 • 5:00-8:00PM
6th Annual West Park Pizza Bake-Off
All-you-can-eat pizza and beverages. Proceeds benefit the church.
St. Patrick Church gym, 4427 Rocky River Drive, 216-251-1200, stpatrickwp.org

Puritas Avenue Mural

Megan Rindfleisch, also known as Mimi, of Creations by Mimi, attended a West Park Neighbor Night last year to talk with residents about a potential community mural. Neighbors were in full support! From there, Mimi held an Idea Board Event at 5 Points Coffee & Tea Cafe back in January. At the Idea Board Event neighbors were encouraged to share what they wanted to see in the Puritas Avenue mural. The ideas were recorded and made into one collaborative design. Mimi wanted the project to be volunteer friendly. The final design includes an amusement park theme inspired by Puritas Springs Park, Ohio symbols, a bike for the bike lane inspired by a "sweet neighbor" at the Idea Board event, and interacting shapes of different sizes. Next year, Mimi and her volunteers hope to continue the mural with a lovely quote from Nathan Alger, one of the first settlers of West Park: "My friends, I'm here, the first that's come, in this place for you, there's room."

Thank you to 5 Points Coffee & Tea for their support of their employee; Mimi. West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development for acting as the fiscal agent, Neighborhood Connections & Cuyahoga Arts & Culture for funding the project, and a big thank you to the Puritas Bridge Mural Volunteers: Nora Kelley, Megan Vasicek, Kayleigh Kmiecik, Chad Stewart, Ellen Ferreri, Melanie Sklarz, Valerie Jerome, Ed George, Nick and Rebecca Aylward, Phillip Hartin, and Dale Hernlund!

Neighborhood Connections offer small grants that range from $500-$5,000 for projects that improve the quality of life in Cleveland and East Cleveland. Proposals are accepted twice each year on the second Friday in February and August. Go to www.neighborupcle.org or reach out to Ben at WPKND at 216-252-6559.

WEST PARK NEIGHBOR NIGHT

Neighbor Up, a part of Neighborhood Connections, @neighborupcle, is a group of citizens committed to making positive change in Cleveland and East Cleveland neighborhoods. Fueling the power of everyday people, Neighbor Up uses the Community Network Building method to connect, inspire, and support action, through Neighbor Nights.

West Park Neighbor Night, a volunteer-driven initiative, has been a community fixture since its inception in 2017.

West Park Neighbor Night is a lively and interactive monthly gathering that brings neighbors together to plan action in the community. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at West Park United Church of Christ, 3809 Rocky River Drive. A light meal is provided at this family-friendly event. Show up and Neighbor Up. Please contact Danielle Doza at Danielle.Doza@gmail.com or reach out at 216-536-6122 for more details.

UPCOMING DATES:
November 13, December 11,
January 8, February 12.
Follow West Park Neighbor Night on Facebook and Instagram @westparkneighbornight

WHAT'S NEW

Home-based Business in West Park

One thing Kate Walsh wants you to know is that she is more than a candle maker. As the owner of Peripeti Candles, her home-based business in West Park, she produces and sells a complete line of home fragrances including candles, wax melts, reed diffusers, and beeswax tapered candles. Pet Collection is the latest line she is developing. It will offer sprays designed to neutralize unpleasant pet odors.

Started as a hobby, she quickly found that she was not satisfied with fragrances that were available on the market. Ever since, true to her entrepreneurial spirit, she has been blending her own fragrances with high quality natural ingredients. She has a wholesale client base for whom she produces products exclusively for sales by those clients including boutique shops such as Fount and Oceanne in the Gordon Square neighborhood.

You may wonder where she came up with the name for her business. Peripeti, she says, is a literary term that means turning point or point of change. She said it reflects her belief that life is about slowing down, taking in little moments, and enjoying all that life has to offer.

Her business values emphasize her shop local perspective by purchasing from locally sourced suppliers and forming local collaborations. With a future goal of transitioning her business to a storefront in West Park, she intends to keep growing her business until she is ready for a bricks and mortar location.

After being raised in Avon and spending several years in Chicago, she was searching for a home to return to the Cleveland area. She has found the neighborhood to be safe, friendly, and active with pedestrians and dog walkers, and a place you get to know neighbors who look after each other.

For more information, go to peripeticandles.com.

IMAGINE THAT: LIFE & BUSINESS IN WEST PARK

Imagine That Designs LLC is a fabric arts studio that specializes in free-motion quilting and weaving. The venture is made up of Megan Sorn and her mother, Linda Barnard. Much of their time is spent designing their own art but also providing quilting services to clients who have pieced their own quilt tops. The third arm of their business is charity work.

Last year they worked with several businesses in West Park to raffle off a Cleveland Indians quilt. Savor the Moment Coffee Shop sold an outstanding amount of tickets and they raised $1500 for orphans in Malawi Africa. They also create quilts for kids with heart defects to comfort them during their frequent stays in the hospital.

Until July of this year, her studio was in her West Park home. Over time, her business grew and she needed more work space.

Having lived in West Park since 2001, she has grown to love the neighborhood. She said that

"the community is strong and it has a small town feel combined with an urban location. I think it's important to support local business here and I hope that more of the empty storefronts will fill up. I also would like to see the arts community develop in the Kamm's area. Statistics show that when the arts grow in a neighborhood it draws business and prosperity to that region."

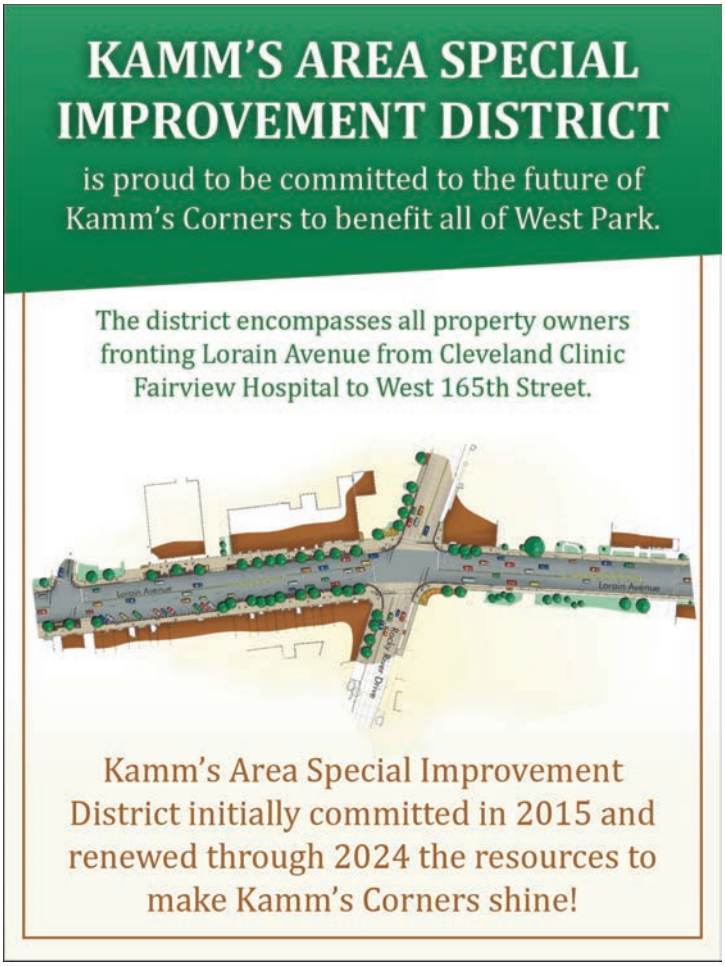
IN WEST PARK

KAMM'S AREA SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Do you know who funds the trash removal, litter pickup, weeding and maintaining planters, sidewalk snow removal, and updating seasonal street banners on Lorain Avenue from Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital to West 165th Street? What about the promotion and featuring of West Park as a destination city throughout northeast Ohio with membership and publications with Destination Cleveland and Cleveland Magazine?

This district initiative is funded by the Kamm's Area Special Improvement District (KASID). What is Kamm's Area Special Improvement District? WPKND took the lead to pass legislation, register KASID with the State of Ohio, and gather the property owners to vote for approval. In 2015, KASID was established by a vote of the property owners. The district's budget of $30,000 is funded through tax assessments of the property owners in the district. The property owners recently renewed KASID funding until 2024.

West Park gives thanks to the property owners for being the force to empower West Park to continue to be the best. Thank you to Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital, Kamms Plaza Shopping Center and Kamcor Realty Company, as the largest financial contributors to the district. The trio leads the way as exemplar members of the community along with all in the district.



STOREFRONT RENOVATIONS

West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development is currently working with local businesses and the City of Cleveland on three Storefront Renovation Program projects. Two of the projects will involve comprehensive façade renovations.

Bob Hacha, owner of the Riverside Pub, 4363 Rocky River Drive, looks to update his storefront doors and windows, remove or replace the awnings, and install a new sign. He's also considering the addition of an outdoor patio with a roof.

Westpark Massotherapy, 4168 Rocky River Drive, will update its signage and storefront. Additionally, the owners will build a brick patio area enclosed with an ornamental fence.

Both projects are under development with construction starting in the spring of 2020.

Imagine That Designs, a new neighborhood business located at 15708 Lorain Avenue, will begin the Storefront Renovation design process soon. The building was vacant but is now completely renovated and fully occupied.

ONE SESSION AT A TIME

This summer WPKND welcomed, One Session at a Time, to West Park. Founder Meghan Montalvo/IMFT has made the mission of One Session at a Time to provide a safe and accepting environment for those who want to challenge themselves in their journey toward self-growth.

Meghan's team works with those experiencing life changes, depression, anxiety, family conflicts or difficulty with past trauma. The journey to balance doesn't happen all at once, but rather one step, one moment, one session at a time. Office is located at 17407 Lorain Avenue. Call 216-395-7580 to be matched with the best therapist for you. Visit onesession.net for more information.

West Park Book Club

"Creating community one book at a time"

Meet at 5 Points Coffee & Tea at 6:30pm the third Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome. Books are picked by members.

Check out WestPark Book Club on Facebook @WestParkBookClub.

November 20: *Dead Key* by D.M. Pulley
December 18: *Hercule Poirot's Christmas*
Wrap a used book for the annual white elephant book exchange!
January 15: *The Nickel Boys l* by Colson Whitehead
February 19: *The Great Unexpected* by Dan Mooney

WPKND is proud to have provided a free quarterly magazine to West Park since 1978!

West Park Branch Library

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY www.cpl.org

CHILDREN:

Storytimes:
Tuesdays: 10:30 am or 11:30 am

Art Workshop: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Builders Club with LEGOs & Blocks: First Saturday of every month: 1:00 pm

Crafts to make and take, including edible crafts: Thursdays at 3:30 pm

Dino-vember activities during the month of November including:
11/14 Dino Excavation: 3:30 pm (Registration required)

12/12 STEM activity: Making igloos: 4:30 pm

12/17 Gingerbread house decorating: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Registration required)

1/14 Snowman BINGO: 3:30 pm

1/16 Cupcake Wars: 4:00 pm

1/21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Boards: 4:30 pm

ADULTS:

Page Turner Book Club meets the second Wednesday of every month: 2:00 pm

Calling all Bakers! Submit your cookie recipes to be included in a recipe booklet available by print or email in early December, just in time for the holidays!

Computer Basics Classes: Mondays in December (2nd, 9th & 16th): 11:15 am - 12:45 pm (Registration required)

MAKERLABS:

11/18 MakerKit LEGO and K'NEX: 3:30 pm

12/10 Make Your Masterpiece: Digital Darkroom: 3:30 pm

1/6 Papercraft 3D Modeling: 3:30 pm

ALL AGES:

12/31 Noon Year's Eve party: 11:30 am

1/8 Elvis' 85th Birthday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Allow our resources to connect with the community via WPKND's social media presence with over 14,000 likes and 12,000 posts annually on our platforms of Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

WPKND sends out bi-monthly e-newsletters that reach 3,800 subscribers to share events happening in our community. During the farmers market season, a weekly Kamm's Corners Farmers Market e-newsletter is emailed out to inform on the weekly market line-up.

10,000 copies of the quarterly *West Park Magazine* are mailed directly to homes west of West 140th. 2,000 magazines are hand-delivered to merchants in West Park, Lakewood, and Fairview Park. We are celebrating 41 years of publication.

Business Members can attend WPKND's quarterly business mixers for networking. To become a business member, contact Mollie Wirtz 216-252-6559 x1500 or mollie@westparkkamms.org.

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BUSINESS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Three generations of Chambers are following the example of their parents and grandparents by providing a memorable and meaningful funeral for each family.

The Chambers family are active in the community by serving a vital role in the West Shore Rotary, West Park Kiwanis, and West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development. Chambers Funeral Home has continued to support youth sports and community events and programs in West Park and surrounding cities.

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Meet Huck: A Comforting Corgi

How much do West Park residents love their canines? Dog owners are proud to post and tag their shots of #WestParkDogs #DogsofWestPark on Instagram and Facebook. West Park is home to many outstanding canines, many of who are working dogs.

What's the difference between service, therapy, and emotional support dogs? Service dogs are working dogs that are trained to help those with disabilities. Therapy dogs provide comfort and give attention. Therapy dogs are known to lower blood pressure and reduce anxiety in people. Emotional support dogs provide their owners support through their companionship and provide a calm presence.

Lauren, Huck, and Mabel

One of West Park's own is giving back to her community by sharing Huck, a certified therapy dog.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Lauren Steenson, a U.S. Coast Guard public affairs specialist and Huck, a 3-year-old Cardigan Welsh Corgi were transferred to Cleveland in 2018 and call West Park their home.

Lauren, was raised in Washington state and joined the US Coast Guard in 2011. She started her military career stationed on a cutter in Hawaii for 3 years and was then stationed to Kodiak, Alaska for two years. After one year, and a long winter in Alaska, Lauren adopted Huck. When asked, "why did you look into training Huck as a therapy dog?" She answered, "Huck brought me such joy during the dark days in Alaska that I wanted to share that gift with those who needed a little brightness. Seeing the excitement and comfort he brings to people is priceless and completely worth the time it took training him. It's an absolute privilege to share him with others." Lauren explained Huck was a good fit as therapy dog and they began training at Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc.

You can find Huck at the West Park Library listening to local children read him stories every Tuesday. Huck also provides companionship at the Ronald McDonald House and his patience and kindness are always well received during his visits at the dementia and Alzheimer's homes. Lauren and Huck are always looking for more opportunities.

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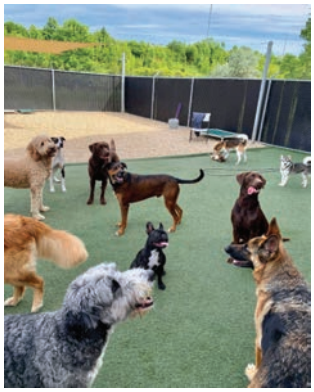

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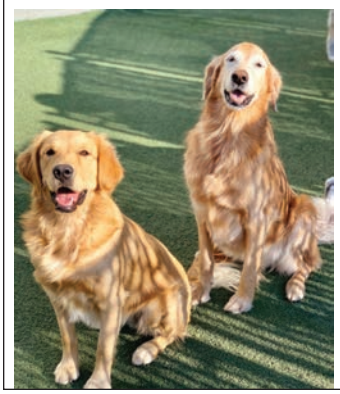

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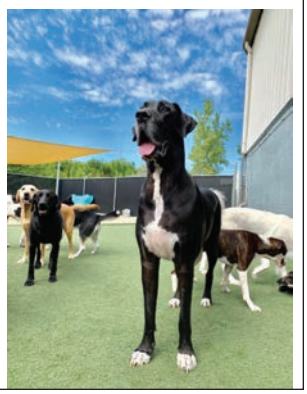

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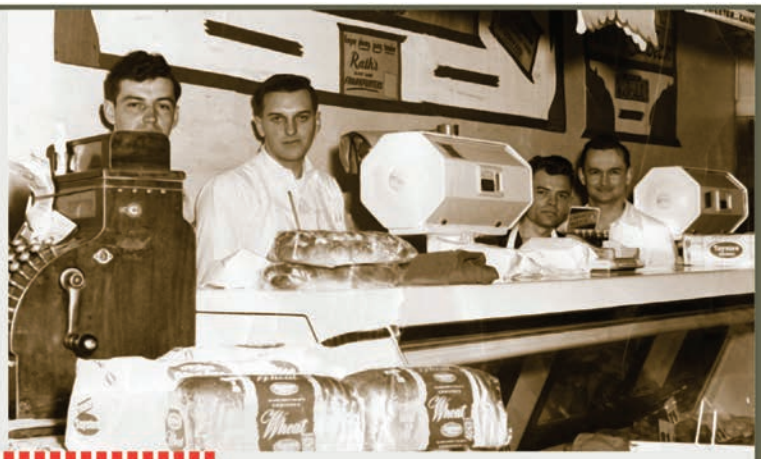

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If you have attended one of our community meetings, you have heard me talk about partnerships. In order to be successful, we need the assistance of our community partners. Citizens are our eyes and ears in the neighborhoods, and can proactively prevent or assist in solving crimes. Simply put – if you see something, say something! I encourage our residents to call 911 (emergency) or 216-621-1234 (non-emergency) if they observe criminal activity. Working together, WE can make a difference in our neighborhoods.

As the Holiday season approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to provide a few security tips concerning packages delivered to your residence: (1) make note of your shipments' tracking numbers to monitor your packages while in transit; (2) require that someone sign for packages; (3) privately make arrangements with your shippers to tuck packages out of sight in the back or the side of your home; (4) have packages delivered to your workplace or other locations that are less theft-prone; (5) make a pact with your neighbors to keep an eye out for each other's deliveries; and, (6) install security cameras, which can deter thieves.

Follow us on Facebook @FirstDistrictCommunityRelations for upcoming events, crime, and suspect information, and in our neighborhoods updates. When you see our bike patrol officers, community engagement officers, detectives, or patrol officers out and about, say hello!

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Community West Foundation Annual Meeting is a Great Success!

The impact the Community West Foundation's work was a highlight at their annual Corporation meeting held on September 11 at Bay Presbyterian Church. Over two hundred people attended the event.

William Oatey, Chair of the Board spoke about the organization's accomplishments over the past year, and said the Foundation shared $6,079,000 in grant funding with worthy organization; $3,351,000 of those funds were used to support local nonprofits; and $1,450,000 was directed to Fairview and Lutheran Hospital for the health and well-being of our community.

David T. Dombrowiak, Community West Foundation President and CEO, Mary Sue Tanis, Founder, Youth Challenge and William Oatey, Chair of the Board, Community West Foundation.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of the David and Martha Hessler Illuminating Hope Award. The award is named in honor of David and Martha Hessler who have blessed our community and foundation with faith, hope and love beyond compare. The award was created to recognize a local nonprofit with a deep history and commitment to our communities that is Illuminating Hope.

Mr. Oatey said, "we know that the work of nonprofits takes courage - it takes compassion - and it takes love. And, you can't help but fall in love with the work of our Illuminating Hope award recipient, Youth Challenge. Youth Challenge was started in 1976 by Mary Sue Tanis, a visionary, collaborator, and champion for children with disabilities. She was inspired to dedicate her life to helping people with disabilities find ways to participate in sports. What she created is a program that is legendary!"

We celebrate the work of Youth Challenge that has facilitated inclusion, accessibility, and encouragement to individuals with disabilities that is "Illuminating Hope". The award presented is the small replica of the sculpture of Homeless Jesus, reminding us all that we see the light of Christ radiantly shining through the work of this wonderful agency. In addition to the award presented, Youth Challenge received a $10,000 gift.

David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO, Community West Foundation spoke about the work at Community West Foundation and that, "we focus our efforts on the least of our brothers and sisters, those people considered the most deserving of our support. The very core – the soul of our work - is to support the most essential of human needs. And, an important human need is WATER. Clean water - here in our cities, nation, and for those an ocean's distance away."

He introduced two guest speakers, Steve Young, the Executive Director of Living Waters for the World, which is a Christian organization and Erin Huber Rosen, Executive Director and Founder of Drink Local. Drink Tap. Steve Young and Erin Huber Rosen are making God's love visible to others by reaching out into the forgotten corners of the world to make clean water available for those who do not have access.

David Dombrowiak surprised many in the audience by announcing his retirement at the end of the year and he received a heartfelt standing ovation for all that he has done for the organization for over twenty years. David Dombrowiak was pleased to announce that Martin J. Uhle will be the Community West Foundation's next President and CEO. Marty Uhle spoke briefly about his excitement and commitment to continue the important work the Foundation.

Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital Ranks Among Best

Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital has been ranked the No. 3 regional hospital in Cleveland and No. 4 regional hospital in Ohio by U.S. News & World Report.

Fairview Hospital is also ranked nationally by U.S. News & World Report in cardiology and heart surgery and provides a chest pain center, diagnostic center and rehab program. The hospital is accredited by The American College of Cardiology Chest Pain Center with Primary PCI (Percutaneous coronary intervention).

According to the 2018 Center for Health Affairs for Northeastern Ohio Hospitals, Fairview Hospital delivers the highest volume of babies in Northeast Ohio. Its Level III NICU is the highest level for care of newborns and its dedicated pediatric emergency department is the largest on Cleveland's West Side.

Surgical patients have access to a state-of-the-art hybrid operating room for vascular surgery, and

a world-class bariatric surgery program. The hospital's cancer program is nationally accredited by the American College of Surgeons, Commission on Cancer and is the only West Side hospital accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers.

"Fairview Hospital caregivers are proud to serve the local community and deliver the highest quality care with compassion and empathy," said Neil Smith, DO, president of Fairview Hospital. "We are honored to have achieved this recognition from U.S. News & World Report, and are committed to continuing to elevate the health and wellbeing of the West Park neighborhood."

NEW VASCULAR SURGEON ON THE WEST SIDE

Barath Badrinathan, MD, has joined Cleveland Clinic Heart & Vascular Institute's Department of Vascular Surgery. He is seeing patients at Cleveland Clinic Avon Hospital, Richard E. Jacobs Health Center and the West Valley Medical Building in Fairview Park. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Badrinathan, please call 216.444.4508.

Early Detection and Treatment is Key for Depression in Young People

All kids have emotional ups and downs: periods of moodiness, anxiety or irritability. It's a normal part of growing up.

"However, any negative change in behavior — such as a change in mood or academic performance — that comes and stays is a red flag," says Cleveland Clinic psychiatrist Molly Wimbiscus, MD. "Parents should also watch for signs that their child is thinking about hurting others or themselves."

Dr. Molly Wimbiscus

For children (ages 7 to 17) struggling with these feelings or behaviors, there is help close to home at Cleveland Clinic Lutheran and Fairview hospitals, and Lakewood Family Health Center.

"Our interdisciplinary team evaluates each patient's needs and develops a specific, individualized treatment plan," says Dr. Wimbiscus. "Depending on the plan, the child may receive treatment from a child psychiatrist, child and adolescent psychiatric nurses, clinical social workers, and occupational and recreation therapists."

Whenever possible, children and adolescents are treated in specialized outpatient programs at Lutheran Hospital and Lakewood Family Health Center. This approach provides the least disruption to a child's routine, allowing the child to continue with school, family and other activities.

If inpatient care is recommended, Fairview Hospital has the only inpatient unit for child and adolescent psychiatry in the Cleveland Clinic health system. The unit is designed to be secure, safe and calming, and all patients have their own bedroom and bathroom.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Wimbiscus or another specialist in the Center for Behavioral Health, please call 216.636.5860, or visit ClevelandClinic.org/BehavioralHealth.

Triskett Station Horizon Education Center Grand Opening

Looking for child care close to home? Horizon Education Center, located at 13850 Triskett Road, Cleveland offers child care for children 18 months to 12 years, preschool programs, and before or after school programs. Horizons guides children based on assessments and individual learning plans under the guidelines of state standards.

Almost 100 supporters and partners, including politicians, Horizon Board Members and RTA Officials gathered to celebrate the opening of the Triskett Station Horizon Education Center this summer.

According to Horizon's Executive Director Dave Smith, "In 2008, during strategic planning Horizon first examined the possibilities of expanding programs into the City of Cleveland. Cleveland State University was commissioned to do a study, to help locate potential sites for Horizon Centers."

Smith said, "Thanks to the persistence of WPKND Staff and the Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation, Horizon was introduced to the RTA for a possible center location. Property was available at the Triskett Rapid Transit Station for transit-oriented development. In May 2014, Horizon submitted a letter interest to RTA for the project."

Horizon offers toddler, preschool and afterschool/summer camp programs Monday-Friday, 6:00AM to 6:30 PM. For more information call 216-230-4432 or www.HorizonOhio.org

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony participants with representatives from Horizon Education Centers Board and Executive Team; Fischer & Associates Architects; Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation; West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development; Starting Point; representatives of RTA; Brian Kazy, Cleveland City Council (D16)

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West Park resident, Molly Singletary was inducted into the Army Nurse Corps in 1970 while a nursing student at The Ohio State University (OSU). She knew little about military service as she was from a family of 8 girls and no boys. An Army recruiter came to her college apartment after learning she was in the nursing program. Little did the recruiter know, Molly was struggling to work and keep her grades up. Molly jumped at the chance to have the benefits of free tuition, a monthly salary as an Army Private and book stipend. Her commitment would be three years to earn two years of benefits. The war was highly unpopular, and there were student demonstrations on the OSU campus. However, Molly's heart felt for the young men who had been drafted and had no other viable choice but to go to Vietnam. She graduated in 1973 from OSU. As the Vietnam War was winding down, she was stationed at Fort Lee, Virginia, as her first duty station. She continued from Virginia to Fort Sam in Houston, Texas, where the Army medical center was located, to attend a Critical Care practitioner course for six months. During her time in Texas, she met her husband at the Officer's Club after asking him to dance! They have been married 44 years. Her last assignment was Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Molly Singletary and oldest daughter, Sarah

After active duty, she returned to her home state of Ohio but remained in the Army Reserves for the next 20 years and was activated for the Gulf War. She got the call to serve as part of Operation Desert Storm just seven weeks after giving birth to her daughter in 1990. At that time, anyone could be activated if they were six weeks postpartum. It was a traumatic time for Molly and her family due to the uncertainty of that campaign and having to leave her daughter so quickly after her birth. Now, the policy to be called to service is four months.

Molly was not sent overseas but served as a filler for the active duty nurses who were sent to Kuwait. After a month of separation from her daughter, she was able to take the child with her until the end of the deployment four months later. In 1994, after many two-week summer camps (one in Panama residing next to the Canal) and monthly weekend drills, Molly retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, Army Nurse Corps. "The military offered me wonderful opportunities and I would do it all over again," she says.

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On Wednesday November 13, 2019, William G. Krejci, author of *Haunted Franklin Castle* and *Buried Beneath Cleveland* will be speaking at 7:00pm on the cemeteries surrounding the Cleveland area. Last year's talk was standing room only, so come early! The talk will take place at WPHS Community Room, 17401 Lorain Avenue, behind Citizen's Bank.

The West Park Historical Society memorabilia makes the perfect gift. Give the gift of the history of West Park with books including *Then and Now*, multiple restaurant books, and others that include schools and businesses. The historical society publication lists can be found at westparkhistory.org. The annual West Park Historical Society 2020 calendars can be found at Puritas Nursery, Gene's Place and K&K Portage Meats.

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