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Sprng is almost upon us! It is a time of new beginnings and a chance to put winter reflections and planning into practice. Here at West Park Kamm’s Neighborhood Development, we have spent the winter reflecting on the programs we offer, the events we host, and how we connect with residents and businesses in our neighborhood. We are eager to connect with you—to hear why you chose West Park as your home, to learn about the changes you and your neighbors face, and to gain insight on how we can improve our programming. In that vein, we encourage you to join the 125+ residents who have already taken our Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market Survey to share with us what works about the market and how we can improve (or what it might take to get you to visit the market for the first time!). You can find the survey and stay up to date on farmers market happenings at westparkkamms.org/market.

In this issue, we have included some local ways to get into the springtime spirit and embrace the new beginnings offered by a new decade. Whether it’s kicking off spring with the Irish on St. Patrick’s Day, getting your yard ready for Garden Walk this summer, or finding new ways to get active in the Cleveland Metroparks or at one of our local fitness businesses, we hope you will use the opportunity to spend time getting to know the community in new ways.

New leadership ushers in the new decade in West Park. Councilman Charles Stife took office just before the holidays and has been busy getting out into the neighborhood to meet as many of you as he can. We introduce you to the new councilman on page 15 through his interview with our new staff member, Franchesca Bodnar. We welcomed Franchesca in January to serve as our Community Engagement Specialist through the City of Cleveland’s Healthy Homes Initiative.

With warmer weather and longer days ahead, I look forward to seeing the neighborhood come alive and to catching up with you as we enjoy all that West Park has to offer.

Cheers!

Rosemary Mudry, Executive Director

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Thursday, December 3, 2020
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Find West Park events at westparkkamms.org/events

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

MARCH 3 • 7:30PM
A Priest and a Rabbi Walk Into A Bar
Join the interfaith conversation with Father Doug Koesel of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church and Rabbi Enid Lader of West Temple, The Public House, 17219 Lorain Road

MARCH 11 • 5:30-7:30PM
RTA is planning for the future and needs your help with creating a strategic plan for capital improvements and to enhance ridership through 2030. Your ideas will help shape RTA for years to come. Gemini Center in Fairview. 21225 Lorain Road, Fairview Park

MARCH 13 • 8:30AM
Shave Your Mane St. Baldrick
St. Mark School is raising funds for pediatric cancer research. Additional fundraising prior to event at PJ McIntyre’s, OnlyInClev, and West Park Station. St. Mark School, 15724 Montrose Avenue 216-521-4115, stmarkwestpark.com

MARCH 14 • 10AM-2:00PM
West Park Youth Job Jam
For young adults 14-20 to meet local employers, mock interviews, job readiness workshop, lunch, community service opportunities. Register to 216-671-2710 Gunning Rec Center, 16700 Puritas Avenue

MARCH 14 & 28 • 12:00-5:00PM
Kamm’s Corners Ice Cream Co.
The shop is open to purchase pints of homemade ice cream two Saturdays in March. Catering available for special events. Host your next social or birthday party at the shop. Kamm’s Plaza 3764 Rocky River Drive 216-417-4832, kammscornersicecream.com

MARCH 14 • 12:00-8:00PM
The 4th Annual Green Mile Crawl
West Park Station, PJ McIntyre’s, Smedley’s Bar & Grille, Backstage Bar, Throwbacks Pub westparkkamms.org/events

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MARCH 29, APRIL 26, MAY 31 • 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

MARCH 31 • 11:00AM-8:00PM
The Federation and the Crew of the International Federation of Trekkers Cleveland Chapter • Cleveland Star Trek Day
PJ McIntyre’s Irish Pub, 171119 Lorain Avenue

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. Tammy Hanna, First District Community Relations Representative, 216-664-6634 Saint Ignatius of Antioch School, 10205 Lorain Avenue

APRIL 2 • 1:00PM-2:00PM
Little Explorers Rocky River Nature Center
There and Back Again, Bring your little explorer for an epic adventure up the Fort Hill Stairs. The program starts indoors with a story and a lesson about hiking safety and etiquette. Terrain: 155 stairs clevelandmetroparks.com

APRIL 6 • 6:00PM
WPKNLD & COUNCILMAN SLIFE
West Park Neighborhood Update WPKNLD Executive Director, Rosemary Mudry and Ward 17 Councilman Charles Slife will talk on the updates of the neighborhood. Gunning Recreation Center, 16700 Puritas Avenue, westparkkamms.org

APRIL 21 • 12:00PM
West Shore Rotary Club
Host speaker, Bob DiBiaso, Cleveland Indians VP of Public Affairs with a buffet luncheon at the 100th Bomb Group, 20920 Brookpark Road. Tickets are $30/person. For tickets: jacksonma2316@gmail.com, 586-206-0348

APRIL 25 • 5:30-11:00PM
West Shore Rotary
Reverse Raffle “70’s Raffle” Gemini Center 21225 Lorain Road, Fairview Park moneonbard@aol.com, 440-289-1168

MAY 20 • 6:30PM
FIRST OF THE SEASON
WPKNLD • Walk on Wednesdays
Explore West Park on foot as we visit neighborhoods and merchants. Go to westparkkamms.org for location meet-ups. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from May-October

MAY 27 • 10:00AM-2:00PM
Senior Day
Hosted by The Cleveland Department of Aging, Cleveland Public Hall, 500 Lakeside Avenue, 216-664-2833 cleveland-oh.gov/aging

JUNE 14 • 10:00AM-1:00PM
Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market
Opening Day of the 2020 farmers market season, West 168 Street and Albers Avenue 216-252-6559 x1300 westparkkamms.org/market

JUNE 20 • 12:00-8:00PM
The Hooley on Kamm’s Corners™
The 11th annual West Park’s Street Festival held on Lorain Avenue from West 165 Street to Rocky River Drive with live music and entertainment on two stages, festival food, vendor booths, and family fun!

JUNE 26, JULY 17, AUGUST 14 • 6:30PM
Lawn Chair Cinema
Free movie celebration and family movie night held at Impett Park. Games, arts and crafts activities, followed by family friendly movie, June 26-First District Safety Fair

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Master Recyclers

West Park is home to several Master Recyclers. Through the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, residents can earn this distinguished title by participating in 20 hours of training and 20 hours of volunteer work with a focus on reducing, reusing, recycling.

Last fall, a discussion at West Park Neighbor Night sparked an idea among participants and Master Recyclers, Danielle Doza and Emily Roll. With several residents asking how they could reduce waste, the two decided to offer a waste reduction workshop to the wider West Park community. Previously they had hosted similar workshops — a recycling education event and composting for beginners. This time they recruited fellow West Park residents and West Park Neighbor Night members, Jim Watson, also a Master Recycler, and Justine Smith, a public transportation advocate to help them lead the workshop, which was held in November at 5 Points Coffee & Tea.

The workshop focused on reducing waste in a few areas of life, including the following:
- Reducing waste at the grocery store, such as buying dry goods in bulk, utilizing reusable produce bags and containers, and of course bringing your own bags.
- Everyday life reduction to avoid single-use plastics and plastic/packing alternatives in the household and for personal care.
- How to take advantage of West Park’s abundant public transportation options. The presenters encouraged everyone to take the Rapid Red Line one time during the holidays and were given schedules for the main West Park lines and downtown trolleys.
- Reuse, re-purpose, and repair of common, everyday items in the home.

The workshop left participants with a call to action to reduce waste - Try one thing over the next 30 days to reduce waste in one area of your life. Starting small is more manageable and can encourage better habits.

Jim Watson, Danielle Doza, Emily Roll, Justine Smith
# Get Fit in West Park

Do you have goals of getting stronger, healthier, or reaching 10,000 steps a day? Check out the wide range of activities offered in West Park. There is sure to be one that fits you and your family. #GetInspiredWestPark

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Celebrate the start of summer with the 11th annual Hooley on Kamm’s Corners™ hosted by West Park Kamm’s Neighborhood Development. West Park’s own street festival features two stages boasting a wide variety of live music, Irish dancers, pipes and drums, and performers as well as local makers, artists, and vendors on Lorain Avenue. Enjoy food by local and regional restaurants and chefs while the kids have a blast in the Kids Zone with inflatables and games. Local merchants are open with additional entertainment lined-up and Hooley™ specials! Free admission! The Hooley™ is held on Lorain Avenue from Rocky River Drive to West 165 Street. Volunteers are needed, sign up at westparkkamms.org! See you at the Hooley™!

Celebrate Spring!

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St. Patrick’s Day
March 17th
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Kitchen at 9 a.m.

36th Annual Survivors Party
March 18th at 11 a.m.
New Barleycorn at 5 p.m.

Join us for The Hooley

Thank you to owner Jeanne and her faithful shop side-kick Dottie, a half basset hound half jack russell terrier, at Destination Yarn for a fun photo shoot for the West Park Magazine at her studio that included finds in West Park for St. Patrick’s Day and spring!

Destination Yarn is an independent, hand dyed yarn company located in West Park. Jeanne, a former architect, believes in the power of a place to inspire creativity. Through a passion for travel, color, and the fiber arts they create unique and vibrant colorways inspired by travel. Every skein is an adventure! Destination Yarn can be found in stores in Ohio, Michigan, Montana, Oregon, Wisconsin and Paris, France or online at destinationyarn.com.
The Mohicans Treehouse Plants Roots In Cleveland

by Ben Campbell

The former Fifth Third Bank at 3885 Rocky River Drive has been purchased by Kevin Mooney, the owner of The Mohicans Treehouse Resort & Wedding Venue in Glenmont, Ohio. Pete Nelson, of the “Treehouse Masters” television show on Animal Planet, designed three of the nine treehouses. The treehouses are individually designed and named. They feature heat, air conditioning, indoor/outdoor showers, and high-quality finishes such as cherry ceilings, black walnut floors, and granite counter tops. In addition to the treehouses, the resort has four Amish-built cabins and a luxury barn for weddings and other special occasions. The resort continues to grow with new lodgings, and Kevin attributes the success of the resort to its uniqueness as a one of a kind in United States. Further, the luxury barn has a complete kitchen with 5-star quality foods prepared by a trained chef.

Owning a building in Cleveland will support and expand the existing business. Kevin plans to use the property in several different ways.

The building will become the headquarters for his corporate staff. He will also build out a full commercial kitchen on the premises, which will serve two purposes. One, since 40% of his customers come from the Greater Cleveland area, the location in West Park will be convenient for potential customers to attend food tastings to get to know the menu. Two, he will establish Treehouse Provisions, a take-out restaurant that will also offer catering and meal delivery. The kitchen will be designed by Rick Lally, a Cleveland-based architect who has designed other restaurants including properties operated by Michael Symon.

The restaurant and kitchen operations will be run by Chef Drew Slane who trained at the Arizona Culinary Institute, Pier W, Cabin Club, and Salmon & Dave’s. While the menu is still being developed, Kevin says they plan to “make everything from mild to wild.” He detailed that they are working on a farm-to-table menu that will use locally sourced ingredients from the Amish farmers he has established relationships with over the years while operating the resort.

If all goes smoothly, Treehouse Provisions could open as early as Summer 2020. For more information, visit themohicans.net/treehouse.

Inward Compass Yoga is coming to West Park

Owner Vern Sherrill recently signed a lease for a storefront at the 5 Points intersection at 15903 West Park Road and plans to have the yoga studio open this spring. Vern said his yoga “birthday” dates to 2015, when based on a friend’s advice, he turned to yoga to help him deal with the loss of a loved one. After that, his practice in yoga continued to grow until he was ready to start his own studio. Vern explains that practicing yoga has both physical as well as spiritual benefits including peace of mind and dealing with depression.

The studio will offer a variety of classes such as power yoga for improved cardio and core body strength, breath control and proper body positions, a 6:00 a.m. early stretch session, chair yoga for seniors and those with injuries limiting their range of motion, and sessions geared toward kids and families.

Weekly classes will be held on an alternating basis for first responders (police, fire, and EMS) and health care professionals (doctors and nurses). Those sessions will be donation based. In the future, Vern plans to establish a foundation that will provide scholarships to those in need of assistance to participate in yoga sessions.

For more information about Inward Compass Yoga, call 216-505-0730 or visit inwardcompassyoga.com.
Hangin’ at the Hollar

From the beginning, Hatfield’s Goode Grub has been an exercise in evolution and expansion. In 2015, Ken and Jessica Hatfield established their food truck business. Next, they opened their food truck commissary and restaurant at 16700 Lorain Avenue in 2016. In 2017, a second food truck was added. Their latest project, Hangin’ At The Hollar, opened late last year in the vacant former bar/club space next to their existing restaurant.

As local business owners and West Park residents, Ken and Jessica conceived Hangin’ At The Hollar as a way to offer new dining and entertainment options in the neighborhood. The expanded menu available in both the original restaurant space and Hangin’ At The Hollar now offers pizza and wings in addition to their signature southern comfort food that includes ribs, pulled pork, catfish, burgers, sandwiches, wraps, macaroni and cheese, grits, and collard greens. Hatfield’s Goode Grub continues its quick serve style while the Hollar features sit down service and a full bar. They round out new offerings with a weekend breakfast that includes Bloody Mary brunches on Saturday and bottomless Mimosas on Sunday.

The Hollar is also designed for family entertainment with pool tables, foosball, pinball, darts, and a giant TV screen for game days. The mezzanine features a second bar and can host special events and private parties. Patrons can also enjoy a range of regular events like, Pickin’ Parlor, a jam session headed by guest musical hosts every Tuesday, comedy nights with national acts on the second Saturday of the month, and craft shows.

For more information, visit hatfieldsgoodegrub.com or call 216-417-1056.

Beauty Cartel

Alexandrea Greer opened the Beauty Cartel in February, with a spa occupying two storefronts at 4251 Rocky River Drive. Alexandrea is an esthetician specializing in eyelash extensions, body contouring, facials, waxing and needleless fillers. For more info visit thebeautycartel.com.

Art Beat Nail Salon

Offering nail enhancements, gel manicures, spa pedicures, and more, Saroya Clark, owner of Art Beat Nail Salon, 4159 Rocky River Drive, opened the Fall of 2019. Call 216-282-6094 or book your appointment online at vagaro.com/artbeatnailsalon.

OFFICE FOR RENT

WPKND Building-2nd Floor
17407 Lorain Avenue
Free parking in lot to the rear
A professional office suite with three rooms and a kitchenette for only $595 a month.

Interested in this space or other available spaces in West Park?
Reach out to Ben Campbell at 216-252-6559 x1200
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Control your weight to help protect your heart from atrial fibrillation. If you’re over 40 and your heart flutters, there’s a good chance you’re one of the millions who suffer from atrial fibrillation (Afib). This condition, which can cause the upper chambers of the heart to race for minutes, hours or days, is the result of a malfunction in the heart’s electrical system.

Common symptoms may include a feeling that your heart is pounding or about to leap out of your chest. You might also feel weak, and have shortness of breath and chest pain.

“Atrial fibrillation raises your likelihood for stroke and doubles the chance of dementia. It also increases the risk of suffering a heart attack or developing heart failure,” explains Cleveland Clinic electrophysiologist and cardiovascular specialist Christine Tanaka-Esposito, MD, at Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital and Avon Hospital. “Although we cannot ‘cure’ Afib, there are many treatment options that range from medications to cardiac procedures that can improve quality of life and prevent complications.”

Recent studies have shown that lifestyle changes — specifically weight management — can reduce the risk of developing atrial fibrillation.

“Weight loss can be a powerful tool with many benefits,” says Dr. Tanaka-Esposito. “It helps to reduce high blood pressure (BP). In turn, lower BP is good for coronary blood flow and decreases arrhythmia (abnormal heart rhythm). Weight loss can also help control diabetes and prevent sleep apnea, both of which increase your risk for atrial fibrillation.”

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Tanaka-Esposito, call 216-476-7000. For more information about Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital, visit ClevelandClinic.org/FairviewHospital.
SAVE THE DATE
Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market Season
Opens Sunday, June 14|10:00AM-1:00PM

This 2020 market season, WPKND will introduce new programming at the market. There will be family activities, fitness, sustainability programming, and an expanded hot food options and more!

Interested in becoming a vendor at WPKND’s farmers market?
WPKND is looking for:
• produce vendors
• artisans/makers
• meat/dairy vendors
• hot food vendors
• bakers/confectionery
• musicians

Fill out our new vendor inquiry form at westparkkamms.org/market or contact JD Smith at 216-252-6559 x1300.

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June 14-October 11, 2020
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Irish in Cleveland

Timeline of the Irish in Cleveland through the history of parishes of the Diocese of Cleveland and population statistics. Highlighting where the Irish settled roots.

1825
- 500 Irish in Cleveland
- Worked on Ohio & Erie Canal
- Potato Famine in Ireland 1845-49

1848
- 1,024 Irish in Cleveland
- Irish immigrants increased due to famine, making Irishtown Bend home.
- Employed in steel mills along the Cuyahoga River & Newburgh
- Dominated with laborers & worked the docks unloading ships

1851
- St. Vincent Charity Hospital opened, serving Irish children who lost their parents immigrating to Cleveland or diseases in the Irish ghetto

1865
- St. Malachi Church was formed to place an Irish parish closer to the near west side. Known for its tall spire and illuminated cross visible to sailors on Lake Erie
- Last mass at St. Mary’s on the Flats 1886

1902
- 13,120 Irish in Cleveland made up 3.5% of the city, but 12.5% of the police force
- Irish descendants living in Cleveland in 1970 ranged from 37,000 to 100,000

1826
- St. Mary’s on the Flats the first Catholic Church building built in Cleveland at Irishtown Bend

1842
- 1st St. Pat’s Parade Cleveland

1848
- John M. West born in Leitrim, Ireland in 1811
- Immigrated to America in 1826
- 1842 built a house at 3684 West 138 Street (believed to be the oldest building in West Park)

1853
- West Park St. Patrick Parish opened

1870
- 10,000 Irish in Cleveland

1874
- Cleveland’s Irish population constituted 10% of the general population & almost 20% of the police force

1886
- St. Colman Parish built

photos: Cleveland Memory Project, Cleveland Public Library, Case Western Reserve University, West Park Historical Society, West Park St. Patrick Church, St. Colman Church, St. Malachi Church
Meet Councilman Charles Slife

Councilman Charles Slife is enthusiastic and warm-hearted when talking about his journey to becoming Ward 17 Councilman over breakfast at Gene’s Place. Raised in Avon Lake, Charles grew up calling Northeast Ohio home. After high school, he attended Miami University of Ohio where he majored in International Studies and played the trumpet in the marching band. After graduation, he got a job in Washington, D.C. with a publishing company. And, though D.C. helped expand his worldview, Charles found he missed Cleveland.

Charles moved back a few years later realizing that he “could have a global mindset with local impact.” After moving back from D.C., he received his masters from Cleveland State University in Urban Economic Development. Now, Charles and his wife, Holly, live in West Park with their son Henry. “Neighborhoods like ours have a great quality of life to offer. The families that reside here have been here for generations, creating real investment in the community.”

When asked what his favorite part of being councilman is, Charles commented on the sincerity of the residents, “I like meeting the residents and understanding why they live here. I can tell when people call the office or meet with me, they care about the neighborhood. The perk of the job is being able to get feedback from residents, being able to put the pieces together, and realize what is the bigger trend and how can we address [issues].”

Charles tries to stay active and involved in the community at the same time. He can be caught jogging around the neighborhood or down in the valley in the Cleveland Metroparks. On Saturdays, Charles volunteers downtown with Minds’ Matter, a college readiness program with high school students, “I can walk to the rapid from my house. I try to take public transportation when I can. If I can go for a quick walk or ride my bike, I’m more than happy to do that. It also allows me to see more things in the neighborhood—catch the small details.”

When asked where Charles sees West Park in a few years from now, he talked about how people are eager to move into the neighborhood and how longtime residents want to stay and be active residents. He noted the role that housing renovation programs, senior housing, and neighborhood marketing have in meeting these demands. He explains, “I want to figure out how we can try and help people renovate their homes, because people here, they don’t want to move out. How do we help to ensure that homes and this neighborhood continue to meet the needs of people today and into the future?”

At the end of breakfast, when asked if he will run again for councilman in 2021, Charles paused, “Ya, but [currently] I’m not focused on re-election—I’m focused on getting stuff done. I think I have something to offer; I’ve been trying to get questions answered and [hope] that people feel that they’re being heard.”

Join WPKND on April 6 at 6:00pm at Gunning Recreation Center for a neighborhood meeting. WPKND’s Executive Director, Rosemary Mudry and Ward 17 Councilman Charles Slife will be sharing neighborhood updates.

By: Franchesca Bodnar
Get Irish in West Park

From the bars, to the restaurants, to the parishes, to the Irish apparel, West Park loves St. Patrick’s Day. It is easy to get a little Irish or go big on this St. Patrick’s Day! Celebrate the day in any way!

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Before you head out and celebrate St. Patrick’s Day please go to the voting polls and VOTE in the 2020 Primary Election, polls open at 6:30AM. Know you can’t make it to vote on St. Paddy’s Day, vote early! Cast your ballot by mail or vote at the Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Avenue, 216-443-8683. All voting info can be found at 411.org.

West Park has the Fish

The most wonderful time of the year is here: Fish Fries! Ash Wednesday, February 26, kicks off Lent this year and goes until Good Friday on April 10. Cleveland loves a good fish fry and West Park doesn’t disappoint! Use our map to find the fish in West Park.

WE HAVE YOU COVERED THIS ST. PADDY’S DAY!

From the bars, to the restaurants, to the parishes, to the Irish apparel, West Park loves St. Patrick’s Day. It is easy to get a little Irish or go big on this St. Patrick’s Day! Celebrate the day in any way!
Fish Fries in West Park 2020

1) Our Lady Of Angels Parish
   3644 Rocky River Drive
   Fish Fries: Fridays 2/28-4/10 | 4-7PM

2) St. Mark Parish
   15724 Montrose Avenue
   5/6, 5/20, 5/27 | 5-7PM

3) St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church
   3256 Warren Road
   Fish Fries: Fridays 2/28-4/10 | 5-8PM

4) K&K Portage Market
   3364 Warren Road
   Fish Sandwiches or Cook Your Own

5) Gene’s Place
   3730 Rocky River Drive
   Fish Platters and Sandwiches

6) Red Lantern
   17446 Lorain Avenue
   All You Can Eat Perch Friday | All Day

7) Public House
   17219 Lorain Avenue
   Fish Fries 365 days a year | Lenten Specials

8) Smedley’s Bar & Grille
   17004 Lorain Avenue
   Lake Erie Perch, Cod, Walleye, Pierogies

9) Hatfield’s Goode Crab
   16700 Lorain Avenue
   Lenten Specials, Fish Served Everyday

10) Bethany English Lutheran Church
    15460 Triskett Road
    Fish Fries: 3/13 and 3/27 | 4:30-7PM

11) PJ’s McIntyre’s Irish Pub
    17119 Lorain Avenue
    Fish Fries and Lenten Specials

12) Westpark Station
    17015 Lorain Avenue
    Fish Fries and Lenten Specials

13) Backstage Bar
    17007 Lorain Avenue
    Lenten Specials

14) Irish 32
    15715 Lorain Avenue
    Fish Platters and Sandwiches

15) Seven Seas Seafood
    15725 Lorain Avenue
    Prepared or Cook Your Own

16) VFW Post Post 2533
    3791 West 150th Street
    Fish Fries: Fridays 2/28-4/10 | 4-8PM
    Support Your Local VFW

17) Dante’s Pizza
    4176 Rocky River Drive
    Fish Platters to GO!

18) Grayton Road Tavern
    4760 Grayton Road
    Lenten Specials

19) 180th Bomb Group
    20920 Brookpark Road
    Lenten Specials
West Park Alum

West Park is privileged to have businesses, organizations and schools that are deeply rooted in and bring life to our neighborhoods. The success and dedication of these anchors have helped our community flourish. Highlighting an anchor of West Park brings us to the northwest end of West Park, Saint Joseph Academy (SJA). Saint Joseph Academy is nestled on 57 acres, bordering the valley. Saint Joseph Academy was established in 1890 by the Congregation of St. Joseph, who owns and operates it to this day. The total enrollment of SJA is currently 696 students, of which 85% are Catholic. The Academy welcomes students and their families into our neighborhood from 62 zip codes. 40% of the Academy’s students are residents of Cleveland. Behind every successful school is the team that leads, and for the last 14 years, Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis has served as the President of Saint Joseph Academy. Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis grew up in West Park on St. Anthony Lane. The third oldest of seven, with three brothers and three sisters, Mary Ann was put in a leadership role at a young age. Attending grade school at Our Lady of Angels and graduating from Saint Joseph Academy in 1971, she came full circle and back to her roots, as a member of the Academy’s first Board of Directors (she would later serve another term as Board member and Board chair twice) and then accepting the position as the first President of Saint Joseph Academy.

Her journey back to her hometown is one of dedication, focus, sense of adventure, and perseverance. After high school, Mary Ann commuted to John Carroll University for the first two years of college where she studied French. She dreamed of bigger places and enrolled as an independent student at the Sorbonne in Paris for a year. That global experience as a 19-year-old young woman who never had left Cleveland laid down the foundation for her career adventures. After she returned from France and graduated from John Carroll University, Mary Ann then attended Case Western Reserve University to earn her Master of Science in Management with an emphasis in marketing. After a stint in retail at Halle’s Department store, she scored an interview and earned a job at one of Cleveland’s most prominent companies, American Greetings, in 1977.

Mary Ann started in entry-level sales and worked her way up, gathering knowledge in diverse areas like manufacturing process, supply chain, and retail. At one point, as the President of the Retail Division, she was in charge of 440 stores in 40 states. That position led her to take on a recently purchased company in Australia, where she led the acquisition for over a year. Mary Ann finished out her career at American Greetings in the position Senior Vice President of Business Innovation, tasked with finding ways to make the company more responsive while being profitable. Her success in that role allowed the company to eliminate the position altogether. Over the course of her 27 year career at American Greetings, Mary Ann held many leadership positions. While Senior Vice President of International Relations, she visited twenty countries one year and spent an average of 100 nights overseas annually. Despite the commitments of her job, Mary Ann served on the Saint Joseph Academy board of directors for 13 years and John Carroll University for 12 years. While on a term break from the Academy’s board, the position of President was created and Mary Ann was the one for the job.

Mary Ann’s team focuses on the development of college-ready successful young women; they have earned over $23 million in college merit offers and 97% of the class of 2019 was accepted into 140 colleges and universities. Tuition assistance is given to 73% of the student body. Saint Joseph Academy has over 18,000 alumnae, so it is no surprise that 43% of the Academy’s currently enrolled students are legacies from their mothers, sisters, aunts, grandmothers or great-grandmothers.

Rooted in the spirituality of the Congregation of St. Joseph, from the freshmen to the seniors of St. Joseph last year served 27,600 hours of service to the community, locally and internationally. Many of our West Park organizations have benefited such as
Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital, Laura’s Home, St. Patrick’s Parish, and Our Lady of Angels for their time and stewardship.

Throughout her 14-year tenure as President of Saint Joseph Academy, Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis has been preparing her alma mater for decades to come. She has increased enrollment by 10%, doubled the Academy’s operating budget, increased the Academy’s endowment, and oversaw $10 million in capital improvements (not counting current capital projects).

Saint Joseph Academy brings life to our economy as their professional staff of more than 100 employees consists of 63 certificated full and part-time faculty with an average of 16 years of service to education. 16% of faculty/staff are alumnae.

Four decades later, Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis leads the youth of today very much as when she attended Saint Joseph Academy with the motto “be yourself here” and “value yourself and your mind.” Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis will retire at the end of this school year in June 2020. West Park is thankful for her dedication and leadership to ensure that the Academy remains a strong and vibrant West Park institution throughout the 21st century. Thank you Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis!

Mary Ann shares a few of her memories of growing up in West Park:

- Standing outside Our Lady of Angels school on Rocky River Drive as the JFK presidential motorcade drove by
- Hearing the Angelus bells at 6 AM, Noon and 6 PM every day—Poor Clares Monastery and Our Lady of Angels Church
- Waiting with my family in line at Newton D. Baker school for a sugar cube with the polio vaccine in 1962—“Sabin Oral Sundays”
- Riding my bike in the valley with friends
- Walking with friends to Kamm’s Corner to the GC Murphy store and the Riverside movie theatre
- Walking with Saint Joseph Academy students for bowling on Fridays after school at Olympic Lanes

New President of Saint Joseph Academy

The Saint Joseph Academy Board of Directors announced Kathryn Purcell as its next President, beginning the 2020-2021 academic year. In her new role, Purcell will lead Saint Joseph Academy forward as it begins its next chapter. She is succeeding Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis, the school’s first president, who will retire at the end of June 2020.

Purcell is more than familiar with strong leadership in an all-girls educational environment. She joins Saint Joseph Academy after a 24-year tenure at Laurel School, most recently as the Associate Head of School.

“In addition to the strong and innovative academic program, Saint Joseph Academy’s commitment to faith, service, character development and community is particularly compelling to me. We want young women to feel empowered, confident and comfortable with people like and unlike themselves. We want them to ask questions and to stand up for what they believe.”
March and April are a great time to start planning for work in yards and gardens. This is the time to scour Pinterest, magazines, and books. Puritas Nursery shared how to start planning now.

1. Plan what kind of vegetables you want in your garden for the upcoming year. Reference seed catalogs or books from the library.
2. Visit local garden centers for the best selection of fresh vegetable plants or seed packets. Be sure to have a plan so you don’t overbuy.
3. Get estimates from local landscapers for work you want done. Use the landscapers off season as an opportunity to secure that your landscaping job gets done and you get the best company for you and your goals.
4. Plant seed potatoes and onion sets close to St. Patrick’s Day, only if the ground is workable and not frozen.
5. There is still time to apply dormant seeding in your lawn before the ground warms up. Stop in to Puritas Nursery, talk to the local experts and get the supplies.

DEER EATING YOUR PLANTS?

An all-natural product called Feathermeal can be used every three weeks to keep the deer from feasting on your plants. Feathermeal is also a source of nitrogen and can be used on your vegetable plants too! Feathermeal is used by the Cleveland Metroparks to keep the deer from eating flowers and plants in the valley and can be purchased locally at West Park’s Puritas Nursery.
GARDENWALK CLEVELAND 2020

GardenWalk Cleveland will be held, July 11 and 12, 10AM to 5PM. This is a free, self-guided tour of more than 200 private neighborhood gardens within Cleveland’s city limits. Its purpose is to invite people to connect through the love of gardens. Once again, West Park is excited to participate in the walk this year. Participating neighborhoods will be split between the two days, with West Park being featured on Saturday, July 11.

Now is a good time to start planning to be on the tour this year! Garden hosts do not have to be present, but most are, enjoy showing off the results of their passionate vision as hours of pruning, shaping, and planting result in a certain natural magic. And, they like talking with their visitors, sharing ideas, remedies, and sometimes even plants and seeds.

PLAY BALL!

Tri-League Little League is the only youth baseball and softball program in Cleveland to be affiliated with Little League International. Little League International has about 180,000 teams worldwide with over 2 million youth between the ages of 4 and 16, both boys and girls. Little League International is the largest volunteer organization in the world!

Tri-League Little League has the following divisions:
- Tee Ball 4 to 6 coed
- Coach Pitch 7 to 8 coed
- Minors Boys 9 to 10
- Minors Girls 9 to 10
- Majors Boys 11 to 12
- Majors Girls 11 to 12
- Juniors Boys 13 to 14
- Juniors Girls 13 to 14
- Seniors Boys 15 to 16
- Seniors Girls 15 to 16

The regular season runs from early May to July. All Star teams are formed for each age group (except Tee Ball and Coach Pitch). All Star teams will play against other All Star teams from other leagues in our district. Whoever wins district advances to state. Whoever wins state advances to regionals. Whoever wins regionals advances to the Little League World Series LIVE on ESPN! If players win state they will advance to the national Little League Home Run Derby hosted at Dodger Stadium in LA. All players will get to meet all the All Stars in MLB at the 2020 MLB All Star Game held in LA.

Tri-League is hosting the official Little League Home Run Derby sponsored by T-Mobile, planned for League Opening Day on Saturday, May 2, location TBD. Winner of the Home Run Derby will advance to district, then to state.

Players and families can also apply for the free Call Up Grant from Little League International and T-Mobile. The Call Up Grant, if approved, allows players to play for FREE! More information can be found at littleleague.org/call-up-grant-program.

In person registrations is currently taking place at the League office located at 4462 West 130th Street, Cleveland, on Wednesdays from 7PM to 9PM and Saturdays 11AM to 3PM until March 28th. Register and get more information www.trileaguelittleleague.org
Owners of Gene’s Place, Gene Lavelle and his wife of 62 years, Peggie McNamara Lavelle, histories go way back in West Park. Gene, the middle child, grew up with siblings Frank and Toni on West 126th Street, attended St. Vincent De Paul Grade School, and graduated from West Tech High School. Gene’s father, Frank Sr, worked at the Gas Company. His mother, Rose, worked at Luigi’s Pizza, located at 16020 Lorain Avenue, next to Fischer Foods, until her son Frank, opened his family’s own pizzeria. Named Rosina’s Pizza Shop, Gene states, “it was the first pizzeria to open in Lakewood.”

Peggie McNamara Lavelle, who grew up a street away from Gene’s family, also attended St. Vincent De Paul Grade School with her sister. They graduated from St. Joseph Academy. Her family lived on West 125th Street. The neighborhood park, Mohican Park, within walking distance, was where Gene and the neighborhood boys would play pick-up games of baseball at the ball diamonds. Peggie and her sister would sit on their porch to watch the goings of the park and the people walking by their house. All it took the former classmates from St. Vincent De Paul school to connect was a walk by Peggie’s house when Gene was 16 and Peggie was 15 and the rest is history. The couple married at St. Vincent De Paul Church in 1957 when Gene returned home from Germany from serving with the United States Army.

Since the family was no stranger to owning and working in a restaurant, when the chance to purchase an up and coming franchise arose, they took the risk. The Perkins chain was established in 1958 in Cincinnati, Ohio. In the 1960s, the chain expanded as a franchise. Gene and Frank invested in the Perkin Pancake House franchise in June of 1963. The brothers opened 4 locations West Park, West 117th Street and Berea Road, Dover Center Road in Bay Village, and Parma Heights on Pearl Road. In the late ’70s, the Perkins franchise was consolidated with their other chain, Smitty’s. Then in 1979, Perkins became wholly owned by Holiday Inns, Inc. Perkins became Smitty’s for just a few months before Gene and Peggie took over sole ownership of the West Park location. Gene and Peggie officially changed the name to Gene’s Place in 1982.

Gene and Peggie have four children - two boys, Gene and Vince, and two daughters, Jennifer and Laurie, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. The whole family is involved in the day to day business of Gene’s Place. Jennifer and Chris Woost manage the kitchen, Laurie is the hostess and bookkeeper, and her husband, James Gladys, is a cook. Daughter in law, Carol was a hostess. Their three grandsons, Gino Lavelle, and Laurie’s sons - Nick and Justin Farris are cooks and servers. Gene joked, “I think I employed at one time most of Cleveland’s teenagers from 1963 to date.”

Gene’s Place has been a tradition for generations in Cleveland for over 57 years. From the church pews in the lobby, to the movie stars of the past adorning the walls, Gene’s Place is the place to meet in West Park. The cornerstone of Kamm’s Plaza can hold up to 260 people. A party room is available. Gene’s Place is open 7 days a week and serves breakfast all day!
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West Park Branch Library

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Storytimes:
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Pop In: Mon-Fri: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Art Workshop: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Builders Club with LEGO® & Bloks: First Saturday of every month: 1:00 pm
Crafts to make and take, including edible crafts: Thursdays at 3:30 pm
4/14 National Scrabble Day Giant Scrabble: 3:30 pm
4/16 National Letter Writing Day: 4:30 pm
4/21 & 4/23 Earth Day 2 day Program: Making & Painting Clay Impressions: 4:30 pm
5/21 Mother Goose on the Loose Scavenger Hunt: 3:30 pm
5/26 Paper Airplane Day: 4:30 pm

ADULTS:
3/9 CCA (City) Tax Assistance
No Appointment Needed
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
3/11 Page Turner Book Club:
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens: 2:00 pm
3/23 CCA (City) Tax Assistance
No Appointment Needed
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
4/6 CCA (City) Tax Assistance
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For more than 40 years, WPKND has been serving our residents and our community. Your tax-deductible donation helps ensure we can continue our community building events such as The Hooley on Kamm’s Corners ™, Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market, and Lawn Chair Cinema, senior home repair and more.

Friends of West Park Kamm’s Neighborhood Development Membership Application

Your donation supports WPKND’s vision to promote, develop, and guide the West Park neighborhood as the best place to live, learn, work, shop, and play.

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mollie@westparkkamms.org
**3rd Annual West Park Holiday Passport**

Starting on Small Business Saturday, West Park Kamm’s Neighborhood Development collaborated with twelve neighborhood businesses and the Indoor Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market to encourage the community to shop local this holiday season with the 3rd annual West Park Holiday Passport. “Local and independent businesses are what make West Park unique and keep our main streets vibrant. The Holiday Passport program is West Park’s way of encouraging our community to support local businesses, get out into the neighborhood and celebrate the season!” shares Rosemary Mudrty, WPKND Executive Director.

Participants picked up a passport at any of the participating businesses, collected six or more stamps, and returned the completed passport to one of the businesses for a chance to win one of twelve business donated prizes. Conor Boylan, owner of 5 Points Coffee & Tea, hosted a Passport Party to celebrate the completion of the Passport program, with an Irish Christmas Celebration with live Irish music by Andrew McManus and Celtic inspired mocktails.

As you think about where you shop in 2020, keep in mind for every $1 spent at a local business, $.67 stays in our community. When you shop small, you make a big impact on West Park! Thank you to the participating 2019 Holiday Passport locations and those who participated!

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**Veteran Resources**

**Free sports, concert tickets for active military and vets**

Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. Sign up online, your service will be verified and then you can request tickets to the interested event, a small delivery fee is required to get the free tickets. We support our troops by honoring their service and providing positive family and life experiences, during and after their years of service to our country. Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA. [www.vettix.org](http://www.vettix.org)

**Lunch for Lady Veterans**

Join up with the Medina County Women of the Military Lady Vets from all ranks and services. The group meets monthly at restaurants throughout Cuyahoga and Medina counties. Members that live in a five-county Greater Cleveland area are welcome. For more information, check out the Medina County Women of the Military Facebook page or email mcwomili-tary@yahoo.com.

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**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.

March 18: Room by Emma Donoghue
April 15: Educated by Tara Westover
May 20: A Dirt Road to Somewhere by Ramona Robinson
June 17: The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes
July 15: Reading Behind Bars: A Memoir of Literature, Law, and Life as a Prison Librarian by Jill Grunewald

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**West Park Count 2020**

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**Important Data!**

The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The results are used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress, draw boundaries for voting districts, and determine how more than $675 billion in federal funding is spent in communities each year, including funding for Medicare, SNAP/food stamps, Head Start, and Special Education Grants.

Taking part is your civic duty! Completing the census is required. Flex your democracy! Show how “I count!”

Your information is confidential. Federal law protects your responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics and cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

There will be three options for responding:

Online
Phone
Mail

You can’t resist if you don’t exist. Being counted is a powerful way to participate in the democratic ideals of inclusion and equality. And there is a cost to not being counted. For each person who is not counted, our community will lose an estimated $1,800 per year. That means that if just 10 percent of Cuyahoga County’s nearly 90,000 immigrants are not counted, we lose more than $16 million in federal funding!

YOU COUNT!
For many, Spring’s new beginning starts with a “spring cleaning” to freshen up the home. We reached out to 18-year West Park resident Kerry Miles, a professional organizer, for her tips on decluttering and organizing at home. Kerry’s had a passion for organization for many years and finds assisting clients in organizing and decluttering to be a rewarding way to help others lead a simpler and less stressful life. Here are her top tips for getting started this spring and seeing it through (without getting overwhelmed):

1) Start small. If the entire kitchen needs decluttered and organized, start with one cabinet or one drawer. Celebrate those small victories!

2) Trust the process. You didn’t accumulate excess items overnight. It may take a little time but it will be worth it in the end.

3) Figure out your WHY. Ask yourself why you feel the need to clear a certain space. Is the space making you feel anxious or stressed when you walk into it? Are your excess items interfering with you being able to have time to do the things you love or spend time with your family and friends? Envisioning what you want your space(s) to ultimately look like in the end will help motivate you on your journey.

4) Find an accountability partner. This could be your spouse/significant other, a friend or family member, or a professional. Celebrating your victories with others can be very motivating and rewarding!

For more information on Kerry’s business visit organizingbykerry.com or call 216-509-3855.

44th Annual CIFF

The Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF) is back with Film Festival programming to CIFF West in the Gordon Square Arts District on the west side and CIFF East in the Cedar Lee District on the east side. The Festival will continue to present more than 600 screenings at its home base at Tower City Cinemas from March 25-April 5.

CIFF West begins on the evening of Friday, March 27, followed by two full days of programming Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29. Screenings at Near West Theatre and the Capitol Theatre, both located in Gordon Square.

CIFF East is the second weekend of the Festival on the evening of Friday, April 3, followed by two full days Saturday, April 4, and Sunday, April 5. Screenings will take place at the Cedar Lee Theatre in Cleveland Heights.

The 44th Cleveland International Film Festival will be held March 25 – April 5. More than 600 screenings will take place during the 12 days of the Festival, with over 400 guest filmmakers from around the world who will be visiting our city for the festival. Tickets will go on sale to CIFF Members on Friday, March 6 and to the general public on Friday, March 13.
Healthy Homes Initiative

The Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI) is a partnership between the City of Cleveland and community development corporations (CDC), with CDCs across the city having hired community engagement specialists to assess neighborhood housing conditions and work with residents and landlords to resolve concerns and challenges. This includes helping homeowners, renters, and landlords understand and remove environmental hazards and bring homes to housing code compliance. Resource navigation and education is central to this work for specialists to connect residents and landlords to programs and services, as well as host trainings and workshops on a variety of housing topics (such as the implementation of lead safe practices in and around the home). Additionally, specialists support the City of Cleveland’s Department of Community Development’s Exterior Paint Program by helping residents and landlords apply for and complete the paint program.

WPKND is excited for West Park to meet our new Healthy Homes Community Engagement Specialist, Franchesca Bodnar. Franchesca can be reached at 216-252-6559 x1700 or franchesca@westparkkamms.org.

Meet Franchesca Bodnar
Healthy Homes Community Engagement Specialist

Franchesca, a Lakewood native who now lives in West Park, graduated from Loyola University in Chicago with a BS in Environmental Studies. In her role with WPKND, Franchesca will focus on working with residents to strengthen the housing stock in Ward 17 and improve the quality of life for residents in their homes. Why this job? Franchesca explains, “I’m excited to be working in the neighborhood I also call home. And, I hope that with the Healthy Homes Initiative we can sustain the quality of life that West Park offers for years to come.” Prior to joining WPKND, Franchesca interned with Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District focusing on environmental education and community development. “Community involvement and neighborhood synergy are things I’m really passionate about. I love working on projects that create spaces to foster community. I think the best positive change always happens at the ground level.” We are excited to welcome Franchesca to the team and look forward to the stronger connections we will make with residents through her work.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

COMMUNITY MEAL
West Park United Church of Christ
216-671-7228
Last Sunday of the Month
11:30AM-12:30PM

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9:00AM-12:00PM
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WPKND offers a variety of financial and technical assistance programs for homeowners and renters who are looking to make improvements, maintain, or weatherize their homes. Programs offered cover a spectrum of home repair needs and incomes, from exterior-focused repairs like WPKND's Senior Home Repair Program and the Cleveland Restoration Society's Heritage Home Program, to furnace and insulation programs like CHN Housing Partners Home Weatherization Program. Programs include:
- WPKND Senior Home Repair Program: Up to $500 for home repair or maintenance for income-qualifying seniors and adults with disabilities
- Low-interest Home Repair Loans: WPKND works with partner lenders to offer low-interest home repair loans for a variety of projects
- CHN Housing Partners Home Weatherization: Free furnace, refrigerator, and hot water tank replacement, as well as insulation installation and energy efficient light bulbs.
- For income-qualifying households.
- Kamm's Corners Sherwin Williams Paint Program: Discount paint vouchers for Ward 17 Residents
- Other assistance programs: Sidewalk Repair, Assistance with Utility Bills, and Senior Residential Services

Many of our programs are income-qualifying, but not all are! Call JD Smith at 216-252-6559 x1300.

West Shore Rotary Club, which serves the communities of Fairview Park, North Olmsted, and West Park, offers scholarships to graduating seniors at John Marshall High School, St. Joseph Academy, Fairview High School, and North Olmsted High School. One recipient is chosen at each of the schools to receive a $1,500 scholarship, based on their application and essay. Deadlines for applications are in March and April, with presentations in May. Interested seniors should contact their high school guidance office for an application for the West Shore Rotary Scholarship.

PAINT DISCOUNT

WPKND has teamed with our local Sherwin Williams store in Kamms Plaza to offer discounts on paint and painting supplies. All residents of Ward 17 are eligible for the discount. Contact JD Smith 216-252-6559 x1300 with questions or to receive a voucher. Limit one per household.

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