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FROM THE DIRECTOR AND BOARD PRESIDENT

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Tree lights are twinkling in Kamm's Corners, families are celebrating together, and small businesses are preparing for the busy holiday season. **We invite you to get into the spirit with us as we kick off the holiday season with our annual Holiday Cheer fundraiser on Thursday, December 1 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Mingle with neighbors and friends while sipping beverages and enjoying hors d'oeuvres in the picturesque Rocky River Reservation.

We hope you will choose to support local whenever you can this year — our small businesses are still recovering from the last two years. Meet friends at the local bar or coffee house, grab something special for a holiday meal from K&K or Seven Seas Seafood, liven up your look at the salon, get your tree from Puritas Nursery, and shop for gifts at one of our specialty stores. Check out page 14 to learn more about what's going on in West Park for the holidays.

The WPKND team has enjoyed seeing so many of you out in the neighborhood this year — it felt especially good to celebrate the return of The Hooley on such a perfect summer afternoon! We wrapped up our Kamm's Corners Farmers Market with a Halloween celebration that included pumpkin decorating, a doggie costume contest, and trick-or-treating for the kids. **We bring the market back one last time in 2022 for the Winter Market on Sunday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with many of your favorite vendors in attendance including two local farms — Needham Gardens and Farmer's Daughter.** Bring the whole family for photos with Santa, crafts, and live music.

Cheers to a holiday season filled with joy!

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Ribbon Cut on Drakefield Playground

by Molly Crawford



Above: The Petras family along with Councilman Charles Slife and a representative of the Cleveland fire Department cut the ribbon to open the new Drakefield Park. Right: A remembrance of Lt. Petras

The community came together on September 14, 2022, to celebrate the recently finished playground renovation at Drakefield Park. Councilman Charles Slife started off the ceremony by recounting how the project came to life. In 2020, Lt. Richard Petras, a resident of Silsby Road, had contacted the Councilman expressing concern about the state of the park, and particularly the playground. The park was a

reason for moving his family to Silsby in the first place, so he wanted to see it at its best. Not long after contacting the Councilman, Lt. Petras passed away.

Already scheduled to receive an update, Councilman Slife worked with city employees from several divisions to incorporate fire theme equipment into the project in order to honor Lt. Petras' and his commitment to the community. The outcome is a playground



dedicated to him and inspired by his 26-year service in the Cleveland Fire Department. The playground features two play structures, the smaller of the two structures is modeled after a fire truck, and the larger features a tower meant to resemble a firehouse. West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development Executive Director, Rosemary Mudry spoke about the importance of parks and green spaces in our neighborhood and expressed the importance of the project for nearby residents. Representatives from the Cleveland Fire Department also attended the ribbon cutting, as did Lt. Petras' family. Jill Petras, his wife, and their daughter both helped to cut the ribbon officially opening the playground. Finally, the kids in the audience were able to fully enjoy the new space, making the new playground a rousing success. ■

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Welcoming Music into West Park: Ben and Erin Kipp

by Rebekah Ferro

New West Park residents, Ben and Erin Kipp bring with them years of musical talent and experience. While they've only been residents since September of 2021, West Park was already a special place for them as one of their first dates was at PJ McIntyre's. When they suddenly learned that they had to move out of their rental in Lakewood, Ben and Erin knew where they wanted to go. They found their home on Truax Avenue fairly quickly and have enjoyed settling into the neighborhood.

Ben and Erin are both musicians. Erin is a professional violist for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and teaches viola at Lakewood High School. She graduated from the University of Michigan and then studied with the Cleveland Orchestra. Her many musical credits and collaborations include playing with the Utah Symphony in her home state of Utah, as well as playing for the Trans-Siberian Orches-



tra and many stars like Gary Oldman, Sia, and Audra McDonald. Erin is also a sectional coach for the Contemporary Youth Orchestra and developed a course that prepares students for college and conservatory auditions.

Students who have taken this course with the Contemporary Youth Orchestra have been accepted to the Oberlin Conservatory, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and many other prestigious conservatories.

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Ben is the Director of Artistic and Educational Programming for the Contemporary Youth Orchestra (CYO). The Contemporary Youth Orchestra is in residence at Cuyahoga Community College Metro Campus and seeks to address “instrumental music education gaps in the Cleveland area.” CYO focuses on music written within the last 100 years and is committed to promoting equity and inclusion in the arts. CYO also gives students an opportunity to have real experience and education not only as musicians but in navigating the music business that is necessary to have successful careers. They deepen their students’ exposure by bringing a wide variety of artists, musicians, and composers to meet with students and perform with the orchestra. Their yearly event, “Rock the Orchestra,” has brought a wide variety of famous musicians to play with CYO, including Jason Mraz, Machine Gun Kelley, and even Northeast Ohio legend, Michael Stanley, for his last

What they love most about West Park is the neighbors and how welcomed they felt when they first moved in. Their street had a block party shortly after they moved into the neighborhood, perfect for helping them get to know their neighbors quickly.

performance before passing in March of 2021.

Ben and Erin love Cleveland because they feel that the value of the arts is seen and celebrated here. They chose West Park because they wanted to stay on the west side of Cleveland for closeness and convenience to their jobs. What they love most about West Park is the neighbors and how welcomed they felt when they first moved in. Their street had a block party shortly after they moved into the neighborhood, perfect for helping them get to know their neighbors quickly. They also love how close they are to Cleveland Metroparks, where they love

taking their dogs, Farnsworth and Winston, for walks. They also enjoy visiting the Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market in the summer. For them, West Park is a place where you can stay and live for a long time. West Park Kamm’s welcomes the Kipps to the neighborhood, and we look forward to hearing all the wonderful music they make!

If you would like to hear Ben perform, he is performing a new 3-piece concerto for violin and two percussionists with the Contemporary Youth Orchestra. The performance will be on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00pm at Cuyahoga Community College Metro Campus. ■



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Introducing our New Community Ambassador Outreach Program

By Juan Collado

West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development is excited to be working with Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and the Neighbor to Neighbor Program to mobilize Community Ambassadors throughout the neighborhood over the next year. The Ambassadors are community-minded individuals ready to connect residents to available resources in their communities like the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB), the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition, the Department of Aging, and other local and federal programs that subsidize the cost of housing, internet, and technological devices.

The Neighbor to Neighbor program (N2N) is a door-to-door canvassing effort that aims to deepen connections between local Community Development Corporations (CDCs) and their



Our Community Ambassadors of the Neighbor to Neighbor program: Ben Krutko and Juan Collado

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MEET JUAN COLLADO

Juan Collado recently joined the West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development team as the N2N Community Engagement Specialist tasked with overseeing the partnership with Cleveland Neighborhood Progress. As a community organizer, Juan is eager to work one-on-one with our partners and residents to bring solutions to the needs of our communities. As a resident of the West Park Kamm's area, Juan is excited to be a part of the WPKND family, sharing that "nothing makes me happier than to put my experience and community knowledge toward helping my community become more inclusive and connected."

neighbors — the residents we serve. The canvassers referred to as Community Ambassadors will be going around the community, talking to residents and other community leaders to get a feel for what the neighborhood needs. Based on these conversations, the N2N Community Engagement Specialist, CDCs across the City, and program partners will use the data to work toward developing solutions to the challenges faced by Cleveland residents.

One of these issues is known as the digital divide, defined as the gap between those who have access to digital technology and those who do not. By collecting feedback from the West Park community our team and partners will be able to better understand where the highest needs are and what the highest barriers to access are so that resources can be targeted to support the closure of the digital divide. Resident feedback will also allow Neighbor to Neighbor part-

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ners to understand the needs for broadband infrastructure, neighborhood tech hubs, digital literacy programming, and more. If you see a Neighbor to Neighbor canvasser on your street collecting surveys, say hello! ■



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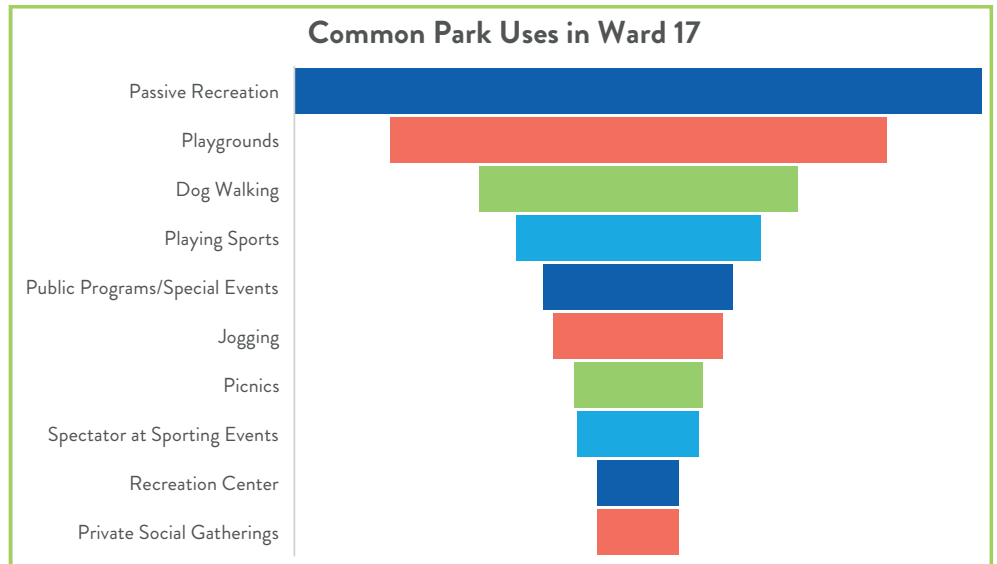
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Community Feedback on Parks and Greenspaces

by Emily Pikturna and Hannah Gall

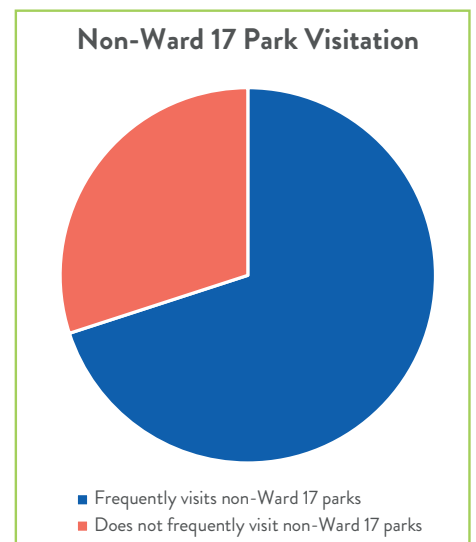
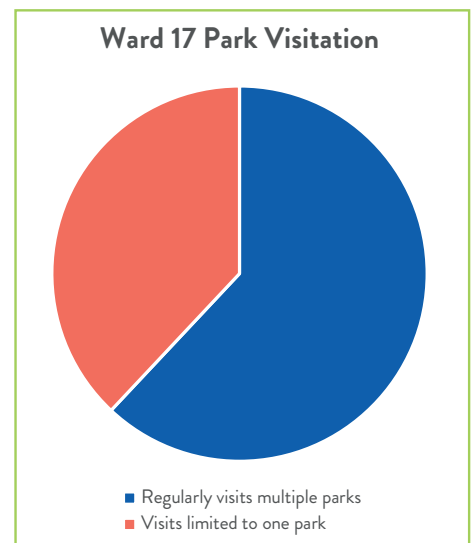
As shared in the Fall 2022 issue, this past summer, we conducted a survey with the purpose of better understanding the relationship Ward 17 residents have with their local parks. The survey aimed to get insight into which parks are most often used, popular amenities, and what park improvements are most desired and necessary. Overall, we found that West Park is a neighborhood of park enthusiasts, and the data gathered will allow WPKND to be better positioned to advocate for the neighborhood's city-owned parks.

There are eight public, city parks in Ward 17: Impett Park, Drakefield Park, Gunning Park and Recreation Center, Rainbow Park, Davinwood Park, Munn Park, Maplewood Park, and Tuland Park. 62% of survey takers responded that they visited two or more of these in the last year, though most reported that their most frequently visited city park is the one in closest proximity to



Graphs showing park usage by type of visit (above) and frequency/location (right).

their home, confirming what national research shows about the importance of walkable parks in a community. In fact, 79% of respondents are able to travel to Ward 17 parks on foot or by bike. In addition to valuing parks close



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to home, accessibility, cleanliness, and playground availability were also commonly listed as the most appreciated aspects of our neighborhood parks.

One-third of survey takers reported visiting Ward 17 parks daily or weekly, most commonly to engage in passive recreation, such as walking and sitting in the parks. Bringing children to playgrounds is also a top reason for visiting parks. However, many cited that local playgrounds could use significant improvements and upgrades. Playgrounds were frequently mentioned as a reason to visit parks in local suburbs or other neighborhoods, a common theme amongst the 70% of respondents who reported traveling outside the ward for other park amenities. Other most frequently noted needs were specific to park infrastructure, including paths, lighting, and structures. ■



Drakefield Park ribbon cutting

Neighborhood parks are critical physical and social infrastructure providing important access to green space, recreation, and the opportunity for residents to get to know each other and build community. West Park Kamm's is excited to work with the community on ways to strengthen and improve access to and experiences in these spaces. **If you are interested in joining the West Park Kamm's Green Team kick-off to support greenspace and resident driven sustainability initiatives in Ward 17, mark your calendars for Saturday, January 21 from 10 a.m. - noon (meeting will be held at the WPKND offices) or contact Emily@westparkkamms.org.**

Direct follow-up for those who have already signed up for the Green Team via surveys or a volunteer form is coming soon, too!

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100th Anniversary of West Park's Annexation by Cleveland

by Molly Crawford, with thanks to research and contributions provided by Ross Bassett and the West Park Historical Society (photos courtesy of Cleveland Memory Project).

If you would have come to Kamm's Corners in 1902, you would not have been in the neighborhood of West Park nor in the City of Cleveland. You would have been in Rockport Village, an evolution of Rockport Township and Rockport Hamlet. West Park did not gain its final name until 1913 when it renamed itself the Village of West Park.

The Cleveland & Southwestern train routes helped to drive development, and by 1921, it had gained enough population to be called a city. However, problems loomed for the young city. Taxes were high compared to the neighboring cities of Lakewood and Cleveland. Utilities such as water were also cheaper in Cleveland. Much of West Park was still rural and many of the roads and pathways were made



Warren Road was no more than a dirt path in 1909.

of dirt. When the snow would melt or when the area would get particularly heavy rain, all the travel paths would become giant mud pits. The railroad lines that had helped to create West Park were also becoming a thorn in the side of residents. It cost three times as

much to travel to and from West Park and Downtown Cleveland as it did to travel to and from Lakewood and Downtown Cleveland. This was due, at least in part, to the fact that Lakewood's rail line was operated by the Cleveland Railroad System.



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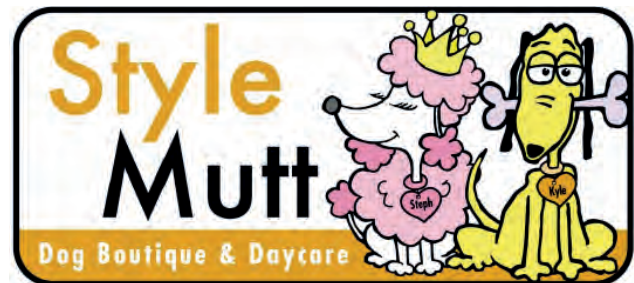
One of the only physical reminders of when West Park was its own city, the former town hall served as a police headquarters for decades until it was incorporated into the West Park Fire Station.

By 1922 both Lakewood and West Park were considering merging with the City of Cleveland. On November 7, 1922, the 3,088 residents of the City of West Park voted on the annexation by Cleveland. 65% of them voted for the annexation, and the decision was made; West Park would become the newest neighborhood in the City of Cleveland, effective January 1, 1923.

West Parkers cited hope for improved rail service, cheaper taxes and utilities, and improved and expanded city services such as schools, and police and fire services as factors in their decision.

100 years later, West Park remains the westernmost neighborhood of the City of Cleveland, and a neighbor of the City of Lakewood. All the roads have been paved (at some point) and

the railroad lines still run through the neighborhood. Five years after the annexation, the West Park branch of the Cleveland Public Library was built. This year, the branch will be holding a ribbon cutting to celebrate its re-opening following recent renovations. Swing by the library on Saturday, January 7th between noon and 6 pm to get a look at the new space! ■



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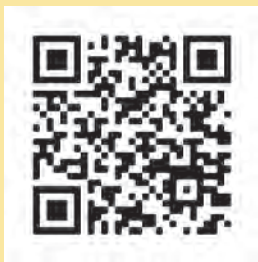
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West Park is home to more than 60 small businesses that would love to serve you this holiday season! **Check out our neighborhood map with the QR code in the shop window below, filtered by type of establishment, to find just what you are looking for!**



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Kamm's Corners Sip and Shop

November 27 | 11am – 3pm

Indoor Shopping Event Throughout Kamm's Corners
Stop by local restaurants, West Park Station, Backstage, and PJ McIntyre's to shop Cle Market vendors. www.facebook.com/events/west-park-station/holiday-sip-and-shop/431492669008544/

Holiday Cheer – December 1 | 6 – 9pm

West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development Annual Fundraiser

Raffle baskets from 20+ local businesses, appetizers and drinks are included in the ticket, plus a West Park-themed gift! <https://conta.cc/3hqZFrm>

Jack Mulhall Center – December 2 | 6 – 10pm

Holiday Party and Fundraiser

Dinner included in the ticket, multiple raffles including a 50/50 raffle, plus a door prize of a 65" smart TV. Proceeds support the Jack Mulhall Center, a residential addiction treatment facility for men. www.jackmulhallcenter.org

Kamm's Plaza – December 2, 9, 16 | 6 – 8pm

Free Sleigh Rides and Visits from Santa

Sleigh rides depart from the corner tower, below the H&R Block sign. The December 2 kick-off will also have a Hot Chocolate Bar, courtesy of Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co.

Hope Center – December 3 | 11am – 6pm

Holiday Bazaar

Homemade goods, jewelry, food and more from local Artisans and crafters. www.buildinghopeinthecity.org

St. Joseph Academy – December 8 | 5 – 8pm

Fair Trade Holiday Boutique

Community holiday shopping event. www.sja1890.org/calendar

Innovation Academy West

December 10 | 10am – noon

Breakfast with Santa

Enjoy a delicious breakfast featuring Santa Claus! RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/iawbreakfastwithsanta>

KCFM Winter Market – December 11 | 10am – 1pm

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Kamm's Corners Farmers Market Celebrates Amazing Season

by Rebekah Ferro and Emily Pikturna

West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development recently wrapped up a very successful 16th season of the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market (KCFM). Special thanks to our sponsors Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital, Dedicated Senior Medical Care, Casey O'Connor D.D.S, and Rust Belt Riders for helping make this

season possible! WPKND hosted a total of 46 vendors from all over Northeast Ohio that sold fresh produce, homemade jams and nut butters, delicious cookies, local honey, art, and more. We are grateful for their dedication and helping Clevelanders access fresh and local foods.

Highlights of the season include our Sweet 16, in which we collaborated with CLE Market to bring 30+ artisan vendors to join our season-long vendors for the day. For the St. Paddy's Day in September celebration, marketgoers were treated to a

live performance from Brady Campbell Dance Irish Dance School. Everyone enjoyed a spooky good time at Halloween at the Market on October 16, which included trick or treating, pumpkin decorating, and a dog costume contest!

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, in partnership with several organizations, was able to provide free fresh fruits and vegetables to community members in need. The market team worked with Produce Perks Midwest to match up to \$25 in free produce per market to those receiving SNAP benefits. By the end of the market season, 255 unique individuals bought a total of \$11,148 and were matched \$10,186, an 11% increase from 2021. Of those 255 individuals, 108 were new and 147 were returning participants in the program.



MEET EMILY & REBEKAH

This summer, West Park Kamm's welcomed Emily Pikturna as our Sustainability & Food Access AmeriCorps VISTA. Emily was a summer intern at WPKND in 2021, where she worked with programming and management of Kamm's Corners Farmers Market. Emily is a lifelong West Park resident. She graduated in 2022 from Dickinson College with a degree in Environmental Studies and a Certificate in Food Studies. Within this position, Emily hopes to dive into programming that allows community members to have a substantial impact on helping the neighborhood become more environmentally conscious. She believes community-led and grassroots responses to food inequities and insecurity are essential tools in creating resilient and sustainable communities and that healthy, strong, and valued communities are essential in sustainable solutions.

WPKND also welcomed a new market manager for KCFM this summer, Rebekah Ferro. Rebekah previously served as the year-long AmeriCorps VISTA for WPKND and assisted with the market at the beginning of the season before taking on the position of Market Manager. She is also a lifelong West Park resident who loves the market, community, and is already looking forward to next season!



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Farmers Market staff also worked with Ohio WIC to provide mothers and children in our community with produce as part of WIC's Farmers Market Nutrition Program. WIC members spent \$10,850 in coupons, a 303% increase from 2021. Produce Perks also allocated funds to give extra support to WIC families in Cuyahoga County. Through this program, an additional \$4,220 in fresh produce was purchased by WIC marketgoers, a 36% increase from 2021.

Buckeye Health also partnered with the market to provide Buckeye members attending the market on Buckeye Fresh! days a \$10 voucher to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. They also provided Buckeye Kids coupons to children who received a \$1 coupon to spend on a snack at the market. Through their incentive program, Buckeye Health members purchased \$1,766 in fresh fruits and vegetables at KCFM.

With our partnership with Dedicated Senior Medical Center, seniors purchased \$875 dollars in fresh produce through the coupons they provided, a

52% increase from 2021.

In collaboration with Produce Perks, the State of Ohio also provided funds for low-income families that qualify via Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). In previous years, families received \$40 in coupons to use at the market. This year, Produce Perks provided families who qualified with \$240 in TANF coupons to use at the market so that they would have \$40 for six months to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. In total, families spent \$9,850 in TANF coupons, an 764% increase from 2021!

In total, WPKND was able to help residents access more than \$47,837 in free produce in order to ensure residents of all means have access to healthy food. That is a 64% increase from 2021. We are exceptionally happy with this outcome and plan to continue working with our partner organizations to administer the healthy food that our community



members need and deserve.

West Park Kamm's thanks the neighborhood and amazing vendors for their continued support of Kamm's Corners Farmers Market. Join us on December 11 for our Winter Market to stock up on local foods from your favorite vendors and enjoy holiday shopping and festive activities for the whole family! The Winter Market will run 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the same location as summer markets in the municipal lot behind Walgreens on the corner of Albers Ave and 168th Street. See you at the market!

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KCFM hosted several live musicians at the market this year. We welcomed Pete Lazard, Victor Samalot, Brand New Hat, Cats on Holiday, John Lucic, Wallace Coleman Trio, John & Jody Trio, Indigo Ensemble, and Hip to That to our music tent. We love supporting Cleveland-made musicians and allowing them to show off their talents to our vendors and customers as we strive to make the market even more fun and inviting.

Chef demos made their way back to the market this season with workshops

on canning and preserving from local resident, Susan Schneider Baker, and demos on healthy recipes from wellness dietician, Kelly Satola, from Neighborhood Family practice.

At our Healthy Living tent, generously sponsored by Dedicated Senior Medical Center, we hosted a diverse array of organizations. Dedicated Senior Medical Center provided free coupons for fruits and vegetables for seniors to spend at the market. Cleveland Flow Collective and Inward Compass Yoga hosted sessions of movement, yoga,

and dance for our marketgoers. After the devastation of Hurricane Fiona in September 2022, New Era Young Lords had a donation drive to support the people of Puerto Rico who were affected by the hurricane. Cleveland Division of Air Quality and Cleveland Department of Aging provided resources for residents and seniors to maintain healthy lives and peace of mind in their homes.

At the Sustainability Tent, graciously sponsored by Rust Belt Riders, the community had the opportunity to engage



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with many organizations that focus on environmental education and sustainable living. Bike Cleveland, Cuyahoga County Office of Sustainability, Rocky River Watershed Council, Rocky River Nature Center, and Cleveland Water are



just a few of the many amazing Northeast Ohio organizations that came to visit KCFM. The market hosted two perennial exchanges, where community members brought plants to trade and give away! Sustainability is also about keeping our homes safe and up to repair, and our tuckpointing workshop provided education and resources on how to achieve that goal.

Casey O'Connor, DDS sponsored our



Family Activities Tent, where we had schools, local organizations, and sports teams visit. Highlights include pumpkin painting with Horizon Education Centers, games with the Cleveland Monsters and the YMCA, crafts and activities from Orchard Park Academy and Constellation Schools, and educational activities from the Cleveland Metroparks and West Park Animal Hospital. ■



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West Park Shopping Center Nears Completion *By Ben Campbell*

The multi-million-dollar redevelopment of the former Kmart Plaza is nearing the home stretch of the project. Exciting new developments are happening or coming soon at the West Park Shopping Center located at 14901 Lorain Avenue, introducing new shopping options for our community. Last month, Burlington and Ross Dress for Less had their grand openings. Both stores offer off-price brand apparel at bargain prices. Big Lots, a general merchandise store offering a broad variety of products, will celebrate its grand opening on December 10. The festivities will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Construction continues on new buildings for Starbucks and Aldi. Starbucks is completing the interior build-out and tentatively plans to open early next month. The grand opening date for Aldi has yet to be determined with tentative plans to open in early 2023. Lease negotiations are underway for a national shoe store for the space formerly occupied by the dollar store. The name of the tenant had not been disclosed at the time of this writing. We will release further information about the stores and their openings as we are able to. Stay tuned to our social media channels for more information. ■



Ribbon cutting ceremonies for Burlington (above) and Ross Dress for Less (right)



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Your tax-deductible donation helps continue programming and events like the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, Lawn Chair Cinema, The Hooley™, and Explore West Park Walks. Together we can support our most vulnerable residents by assisting seniors in our community through the senior home repair program and connecting those in need to the resources essential to their well-being. By helping existing businesses to thrive and fostering new business growth, we can ensure our commercial corridors have a vibrant future.

On behalf of the staff and board of West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development, we are thankful for your contribution! You can donate online at bit.ly/loveWPKND, QR code, or mail back the form below!



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Old Lorain Connector Reaches a New Milestone

by Rosemary Mudry

In 2020 and 2021, West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development (WP-KND), Cleveland Metroparks, City Councilman Slife, and City of Cleveland Planning Commission, conducted in partnership with an engineering study to assess and develop an enjoyable, accessible, and cost-effective route from Old Lorain Road into the Metroparks. The results of that study proposed The Old Lorain Connector, an off-street multi-purpose connection to the Metroparks beginning at Little Met and winding through the beautiful woods to the top of the hill at Riveredge Rd. and Bradgate Ave. Since community meetings in 2021, the project partners have been working diligently to refine the engineering drawings and develop a funding and implementation plan.

We're excited to share a major step forward toward implementing this project. Last week the Cuyahoga County Council recommended WPKND's ARPA application for funding. This \$750,000 investment from the County would be matched by an investment from the City of Cleveland for an additional \$750,000. Together, this \$1.5 million provides substantial funding for the project estimated to cost between \$2 and \$2.5 million. With this funding project partners can complete construction drawings, finalize project costs, and apply for additional grants and support to secure the remaining dollars required to construct the project, which will be overseen and maintained by the Cleveland Metroparks.



Cleveland Metroparks plan and rendering of The Old Lorain Connector

In addition to funding for the Old Lorain Connector, Councilman Slife and the City of Cleveland are working together to complete the engineering study required to rebuild Old Lorain Road itself. Due to the deteriorated conditions, topography, and level of infrastructure beneath the road, fixing the roadway will require substantial investment beyond surface repaving to ensure long-term stabilization. ■

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West Park CPL Branch Schedules Ribbon Cutting Event By Molly Crawford

The West Park branch of the Cleveland Public Library will soon re-open after over a year of closure for construction. In April 2021, renovations to the library began in order to modernize the building, beautify the exterior (particularly the view along W. 157th Street and Silsby Road), and improve the accessibility of the building.

The original library building was designed by the famed Cleveland architectural firm Walker and Weeks. The modified-English-Tudor-style building along W. 157th Street first opened to the public in 1928. This portion of the property will be completely renovated, including the restoration of historic features that have been covered over the years, such as the vaulted ceilings that were obscured by a drop ceiling beginning in the 1970s. An addition at the southern portion was also constructed around that same time. Lacking the attractive features of the original building, the addition became out-of-date,



and the current renovations have completely demolished and reconstructed that portion of the building to modern standards.

To celebrate the completion of the renovations, the Cleveland Public Library has announced a ribbon-cutting event to re-introduce the residents to our updated neighborhood library. On Saturday, January 7, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., the library invites you to stop by and enjoy food, entertainment, fam-



ily activities, and the explore the new spaces within the library. The event will take place on the 100th anniversary of the annexation of West Park into Cleveland. To learn more about the annexation, check out our article about it on page 12. ■



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Homestead Water/ Sewer Discount*	Secure a lower fixed charge and consumption rate for seniors and/or permanent disabled individuals.
Senior Service Program (Ward 16 & 17)*	Schedule services such as gutter cleaning and lawn care for senior and disabled residents.
Water Affordability Program*	Offers a 40% discount on all standard water charges.
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)*	HEAP assists eligible low-income residents with their winter home heating costs using natural gas, electric, oil, kerosene, or wood.
Lead Hazard Control Program (LHC)	Provides lead risk assessments, identifies lead-based paint and provides grants to control lead-based paint hazards.
Delinquent Tax Payment Plan	Payment plans are available for homeowners who live in their homes. Landlords may be eligible for installment plans (up to 24 months).
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Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP)	Provides home improvement loans, at 3% points below normal bank rates, for homeowners. No restrictions on a borrower's income and few limitations on what improvements can be made to a property.
West Park Sherwin-Williams Paint Program	Discounts on paint and painting supplies. All those living in Ward 17 are eligible. Limit one per household.
Senior Home Repair*	Small exterior repair grants of up to \$500 for seniors and adults with disabilities. Grants and grant size are income-qualifying.
CHN Energy Efficiency Services*	Services include insulation, LED bulb installation, and Energy Star refrigeration replacement.
Contractor List	Looking for help with a project at home? WPKND has a list of local contractors and tips for hiring one.
Cleveland Exterior Paint Program*	Provides free vouchers for paint and supplies to Cleveland homeowner-occupants and renters to paint the exterior of their house.
Senior Homeowner Assistance Program (SHAP)*	Grant available to low-income senior/disabled homeowners with houses in need of health, safety, and maintenance repairs such as roofs, porches, ramps, electrical or plumbing work.
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Cleveland Refuse: 216-664-3717

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Councilman Charles Slife's Office: 216-664-4239

Cleveland Water Department: 216-664-3130

Cleveland Department of Aging: 216-664-2833

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What a Year for West Park!

by Councilman Charles Slife



NEIGHBORS

West Park is full of friendly people who love their neighborhood. Fortunately, we were able to see more of each other this past year, including at events that were postponed due to COVID, like The Hooley. Our strong neighborhood keeps residents here and also attracts homebuyers eager to join us. Through October of 2022, over 420 houses were sold with a median sales price of \$184,000.

Throughout 2022, West Park residents got together for cookouts, block parties, and community meetings. Many neighbors coordinated projects and established groups to help make our neighborhood safer and to support cherished assets. One quick example is the families and kids near W. 191st St. and Apelt Dr. who organized a traffic calming project to slow vehicles and makes streets safer for children. Another is the creation of the Friends of Impett Park as a community advisory and engagement group to help strengthen one of the west side's largest and most-used parks.

BUSINESS

Our much-loved small businesses are at the heart of West Park. Operating during COVID came with challenges, but ongoing support from our neighborhood helped sustain them. Thank you to everyone for continuing to patronize our local restaurants, stores, and service providers.

Some of our new local businesses include:

- The Aviator Event Center & Pub: 20920 Brookpark Rd.
- Care-a-Lot Child Care Center: 15255 Triskett Rd.
- Kintaro Sushi & Seafood Shack: 3364 Warren Rd.
- Pressed Nail Bar: 19609 Puritas Rd.

PROJECTS

Everybody loves a good improvement project. Whether it's a public infrastructure project or large developments that create jobs, it is exciting to see investment across our neighborhood.

The City of Cleveland's investment of over \$400,000 in the Lt. Richard Petras Playground and other improvements at Drakefield Park has brought new life and increased usage of the park! Up at Impett Park, the City rebuilt the tennis courts. In addition to parks, Cleveland spent over \$727,000 resurfacing eight residential streets.

So long, vacant K-mart! Stores have begun opening in the West Park Shopping Center at the corner of Lorain Ave. and W. 150th St. Stay tuned for the opening of Starbucks soon and Aldi next year.

Other exciting projects slated for completion in 2023 include the renovation of the West Park Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, expansion of West Park Animal Hospital, and new Medvet.

Thanks for a great year and let's make 2023 even better! ■

It's hard to believe that 2022 is coming to a close already! After two chaotic years, 2022 brought the return of many community events and significant investments from the City, as well as new businesses, neighborhood groups, and neighbors. Here is a summary of some of our West Park wins for 2022.

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Andrew Sakiewicz, MD

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As we celebrate the holidays and plan for the new year, it's time to make your heart health a top priority.

Cleveland Clinic cardiologist Andrew Sakiewicz, MD, at Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital and West Valley Medical Building, recommends adopting these five habits to help prevent heart disease.

Follow the Mediterranean diet. Fruits, vegetables, whole grains, seafood rich in omega-3 fatty acids (salmon, mackerel, albacore tuna), healthy fats (olive oil, beans, nuts).

Exercise regularly. 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise (brisk walk, light jog) each week, plus resistance training using light weights or bands.

Quit smoking and limit alcohol consumption.

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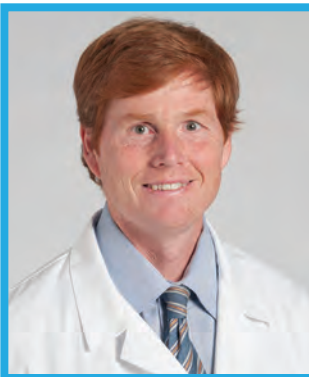
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- A feeling like your heart is racing very fast (heart palpitations).
- Feeling like you might faint.
- Shortness of breath that's worsening.
- Chest discomfort or bad indigestion that's not going away.
- Swelling in the legs.
- Noticeable weight gain.

Please call 440.333.8600 to make an appointment with Dr. Sakiewicz or any of the cardiologists at Cleveland Clinic's West Valley Medical Building or Fairview Hospital.

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Neil Smith, DO

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"These rankings reflect the hard work of our caregivers to provide the highest quality care," says Neil Smith, DO, president of Fairview Hospital. "We remain committed to the health and well-being of the West Park neighborhood, as we have been part of this community for more than 125 years."

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Solimar Jimenez

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