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From the Director

Writing this during the aftermath of one of our most severe snowstorms reminds me of how interdependent we all are and how important it is to look after one another. Fortunately, West Park is really good at that. I have seen people pushing cars, snow blowing neighbors' walks and driveways, and performing other acts of kindness. That's just how we roll, and that's one of the reasons new people and businesses are calling West Park home. If you are online, I encourage you to sign up at *NextDoor.com*, a neighborhood based social network that will help you keep up with what's happening right around you. I suspect many of your nearby neighbors are using it—I know nearly 200 in my area of Five Points are already.

Here at Kamm's Corners Development, we are busier than ever with new and important projects and initiatives, many of them detailed in the pages that follow. We have purchased the Alber Building in "downtown" Kamm's Corners and intend to renovate it inside and out. We are working to establish a "Business Improvement District" on Lorain Avenue, as well as a Master Plan for Rocky River Drive. We are planning the 6th annual The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ coming up May 9, and are facilitating West Park's participation in Garden Walk Cleveland in July. Finally, we are exploring a closer alliance with our fellow CDC just to our east, Bellaire Puritas Development. This is keeping our small but mighty staff of 5-½ very busy when added to our usual list of responsibilities!

Remember to stay in touch with us. In addition to Kamm's Corners Magazine, we have an e-newsletter that comes out twice a month. You can sign up to receive it at *kammscorners.com*. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter @kammscorners. We want to hear from you!

Stay warm, and continue looking out for and helping your neighbors. I promise, spring is on the way. And, as always, let us know how we're doing.

Our Cover: This statue of St Joseph stands between the front steps of St. Joseph Academy and the St. Joseph Center, formerly called the Motherhouse. It is the backdrop for the annual Tree Night ceremony, in which graduating classes ceremonially plant a tree. Established in 1890, the academy is currently celebrating its 125th birthday! The all-girls high school moved to 3470 Rocky River Drive in 1898. The building was finished in 1928, and underwent expansions in 1994 and again in 2012. In the last two years, more than \$7 million has been spent improving the school's infrastructure.

Steve Lorenz
Executive Director

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Mission Statement

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

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Around the Corners

The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ returns on Saturday, May 9, so save the date! Plan to join in the fun from noon to 8 p.m. New this year, **Cleveland Bazaar** is putting together an expanded arts and crafts area. Additional details will appear in our next issue. Meanwhile, be sure to invite your friends! "Like" The Hooley on Facebook for frequent updates.

Ace Hardware is coming to Kamm's Corners this summer! Look for a grand opening mid summer in the **Kamms Plaza** storefronts formerly occupied by **Dots** and **Fashion Bug**. This will be the 15th store of the family run company, counting 6 **Buehlers Food Markets**, which contain smaller **Ace Hardware** stores inside them. The new Kamm's location will offer a complete garden center, certified **Weber** grill sales and repairs, fishing and hunting licenses, and more.

Plan to attend a neighborhood meeting about the **Rocky River Drive Master Plan** on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of **St. Patrick Catholic Church**, 4427 Rocky River Drive. See details in the article on page 6.

Irish folk legends, **The Wolf Tones**, return to **Paddy Rock Super Pub**, 16700 Lorain Avenue, on Sunday, March 1. Tickets are only \$20, and they always sell out, so don't delay! Call Paddy Rock at 216-938-9646 for more information.

Peace, Love, and Little Donuts West Park, 3786 Rocky River Drive, was featured on Fox 8 news on the morning of January 31. The segment touted the unique, little donuts as perfect treats for the Super Bowl, Valentines Day, or any time. Pick up the sweet treats Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Catering and delivery available. Call 216-862-9806.

Congratulations to **St. Joseph Academy** students for winning "Academic Challenge" on January 24 on **Channel 5**. Junior **Hayley Gallo**, senior **Cari Milowicki**, and junior **Anna McKenna** battled it out with **Woodridge High School** and **Notre Dame Cathedral Latin**.

Angels on the Avenue, a local fundraising group for **St. Augustine Health Ministries**, presents *Murderous Mayhem in The Addams Family – Do or Die!* It's a mystery theater performance on Saturday, March 7, at the **Cretan Party Center**, 3853 West 168th Street.

Tickets are \$25 and include a chicken dinner, beverages, and desserts. Doors open at 5 p.m. with sideboards, instant bingo, and more. BYOB! The show starts at 6 p.m. Tables seat eight. Call **Eileen Dailey** at 440-930-0542 or e-mail edailey123@hotmail.com for tickets.

Congratulations to **Si Senior Mexican Restaurant!** On March 28, enjoy a live Marachi band from 6 to 9 p.m. to celebrate their **5th Anniversary** at 16800 Lorain Avenue. Warm up with sizzling fajitas and other authentic Mexican cuisine! On this festive occasion, food and drink specials will be offered. Call 216-941-4424 for more information. See the ad on page 31.

The **West Park YMCA** spring program sign-up is underway. Stop by the facility at 15501 Lorain Avenue, or call 216-941-5410 to learn about spring sports, aquatics, wellness programs, group exercises, and more. The YMCA's team of trained exercise specialists and personal trainers can help anyone start on a path towards reaching health and wellness goals. Membership is reasonable and pays for itself in improved health!

Hot soup, fresh bread, and scrumptious salads are ready every weekday and Saturday at the **Souper Market**, 16804 Lorain Avenue. Last month was the first anniversary of this popular addition to neighborhood cuisine. Check out the weekly specials online at thesoupermarket.com or call 216-941-4604 for more information. See details in the article on page 10.

KCDC is proud to be a **Community Outreach** sponsor of the **Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF)** again this year. This exciting event will be held March 18 through 29 at **Tower City Cinemas in Tower City Center**. See details, including how to get \$2 off your ticket, on page 22. See ad on page 31.

Congratulations to **Alison DeCrane, St. Joseph Academy Alumnae 2014** on making the team! **USA Rugby** named Alison in its inaugural roster of the newly established **USA Rugby Girls High School All-American** team. The roster is made up of 24 players from across the United States, representing 11 states. She will be playing in tournaments across the country and around the world!

How about a **Night at the Races?** Saturday, March 21, from 6 p.m. to midnight, enjoy a buffet, beer, soft drinks, coffee, and dessert along with sideboard betting, basket raffles, and more in support of the **St. Joseph Academy** athletic programs. Pay only \$25 per person in advance or \$30 per person on event day at 3470 Rocky River Drive. Visit sja1890.org or call **Patty Finau** at 216-548-4485 for details.

News can be unsettling or exhilarating. It comes to us from many different sources and infinite points of view. Join **River's Edge**, 3430 Rocky River Drive, for **BREAKING down the NEWS** on Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the workshop, media literacy principles will be explored to change your news perspectives. The fee of \$75 includes morning coffee and lunch.

Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) applications are still available to Cleveland homeowners and tenants who meet income guidelines. Grants provide an average of \$6,987 for energy efficient upgrades. For more information and an application, call **Cleveland Housing Network** at 216-664-6467.

On the fourth Sunday of every month, the **West Park United Church of Christ**, 3909 Rocky River Drive, serves a community meal at 11:30 a.m. in **Barter Hall**, accessible from the rear parking lot. The meal is served free of charge. All are welcome!

Kudos to **West Park Barber Shop**, 17008 Lorain Avenue, on winning **Best Barbershop** on the **Fox 8 Buzz List!** Call 216-252-6666 for an appointment or just walk in!

Catch a delicious bite at **AMP 150**, inside the **Marriott Hotel** at 4277 West 150th street. Known for its farm to table freshness even in winter, AMP 150 continues to offer flavorful small plates with big taste! There are big plates, desserts, and a variety of daily specials. Don't wait for a special occasion. Dishes start at \$9 and run to \$50 for the six-course chef's tasting menu. Call 216-706-8787.

On Saturday, March 7, join **Red Lantern Kitchen & Bar** in **Kamms Plaza** to celebrate the one-year anniversary of its rebirth. Enjoy live entertainment by **Jim Tighe** from 5 to 7:30 p.m. along with beer samplings and giveaways throughout the evening.

Die Klockwerken Antique Clock Repair and Restoration offers full restoration and repair services in West Park by appointment. Call 216-671-9504 for details.

Jones Bones BBQ opened inside **Riverside Pub**, 4363 Rocky River Drive, offering pork ribs, pulled pork, polish boys, beef hotdogs, hand cut French fries, slaw, and more. Dine in or carry out. Call 216-298-3851.

Senior Transportation Connection offers rides to seniors – and it's easy! Call 800-983-4782 to find out how to register, hours of operations, and ride rates.

The **Division of Cleveland Police Community Relations Committee** presents a **Crime Prevention Safety Fair** at **Gunning Recreation Center**,

16700 Puritas Avenue, on Saturday, March 28, from noon to 2 p.m. with free pizza, drinks, and prizes. The event features an **Easter Egg Hunt** for children ages 12 and under, starting promptly at 12:30 p.m.

The **West Park Kiwanis Club** meets at the **Cretan Party Center**, 3853 West 168th Street, on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to explore this service club, now in its 88 year! For information about joining, please contact kiwanisofwestpark-club@yahoo.com.

West Park resident **Michael Samulak** has published his second children's book, "*A Wonderful Day*," available on *Amazon.com*. With over fifteen years of experience teaching, mentoring, and engaging youth both in and outside of the classroom, Michael frequents schools, learning centers, and daycare centers to read and present his stories and world adventures inspiring the next generation to dream big.

Do you need help preparing your taxes? Whatever you do, avoid going to fly-by-night storefront tax preparers who offer a quick loan based on your refund. You may incur a mountain of fees or your identity may be stolen! If you need help, call **United Way** at 2-1-1 to get an appointment at one of the 23 sites where you may be able to get your taxes prepared free of charge.

Young people in **Cuyahoga County** from ages 14 to 18 looking for summer jobs and internships can register online with **Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU)** now through April 4. Learn more about the program and link to the registration at youthopportunities.org.

The **West Shore Rotary Club** hosts a presentation by **Bob DiBiasio, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs** for the **Cleveland Indians**. All are welcome to "talk baseball" at this \$20 per person luncheon on Tuesday, April 21, at the Marriott Hotel, 4277 West 150th Street. Reserve your place at the table by emailing lhsalesofohio@gmail.com.

The **First District Police Community Relations Board** hosts a monthly meeting where residents interact with and get to know the officers who serve our area. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at **St. Ignatius of Antioch Church**, 10205 Lorain Avenue.

Zumba is back at **West Park Massotherapy**, 4168 Rocky River Drive. Highly regarded certified instructor **Colleen Luciano** is back on Sundays at noon and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Still only \$5 per class! No registration necessary—just show up and join the party! Call **Marilyn Valentino** at 216-671-6080 for more info.

Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

News from Ward 17 and City Hall



Dear Neighbor:

Sub zero temperatures in February mean a lot of things in the City of Cleveland.

First, it means streets need to be plowed. If we learned anything from the first week of February, it was that we have a lot to learn about clearing snow. I have never, in my almost 8 years as your Councilman, been so disappointed in the level of attention we received during that snow event. The workers at the Lorain garage busted their humps doing their best with what they had. In truth, they received bad orders with too few workers and even less equipment. I was there almost every day and can assure you that they work hard. The problem stems from City Hall barking orders for service that the skeletal workforce and their broke down equipment just can't provide.

I'm disappointed and I'm sorry. I trusted information I shouldn't have and believed, until three full days after the snow dropped, that we could catch up. It clearly didn't happen, and we all deserve better... demand better service.

Second, as bad as it got and as impassable as our streets were, when someone needed help the neighborhood really stepped up. For all those who helped push out a stuck car, bought groceries for an elderly neighbor, or shoveled out someone they didn't know, I thank you. The true silver lining is that no one was seriously hurt as a result of the City's failures. In the hundreds of calls my office received, only a handful were really dangerous situations that we couldn't handle ourselves. For that I am thankful to call West Park home.

Third, pot holes are going to devastate our streets in the next few weeks. While we already see some, I can only imagine how bad it's going to get. Having focused so much on the lack of snow removal, there is nobody preparing for the inevitable. I have begged the Streets Department to make the necessary preparations to no avail. Asphalt plants open in about a month and our crews haven't even started preparing for it. Please call the Streets Department at 216-664-2510, or me at 216-941-9509, to report pot holes with a general location for proper handling.

Fourth, construction season is around the corner. As the winter blues pass we will see the rebirth of the orange barrel. Triskett's major renovation will begin again as the weather passes. Lorain will see some needed attention east of West 150th, and our local resurfacing program will begin again. As much as we embrace the changing seasons we need to be smarter and one step ahead of Mother Nature to face the next challenge.

Finally, February brings General Fund Budget Hearings. The 2015 General Fund Budget dramatically reflects the effect of over \$116 million in revenue loss from the State of Ohio since 2009. From our Local Government Fund to the Commercial Activities Tax, Cleveland's revenues continue to go to Columbus but fail to return accordingly. This impact continues to strain our operating budget to a greater degree than any other economic factor by far. The collections and contributions we send to Columbus are simply not making their way back up I-71 to support the operations we desperately need.

That said, our General Fund Budget remains over \$541 million with over 60% coming from Income Tax. The majority of expenses, just under 60%, remains dedicated to Public Safety, while Public Works (12.29%), and the Judicial Branch (7.08%) round out the major expense categories. The 2015 General Fund Budget remains balanced and flat. We, as a City, must find ways to provide necessary services, support economic development, and efficiently invest for our future while delicately monitoring external economic factors in preparation for tomorrow.

As gloomy as this time of year may seem, spring and summer are not far away. The Hooley is ready for May and the varied neighborhood and parish events follow suit. As difficult as this grueling winter has been, take heart! I can say we will soon be back at Impett, Davinwood, Drake, and Tuland to celebrate our parks and our neighborhoods. Stay warm and stay safe.

God Bless.

Marty Keane



Vendors & Artists Sought for 6th Annual Hooley on Kamm's Corners™

Be part of the fun and showcase your organization or business to 30,000 people from West Park and surrounding communities on Saturday, May 9. The event runs from Noon to 8 p.m. on Lorain Avenue between Rocky River Drive and West 165th Street.

Dubbed "West Park's Homecoming Celebration," The Hooley™ features great food, live music, children's shows & activities, Irish dancers, pipes & drums, handmade arts & crafts, and more. Completed applications and vendor fees must be received in our office by April 3. Details and online registration information are accessible on our website at kammscorners.com.

Cleveland Bazaar, Northeast Ohio's longest-running indie handmade event, is partnering with The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ to curate a handmade arts and crafts event inside The Hooley™, replacing last year's Fine Art Alley. This is a juried event, and all applicants must apply and be accepted by Cleveland Bazaar in order to participate. No mass-made items will be accepted. Applications are available online at our website. Additional details are in the vendor package.

For more information, e-mail TheHooley@kammscorners.com or call Jackie Wohleber, 216-252-6559, ext. 1000.

Rocky River Drive Master Plan Neighborhood Meeting March 19

Save the date for the next neighborhood meeting for the Rocky River Drive Master Plan. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, in the Lower Church of St. Patrick Catholic Church located at 4427 Rocky River Drive. The agenda for the meeting will be to present and gather feedback on the plan's preliminary recommendations.

The Master Plan addresses Rocky River Drive – from Lorain Avenue to Brookpark Road—and is focused on the following tasks:

- Locate opportunities for streetscape improvements.
- Develop recommendations to improve neighborhood gateways and connections to Cleveland Hopkins Airport, the Cleveland Metroparks, and other local assets.
- Identify and develop cost estimates for transportation improvements for motorists, pedestrians, transit riders, and cyclists.
- Develop a revitalization strategy that upgrades the existing residential and business environment as well as guides the future mix of residential, business, and institutional uses.
- Analyze improvement options for the City-owned parking lot at Albers Avenue and West 168th Street.

Once completed, the Master Plan will articulate neighborhood goals for community and economic development along Rocky River Drive.

Community input and feedback are important components in the development of the plan. The preliminary recommendations are based, in large part, on comments

expressed by local residents and businesses at the initial public meeting held in October 2014 and in community participant surveys collected last autumn.

The project timetable calls for the plan to be completed in the spring of 2015 and presented to Cleveland City Council and City Planning Commission. The project is made possible by a technical assistance grant awarded to KCDC and the City of Cleveland by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency.

For more information or to obtain a survey form, please contact Ben Campbell of KCDC at ben.campbell@kammscorners.com or (216) 252-6559 ext. 1200.

West Park Young Professionals to Meet at Paddy Rock

All young professionals who live, work, or play in West Park are invited to join the West Park Young Professionals (WPYP) group for its inaugural meeting. On Thursday, February 26, from 6 to 8 p.m., WPYP, with assistance from KCDC, will be hosting a happy hour meeting at Paddy Rock Super Pub, 16700 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44111, to socialize, brainstorm potential projects, and enjoy some food and drinks.

Appetizers will be provided, and the first drink is free! Whether you are looking to network, meet new people, or give back to the community, this meeting will be a great opportunity to help shape WPYP. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Michael Schmit at westparkyp@gmail.com.

Ironwood Cafe Features Authentic Barbecue

Since December, folks have been enjoying a new dining venue in West Park. The Ironwood Cafe opened in the former Panini's spot at 17209 Lorain Avenue on the corner of Rocky River Drive and Lorain Avenue. Chef owner Joe Dubbs makes all sauces and dressings from scratch, and a newly installed Southern Pride smoker guarantees the kitchen is serving the same succulent barbecue popular at the Westlake location. "People come in here saying they smelled smoking meat all the way down by Walgreens," said general manager Susan Carroll.



Every day offers a new special. For example, Brisket dinners are featured on Fridays. On Saturday, beer can chicken is on the menu starting at 4 p.m. "Brined in beer for 24 hours and then smoked, each chicken is served with the can still in it," explained Susan. "It is melt-in-your mouth delicious!" This dinner easily serves two, and often sells out by 9 p.m.

The lunch menu includes a wide variety of starters, soups and salads, specialty sandwiches with fries, pick-two combos, and nine sides. The dinner menu includes all those items, plus smoke house ribs, pulled pork, and hearty entrees. Desserts feature cheesecake, coconut fried pineapple, and "Chocolate Love" -- a molten chocolate cake, vanilla ice cream with crème brullee and strawberries. There's a Sunday brunch, served 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bar offers a variety of beers, wine, hard ciders, and more on its drink menu.

The refreshed second floor party room opens on February 28, and is already booked with communions, retirement parties, a bowling banquet, and wedding shower. It accommodates 60 to 80 guests. Call 216-860-1190 to reserve the room or learn more. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.

KCDC Sells Renovated Home

Working with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank, KCDC obtained and completely renovated a previously abandoned 2-story Dutch Colonial home located at 16805 Sedalia Avenue, just east of Rocky River Drive. Less than a month after completing the renovation, it was sold to a buyer who intends to live in the house. Because the house was thoroughly renovated, with granite counter-tops and stainless steel appliances and a partially finished basement with a full bathroom, KCDC was able to ask for, and receive, a premium price for the property.

The new homeowner will have a maintenance free home for years to come!



The spacious kitchen features marble counter tops, tiled floor, and stainless steel appliances.

Our goal with this home renovation was not only to have a previously abandoned home re-occupied, but also to bring up the "comps" (home sale prices) in the neighborhood, which benefits all of the homeowners nearby. We strive to beautify the home both inside and out using quality materials and quality local workmanship. The result is a home that makes the new homeowners and their surrounding neighbors proud.

Alber Building – Renovation Update

The staff of KCDC continues work on a renovation package for the commercial building located at 17019-25 Lorain Avenue. KCDC's goal is to comprehensively improve and re-tenant the Alber Building, one of the few buildings in downtown Kamm's Corners that has not been substantially renovated.

Working with the staff of the City's Storefront Renovation Program, the exterior renovations will include the removal of the siding covering portions of the building, the installation of all new storefront windows and doors, awnings, masonry restoration, and painting. Other work planned for the building will include new HVAC systems, roof replacement, and parking lot improvements as well as a build-out of the interior spaces. Interior work is underway with the exterior renovations slated to start in the spring of this year. And, yes, we are seeking tenants!

Built in 1924, the Alber Building is on the south side of Lorain Avenue, east of Rocky River Drive, and next to West Park Station.



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For leasing information, please contact Ben Campbell of Kamm's Corners Development Corporation at ben.campbell@kammscorners.com or 216-252-6559, ext.1200.



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Meet Cathy Sabolik: Living the Mission of Caring

...by Marilyn Osborne

Franciscan Village, 3646-48 Rocky River Drive, offers HUD subsidized housing for independent seniors ages 62+ and mobility impaired people younger than 62. This 176-unit complex sits on wooded grounds next to Our Lady of Angels (OLA) Church and within walking distance of shopping, dining, and, banking.

Long time West Park resident Cathy Sabolik took the lead role in caring for this village community last March in a position she dreamed of ever since serving as assistant manager there from 1993 to 1997. "That was my favorite job, ever!" declared Cathy.

At different times, both her mother and grandmother lived at Franciscan Village. During the 90's, Cathy thoroughly enjoyed the satisfaction of assisting her grandmother there and other residents in all aspects of aging in a caring place. "Residents often told me how they looked forward to our interactions," said Cathy. "They'd give me little things to remember them by. For example, Dolores Mohnberg gave me an ice cream scoop 20 years ago. Every time I use it, I think of Dolores."

Intending to continue her work among the elderly, Cathy eventually realized there was no room for advancement at the village as her boss, Toni Trusso, planned to work there until her retirement. So, Cathy turned her attention to Kirby Manor on Detroit



West Park resident, Franciscan Village Property Manager Cathy Sabolik.

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Avenue. However, a board member who spoke with Cathy happened to be the executive director of Cudell Improvement, and offered Cathy a position there as Associate Director for Commercial Development. So, she took that job and stayed 11 years. She left in 2007 to become Storefront Renovation Program Consultant/Coordinator with the City of Cleveland, working with various neighborhood Community Development Corporations (CDCs) in transition or needing training. The CDCs liked working with Cathy on an “as needed” basis, and some let go of their full time storefront coordinators to work with Cathy. “I started with 5 CDCs and left with 12.”

Although Cathy felt intellectually engaged working with the CDCs and enjoyed the work, she was continually drawn to Franciscan Village each time she drove past it. As a member of OLA parish, that was often. When Toni Trusso retired after 30 years of service, and then Toni’s replacement also left, Cathy was urged to interview for the job by those who knew her passion for working with seniors. This included KCDC Executive Steve Lorenz, who previously served on the board of the company that now manages Franciscan Village.

Cathy interviewed with long-time civic activist Curt Brosky, President and CEO of LSC Service Corporation, the company that manages Franciscan Village. With fingers crossed, she waited for the decision. “I recalled how the residents made me feel unafraid of aging and to be accepting of what life offers. I knew that if I could gain the wisdom and grace they had acquired despite various obstacles, then I would be all right, whether I got the job of my dreams or not!”

On St. Patrick’s Day, Cathy became Property Manager at Franciscan Village. “I was so excited for my first day back at the Village! At the same time, my

daughter was trying to call me to say she’d gotten engaged, but I missed it because I never looked at my cell phone that day. So, I was NOT the first one she told, even though she tried her best, leaving about a dozen messages for me to call her before she exploded the news on everyone else!” said Cathy.

Her daughter Maggie, a cosmetologist, is getting married in October to Brian Soucek, a police officer in the Fourth District. Cathy’s son Brian, a police officer in the Second District, is single. Mark, her husband of 35 years, is a pipe fitter with Local 120. “My family has known for many years of my desire to return to Franciscan Village. They are all so happy for me and supportive of my new role here, even though it sometimes means long hours at work. “

Equally important to Cathy is her part-time business, CC Press. For the past 8 years, she has been working with local funeral homes, creating customized funeral programs, prayer cards, and photo videos. She also specializes in graduation invitations as well as the occasional wedding invitation.

“CC Press is part income supplement and part ministry for me,” Cathy explained. “It is extremely rewarding to assist bereaved families at a time when they could really use some help.”

Cathy is an avid crafter, baker, and party planner who especially enjoys baking cookies! She often creates one-of-a-kind, customized cookies with edible ink photos, logos, and designs. “I love to see the reaction of people who receive the customized cookies. Especially fun is watching new parents fawn over their baby’s image on a cookie!” she exclaimed.

During the past year, Cathy instituted monthly luncheons with the residents. She makes the entrees and desserts most of the time. Depending on the menu, the charge is only about \$5 per person to defray

the cost. On average, 45 people attend in the party center. The village also has a library, beauty shop, craft room, and lounge areas.

Residents bake old world style, such as Hungarian bakery — a specialty. People knit and crochet, too. So there are bake sales and craft sales with all the money going to an activity fund. “We had a tenant appreciation day, which attracted about 90 residents, free of charge,” said Cathy.

In the past year, Franciscan Village completed a \$100,000 renovation to the parking lot. And, a \$400,000 project for new windows in the A building (former monastery) is planned for spring and summer of this year. “We hope to improve the resident parking next year,” she said.

When asked about the staff, Cathy said, “I feel unbelievably lucky to walk into a position with an excellent staff, dedicated 150%.” Heather Carey is the Occupancy Specialist; Lori Stadalsky is the Service Coordinator who helps residents find services to meet their needs. Doreen Cavanagh is the Office Assistant. Brian Rockas is the building superintendent, and Josh Torres is the custodian.

Franciscan Village currently has a resident waiting list of 70. To learn more visit the website at franvillage.org.

Help Wanted:

Franciscan Village is looking for a live-in custodian to round out the crew. This part time cleaning position has on call duties two nights a week and every other weekend. (Someone is on call 24 hours a day for emergencies. All apartments have a pull-cord to call for help.) The position includes a salary with a free apartment and utilities. To apply call 216-941-3330.

Souper Market Celebrates 1st Anniversary Here

"January 6th marked one year since we opened here in Kamm's Corners," store manager John Donahue proudly announced at the Merchant Mixer last month at Ironwood Cafe. Despite the flying snow, 25 local business owners turned out for the event. The success of Souper Market is one of the good things that continue to happen in West Park, thanks in large part to the efforts of our many fine merchants.



Hot soup hits the spot on these cold winter days. Jambalaya, chicken paprikash, and chicken noodle are neighborhood favorites. Vegetarian options are always available, too. Every Monday, new specials for the week appear on their website.

A central kitchen supplies four locations, with Kamm's located at 16804 Lorain Avenue, next to Si Senor Mexican Restaurant. Hours are Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Sunday.

"New customers come in all the time," said John. "That means people are still discovering us." If you haven't tried Souper Market, now's a great time! For information or to place an order, call 216-941-4604.

Lenten Fish Fries Abound Here

Each Friday during Lent, fish fries and meatless meals abound! Below are just some of your options:

Ironwood Cafe, 17209 Lorain Avenue. Buy one, get one free (dine-in only). Choose either beer battered cod or a Cajun pan-fried tilapia with fries and coleslaw. \$10.50 for the sandwich or \$12.50 for the dinner—either cod or tilapia. 216-860-1190.

K&K Portage Market, 3364-A Warren Road. \$8.99, Orange Roughy dinners; \$13.99, perch dinners. \$3.49, soda bread loaves. Call ahead 30 minutes. 216-941-8029.

Our Lady of Angels Church, 3644 Rocky River Drive. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Two pieces of baked or fried fish with French fries, coleslaw, roll, and butter. Other choices: \$8.50, fish dinner; \$8.50, 1 fish/3 pierogi dinner; \$7, 12 potato & cheese pierogies; \$6, pierogi only dinner; \$6, cabbage & noodles dinner; \$9, shrimp dinner (8 pcs.); \$6, mac & cheese dinner; \$3.50, fish sandwich; \$2, side of cabbage & noodles; \$2, side of mac & cheese; \$2, side of French fries. \$3, extra piece of fish; \$2, clam chowder. 216-252-2332.

P.J. McIntyre's Irish Pub, 17119 Lorain Avenue. \$13.99 perch dinner; \$6.99 pierogies. 216-941-9311.

Paddy Rock Super Pub, 16700 Lorain Avenue. \$9.95 codfish special. 216-938-9646.

Public House, 17219 Lorain Avenue. Fried perch, sandwiches, dinners & specials. 216-252-6608

Red Lantern, 17446 Lorain Avenue (Kamms Plaza). \$13.50, 6 oz. Lake Erie perch & chips dinner platter or \$18 for 10 oz.; \$20 all-you-can-eat perch & chips



The Red Lantern's featured Fish Fry.

on Friday only; \$10.50 perch sandwich. (Prices may change). 216-331-1458.

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral 3256 Warren Road. From 5 to 8 p.m. \$11, pike dinner; \$8, child's pike, \$9.50, cod; \$7, child's cod; \$9.50, shrimp dinner; \$7, mac & cheese dinner; \$7, cabbage & noodles; \$3.75, clam chowder. All dinners come with French fries, coleslaw, and applesauce. Dessert available. 216-941-5550.

St. Mel Church, 14436 Triskett Road. Baked haddock, fried tilapia (one or two pieces), mac-n-cheese with 3 pierogies dinner including bread & butter, and two sides (coleslaw, apple sauce, pierogi, mac-n-cheese, French fries, or cabbage & noodles). Complimentary beverage and dessert for dine-in customers. A la carte items and take out available. Phone orders taken after 3 p.m. for pick-up after 4:30 p.m. Call 216-671-9833. 4:30 to 7 p.m. Most items \$8.25 - \$10. 216-671-9833.

Seven Seas Seafood, 15725 Lorain Avenue. Fried fish dinners include ½-pound of fish, coleslaw, French fries, roll, and tartar or cocktail sauce. Fish sandwiches made to order. Prices vary per fish selection. Hot homemade New England clam chowder. Any fish on the counter can be fried up for \$1 more than the counter price. Monday through Saturday, throughout the year. 216-941-1359.

Join in the St. Patrick's Day Festivities Here

From the early morning Irish breakfasts to live bands performing into the night, Kamm's Corners is THE place to celebrate before and after Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day parade. The parade starts at 1:04 p.m. at the intersection of Superior Avenue and East 18th Street and travels southwest to East Roadway just before Public Square.



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

Kegs & eggs is offered at **West Park Station** at 6 a.m. FREE to the first 50 people through the door. There's a \$5 Irish breakfast till 10 a.m. Fried Reuben wraps are back! Try Aunt Kathy's famous Irish soda bread! Limited Irish menu and Irish drink specials are available all day. Other features include Irish step dancers, pipes and drums, DJ's, face painters, and live bands. At **Back Stage Bar**, festivities also begin at 6 a.m. with the kitchen opening at 8 a.m. for kegs & eggs. Treasures for all at the patio party begins at noon!

The **Red Lantern** opens at 9 a.m. The menu features Irish stew, Rueben tater tots, corned teef hash, Irish breakfast sandwich, Rueben sandwich, corned beef sandwich, corned beef & cabbage. Various Irish drink specials include a full menu of Irish beer and ales along with Irish whiskey spirits.

Live broadcasting by Tony Rizzo of WKNR 850 takes place at **P.J. McIntyre's** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Doors open at 7 a.m. for Irish breakfast with free t-shirts for the first 100 guests who make a purchase! Mary's Lane starts playing at 1 p.m. Look for a Lucky Charms eating contest with prizes. Bagpipers and Irish dancers perform.

Ironwood Cafe also opens at 7 a.m. with corned beef hash, eggs, and breakfast sandwiches till 11. They'll be rocking it out with a DJ from 4 to 9 p.m. and offering specials, including corned beef & cabbage and Reuben sandwiches.

At **Public House**, feast on the corned beef dinner special or sandwiches. Plan to visit Survivor Day – the day after – for New Barleycorn. **Smedley's Bar and Grill** offers a band in the evening as well as corned beef all day. Bagpipe players will be stopping by.

At **Paddy Rock Super Pub**, doors open at 8 a.m. for a \$5 breakfast buffet. Irish music plays all day. Order off the special Irish menu. The Pipes and Drums of the Cleveland Police will be playing, too.

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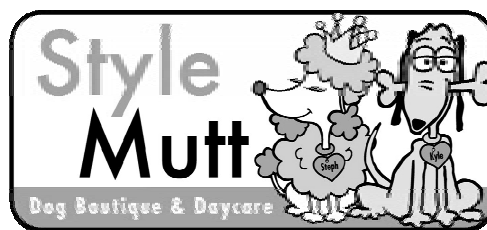
Are you particularly proud of your garden to the point of wanting to show it off to others?

GardenWalk Cleveland is a free, self-guided tour of more than 200 private gardens, farms, vineyards, and orchards in



neighborhoods throughout the City of Cleveland. Its purpose is to invite people to connect through gardening, usually in mid July. Last year, over 1,000 people toured the gardens all over the city.

West Park is now on the tour for 2015! If you are interested in showcasing your home flower garden, community garden, or urban farm, or would like to volunteer to help organize the event locally – please call David Horneck at 216-543-4277 or e-mail dhorneck1@gmail.com. You will be added to the list of prospective participants and will be contacted in early spring about getting involved. Let's show the region what beautiful neighborhoods we have here!



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KCDC Awarded \$5,000 Grant to Support Art & Entertainment Here

The mission of Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) is to inspire and strengthen the community by investing in arts and culture. CAC was approved by Cuyahoga County voters in 2006, and since 2007, CAC has invested more than \$125 million dollars in 286 local organizations presenting arts and cultural activities in Cuyahoga County. CAC's vision for its first ten years of public funding for arts and culture is to help build stronger, more resilient organizations, create vibrant and energetic neighborhoods infused with culture, and establish Cuyahoga County as a hub of creative activity and a destination for artists.

KCDC is pleased to be among the groups being funded in 2015. The Summer Arts and Entertainment Series was awarded the full grant amount of \$5,000 in the Project Support II Grant Award Category. A total of \$302,209 in grants went to the 73 organizations in that group. Two other CAC grant programs offer other funding for which KCDC does not qualify.

A panel of independent experts from outside northeast Ohio recommended the grants in October 2014, after evaluating and ranking each proposal. A list of the grant awards appears at cacgrants.org.

Presenting a wide breadth of live music in styles ranging from a jug band to rock-n-roll, KCDC's Summer Arts and Entertainment Series launches with The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ on May 9, and continues weekly throughout the summer at our Kamm's Corners Farmers Markets every Sunday from June through October – and at our monthly Asphalt Cinema in Impett Park on the third Friday in June, July, and August.

We thank the residents of Cuyahoga County for supporting this program through a public grant from CAC!





NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT!

St. Mark's Celebrates Catholic Schools Week



Father John Miceli, two students, and Principal Karen Cocita popped in to our office suite with a gift basket for KCDC staffers. "Thank you for the service you provide our St. Mark Catholic School Community," was written inside the card along with the signatures of many students.

The occasion was Catholic Schools week. This year's theme: "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service."

We were surprised and delighted by their warm gesture!

St. Mark Catholic School, 15724 Montrose Avenue, is a high school preparatory institution, offering the highest quality education to its students for 65 years.

Iron Maidens Seek New Members

The Cleveland Women's Rugby Football Club is looking for a few good women! A set of cleats, a mouth guard, rugby shorts, and a pair of black and white socks is all that's needed. The uniform is provided by the team, which is also known as The Iron Maidens.

Founded in the spring of 2003, this is Northeast Ohio's premier women's rugby club, with members from all over the region. They run, lift, throw, push, and kick their way through 80-minute matches, and they're proud of it!

"Practice hard, play hard, and have fun!" is the team's motto. That's what they're doing now as they prepare to rule the pitch at Impett Park, 3180 West 153rd Street. Home games are played there, with the first one scheduled for Saturday, March 28, either 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. rain or shine.



What is rugby? It's a game in which the object is to carry the ball over the opponent's goal line and force it to the ground to score. It's simple, but complex because there's a catch. To go forward, the ball is passed backward. The ball can be kicked forward, but the kicker's team mates must be behind the ball at the moment the ball is kicked.

This apparent contradiction calls for fine teamwork and great discipline as little can be achieved by an individual player. Only by working as a team can players move the ball forward towards their opponents' goal line and go on to win the game. If this sounds confusing, the rules will become clear during training — or by watching the game.

Don't worry about not having the right body. The beauty of the game is whether big and strong, short and fast, or as tall and lanky as Sasquatch — rugby has a place for everyone.

Any woman interested in joining the Iron Maidens may e-mail ironmaidensrugby@hotmail.com. To learn more about rugby, visit clevelandwomensrugby.com.



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...by Julie Dahlhausen

Believe it or not, this Cleveland cold won't be here forever! As the snow melts and the slush clears, all of us will have a chance to show off our beautiful homes. Using the coming months to plan and prepare for summer's chores is not only smart – it's efficient.

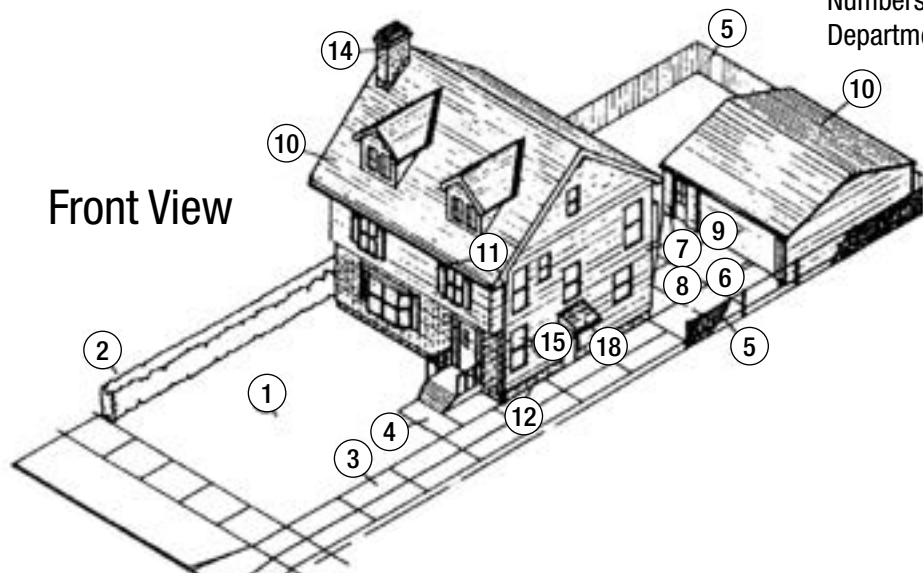
Use this guide to spot problem areas on your property before the inspector does. Remember that your home is your most important investment. Let's keep our neighborhood clean, beautiful, and valuable together!

For more information about code enforcement and repairs, call Housing Assistant Julie Dahlhausen at 216-252-6559 ext. 1300, or email her at julie.dahlhausen@kammscorners.com.



Numbers refer to conditions inspected by the Housing Department and are explained by the following exterior checklist.

Front View



These are conditions inspectors look for:

1. Yard Area - Check for lawn overgrowth, noxious weeds, insect and rodent harborage, diseased trees, debris, and litter.
2. Shrubbery - Check for overgrowth and ensure adequate clearance with public right-of-way.
3. Driveway - Check for severely spalled or broken concrete and uneven asphalt.
4. Private Sidewalk - Check for severely spalled or cracked sidewalk concrete and raised or sunken slabs.
5. Fence - Check for structural stability, general appearance, and zoning code compliance.
6. Garage Floor - Check for severely spalled, cracked, or heaved concrete floors.
7. Paint - Check for blistering, peeling, or shabby appearance.
8. Siding and Trim - Check siding and trim for damage or decay.
9. Garage Doors - Check operating parts for excessive wear and check condition of glass.

10. Roofs - Check for damaged, missing, or loose shingles and damaged flashing.

11. Gutters and Downspouts - Check connection to drainage systems and inspect condition of material composition of gutters.

12. Foundation Above Grade (Masonry) - Check for defective block (concrete) or brick. Check steps and stoops for cracks, spalling, or improper anchorage. Check for weather-tight mortar joints. (Openings for piping, wiring, etc., must be weather-tight.)

13. Window Wells - Check for blockage of drains and inspect general condition of wells.

14. Chimney - Check joints, brick, flashing, weather-wash, and draft deflector.

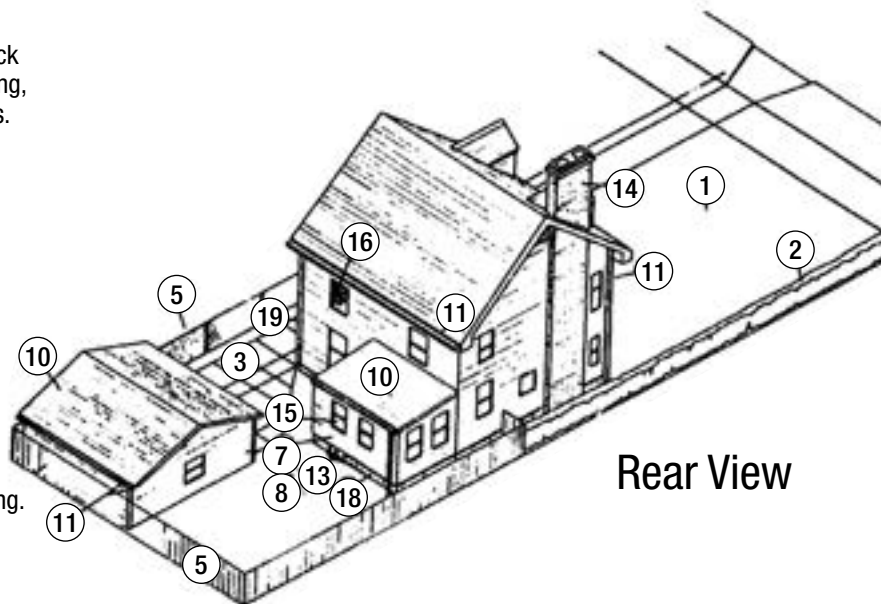
15. Doors and Windows - Check units for proper operation and inspect for any worn parts.

16. Screening - Check for torn or unfastened screening.

17. Porches - Check general condition of porch decks, ceilings, and railings.

18. Canopies - Check where canopy meets structure for open joints. Check for deterioration of wood parts and loose flashing.

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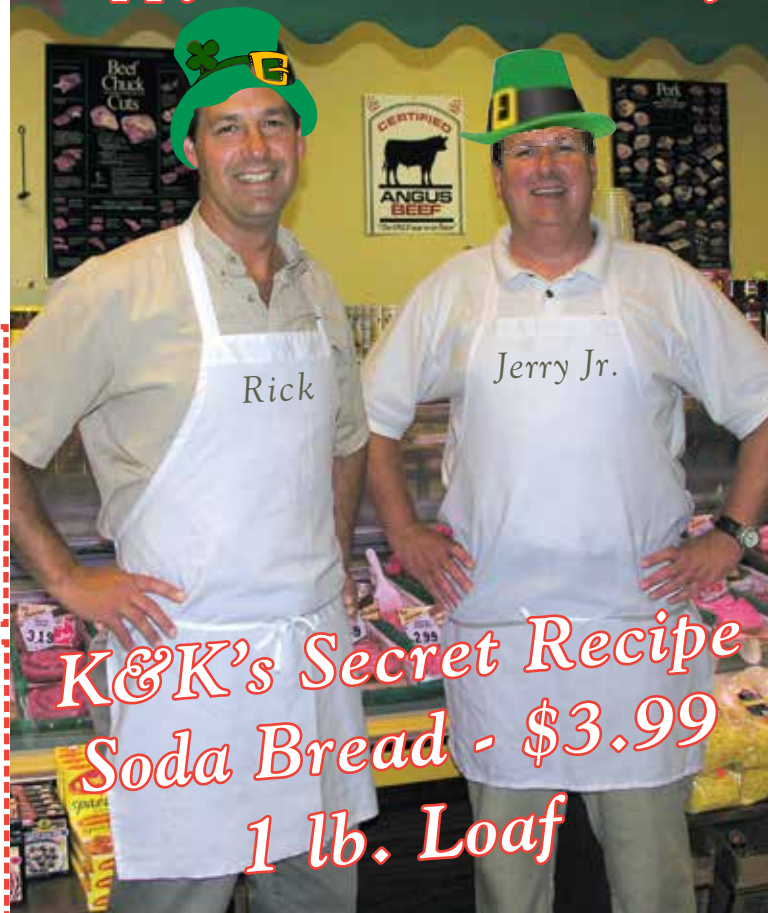
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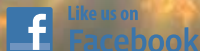
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Community West Foundation Kicks Off SocksPlus Initiative to Help the Homeless!

As a new year begins, many of us are filled with hope and promise for what lies ahead. We resolve to be healthier, give back to others, and accomplish things we've never had time to do before.

But for Cleveland's homeless, including the nearly 2,000 people who do not stay in traditional shelters for various reasons, the new year brings new fears and concerns.

Will last year's deadly sub-zero temperatures return?

Can I keep myself warm enough tonight to wake up tomorrow?

When will I have another pair of dry socks to protect my feet?

Community West Foundation, works closely with organizations in direct contact with the homeless each day. We've visited the homeless camps. We've seen the dire need for warm, dry clothing, especially socks, shoes, and other essentials throughout the winter and early spring.

That's why we're calling on you to help.

Socks solve a major problem for the homeless: Frostbite. A variety of bacterial infections add to the list of uncomfortable ailments homeless people must live with every day when they don't have clean, dry socks.

Though socks and underwear are usually tossed out once they've been worn for some time, and for good reason, lightly used donated undergarments and socks may be accepted. But new, unused socks and underwear are what many homeless need most.

Socks are not the only essentials the homeless need to protect themselves. We're also collecting new or gently used boots, gloves, hats, winter coats and blankets.

WHO AM I HELPING?

Community West Foundation supports a number of organizations that help Cleveland's homeless, including:

Metanoia Project

The Metanoia Project serves the homeless in Cleveland who don't use regular shelters due to fear or inability to function in a highly structured setting. Due to last winter's extreme cold, the Metanoia Project was open a total of 107 days, an increase of 25 percent over the previous winter.

Care Alliance

Care Alliance provides basic health-care to people in Cleveland who are homeless or live in public housing. In 2011, Care Alliance served more than 9,600 people.

Malachi Center

Malachi Center is a community and family resource center that helps homeless men and women living on

the Near West Side of Cleveland. They provide free showers, toiletry supplies, and clothing including socks, a desperately needed essential.

St. Paul's Community Outreach

St. Paul's workers meet the homeless where they are, visiting them in the places they frequent. As these outreach workers walk the streets of Cleveland this winter, they'll need a constant supply of socks, shoes, and warm clothing to provide to those they meet.

The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless

You can collect socks, shoes, warm clothing, blankets and more at your workplace, church or school. Blankets and other supplies can be dropped off at NEOCH, 3631 Perkins Ave., Third Floor, Cleveland. Groups with more than 35 items can contact NEOCH at 216-432-0540 to arrange for pickup.

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or an organ, such as the intestines, to protrude through the muscle tissue. If the defect is large enough, abdominal contents such as the bowels may protrude through the defect causing a lump or bulge felt by the patient. They usually occur in or around the groin, abdomen, navel, or near previous sites of abdominal surgery.

"Some hernias don't cause symptoms. But if you are experiencing discomfort and pain, you should see your doctor as soon as possible," says Cathleen Khandelwal, MD, a board-certified surgeon at Fairview Hospital. "It's important to repair a hernia, as they will generally increase in size, and become increasingly painful and more difficult to treat," says Dr. Khandelwal. "If you deal with it early, your hernia can be repaired at a time that is convenient for you, rather than waiting for it to become an emergency situation."

Surgery is the only effective treatment for a hernia. Hernia surgeries may be performed by an open repair (small incision over the herniated area) or by laparoscopic surgery (minimally invasive). "It is best to get a comprehensive evaluation by a board-certified surgeon to determine the best surgical procedure," says Dr. Khandelwal. At Cleveland Clinic, surgeons perform more than 2,100 hernia repairs each year, from the routine to the most complex cases, at 16 convenient locations in Northeast Ohio. Since most surgeries are outpatient, patients are able to return to most normal activities in a few days.

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Gilchrist Record Shop

...by Gary Swilik

Kamm's Corners was a major shopping district in the boom years after World War II. Among the busy stores was Gilchrist Record Shop where you could choose the latest release from Bing Crosby, Doris Day, Perry Como, Dinah Shore, or any popular artist of the era. You could even sample the music in one of the listening booths before buying. For a generation of West Parkers, Gilchrist Record Shop was a combination music and social center.

Owner James P. Gilchrist was born in Cleveland in 1916, son of a Scottish immigrant. The family lived in Berea where James attended Berea High School and met fellow 10th grader Ruth Ehrbar. They were married in 1938 and moved to Bradgate Avenue in West Park. James was working in a grocery store when a chance occurrence changed his life.

"My husband always liked music," Ruth Gilchrist told the author. "Someone left a record in his store. He brought the record home but didn't have anything to play it on. He went into a record shop at Kamm's Corners to buy a little record player. That's how he decided to go into the record business. He bought the store!"

The establishment James Gilchrist visited on that fateful day was Kamm's Record Shop. In 1947 the business reopened as the Gilchrist Record Shop at 17112 Lorain Avenue. James P. Gilchrist, Jr., of Broadview Heights, recalls the years his father owned the shop.



Kamm's Record Shop was purchased by James P. Gilchrist in the late 1940's and reopened as Gilchrist Record Shop. Courtesy of Ms. Judith S. Kamm.

"There were booths at the back of the store where customers could close the doors and privately listen to records," says James. "I remember Dad going in and making shelves and display cases. After school, especially on Friday, the shop was full of high school kids. And everyone smoked! Even the students. At that time no one thought there was anything wrong with it. You'd get 4 or 5 kids smoking in there, listening to records, and you could hardly see the people."

"Dad also sold televisions, radios, record players, and accessories," James continues. "When TVs came out he had one turned on in the front window. People were standing around on the street watching it. I helped out and occasionally ran the counter. We had a glass display case with harmonicas, phonograph needles, and radios. Behind the counter was a rack where we displayed the 45 rpm records, arranged by the top selling 10 or 25. Customers were welcome to take them into the booths and listen to them."

"My father enjoyed running the record store," says James, "but he gave a lot of stuff away to close acquaintances and friends. Part of the reason it

wasn't a huge success was because of his generosity but the business definitely supported and fed us. Dad gave my sister a 1958 Chevy for graduation! But friendship was more important than profits."

"Gilchrist Records was a major influence on my music," says West Parker Doug



Gilchrist Record Shop letterhead circa 1950's. Courtesy of the Gilchrist family.

McCutcheon. "They had a listening booth where I would listen to records by the hour. Ray Charles, Jimmy Smith, and other jazz and soul keyboardists of the era. I would even buy something once in a while but mostly I would try to figure out what they were playing, then hurry home and try it on the piano."

Doug went on to help create one of Cleveland's greatest local groups, The Baskerville Hounds, appearing at concerts with The Rolling Stones, Sonny & Cher, and other top acts of the era. Doug still performs throughout Northeast Ohio with the popular Swamp Boogie Band.

By the late 1950s Gilchrist Records faced increasing competition. The new Westgate Mall pulled a lot of business away from Kamm's Corners. Discount stores further cut into the market. "My husband liked running the store," says Ruth, "but felt he could do better working for someone else. He went to work for Columbia Records as a salesman."

"My father sold the store in 1959," says Jim Gilchrist, Jr. "He then did very well as a record distributor for Columbia Records. He sold three-hundred percent above his quota and won a Ford Mustang in 1965."

James P. Gilchrist enjoyed many happy years of retirement with his wife and family. He passed away at 91 years of age on February 6th, 2008, a few months short of his 70th wedding anniversary. Since 1967 the former Gilchrist Records has been home to Dad's Smoke Shop. Today kids carry entire libraries of popular music on their hand-held gadgets. Record shops, with racks of albums and private listening booths, are seen only in the movies.



Window display at Gilchrist Record Shop at Kamm's Corners. Listening booths can be seen at back of store. Courtesy of the Gilchrist family.

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Cleveland International Film Fest Returns



The 39th Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF) opens on March 18 and runs through March 29 at Tower City Cinemas downtown. Two West Park residents are key players in putting together this premier event. Bill Guentzler is the Artistic Director, responsible for selecting the movies seen at the festival. Debby Samples is the Marketing Director, responsible for getting the word out about the CIFF and increasing membership.

Of course, those brief descriptions don't even begin to cover all they and other members of the team do to present this successful annual event. The CIFF presents more than 180 feature films and over 160 short subject films from at least 60 countries. Over 200 filmmakers and other special guests attend the Film Festival. And, hundreds of junior high and high school students participate in FilmSlam, a mini-festival of CIFF films screened every weekday morning.

The 39th CIFF will launch with an Opening Night Film and Gala to an anticipated crowd of about 1,500 people on the evening of Wednesday, March 18. Following opening night, more than 475 film screenings will be exhibited in ten theaters at Tower City Cinemas in downtown Cleveland from 9 a.m. to midnight (and even later on weekends) for the next eleven days. Screenings at select neighborhood locations will also be available throughout the festival. The closing night awards program will likely draw 2,000 people on the evening of Sunday, March 29.

Since 2003, the CIFF has experienced tremendous growth, including a 178% increase in attendance to 97,804 in 2014.

Program Guides will be available the week of February 23. Tickets go on sale to members only on Friday, February 27 – one week before they go on sale to the general public on March 6. Because advance tickets for many screenings sell quickly, patrons are advised to purchase tickets as early as possible.

If you are interested in attending the festival this year, become our Facebook Friend and follow us on Twitter @KammsCorners! A limited number of vouchers will be offered from our office on a first come, first served basis. We will also be posting a special code on our website that will provide a savings of \$2 per ticket purchased.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Sponsored by Kamms Plaza, the December 5 event featured Santa, Mrs. Claus, and four Super Heroes: Batman, Spiderman, Thor, and Captain America! The St. Joseph Academy a cappella chorale opened the event with holiday tunes while the West Park Kiwanis Club served hot chocolate. Due to the freezing rain, "singing under the clock" was moved from the intersection of Rocky River Drive and Lorain Avenue to under the overhang at the corner of the plaza. A presentation was made to Allstate Insurance, 17016 Lorain Avenue, the first-place winner of the holiday lighting contest. Santa and Mrs. Claus snuck through Carol & John's Comic Book Shop to the greet the assembled crowd and led them inside to the beautifully decorated event.



Wine in the Holidays Spread Holiday Cheer!

A big thank you goes to Rocksolid Stone Works and everyone who came out to Puritas Nursery on December 4, for our one and only annual fundraiser, Wine in the Holidays. We appreciate your support! Fresh culinary offerings from AMP 150, live music by Hollywood Slim Band, and trains chugging through the live greenery helped make this a memorable event! Proceeds are being used to continue the revitalization of Kamm's Corners and West Park.



Quarterly Business Mixers Keep Shopkeepers Informed

Despite the flying snow, many local business owners turned out for the Kamm's Corners Business Mixer at Ironwood Cafe, 17209 Lorain Avenue, on the evening of January 29. They enjoyed mini pulled pork sandwiches, ribs, chicken quesadillas, hummus & chips – and great conversation!

KCDC Executive Director Steve Lorenz shared neighborhood news with the local business folks attending and everyone added to the mix. Good things continue to happen in West Park, thanks in large part to our fine merchants.

Big thanks to Ironwood Cafe for hosting our quarterly mixer! The next one is scheduled for March 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Warren Road Tavern. All local business owners are welcome!



Centers of Influence Luncheons

Like-Minded Folks Working Together

Each quarter, KCDC hosts a "Centers of Influence" luncheon, an informal discussion with leaders of similar groups of people. For example, on January 27, we hosted non-profit organizations serving West Park, and shared information about our various programs and upcoming events. Red Lantern Kitchen and Bar catered a great lunch! In March, we will be meeting with local school principals about shared challenges and opportunities here.



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Science Team Wins \$10,000 Prize

St. Joseph Academy students once again proved they are among the best and brightest students in the nation. In January, a team of 26 freshmen in Science teacher Mary Ellen Foley Scott's Physical Science class was one of only two Midwest Region winners of the Lexus Eco Challenge, a science competition sponsored by Scholastic, Inc. The SJA team joined an elite group of only eight high school teams nationwide moving on to the finals of the Challenge, being held in February.

Students wowed judges with a video, statistical analysis, and PowerPoint presentation focusing on the toxic algae blooms poisoning the waters of Lake Erie, an issue both close to home and one with national pollution implications. The win carried a \$10,000 prize, which will be used to further expand scientific endeavors at the school, including future competitions and field trips for students to experience hands-on learning.

The winners of the next round, again focusing on ecology issues, will earn \$30,000 for their school, as well as the recognition for being the best science students in the nation. The annual Lexus Eco Challenge is designed to empower young scientists to learn about the environment and take action to improve it. High school and middle school teams nationwide defined an environmental issue that was important to them, developed an action plan to address the issue, implemented the plan, and reported on the results.

"I am so proud of how the SJA team demonstrated collaboration," shared Mrs. Scott, a 1976 SJA graduate. She was assisted in the competition preparation by Instructional Librarian Meagan Fowler. "It took a team effort!"

"The goal of the report on algae blooms was to create awareness of the problem through a video, a survey, and a PowerPoint presentation. We wanted to list the facts of the algae problem, but also give some potential solutions," said Heavenlee Evans.

"More than 466 students and members of the SJA community responded to a survey about blooms and the problems with our water sources," said Mrs. Scott. "Participants first took a survey, then they watched the video. Afterward, they took the survey a second time."

In addition to coordinating the surveys, the team visited six rivers that are part of the Northeast Ohio Watershed system, as well as Lake Erie at Huntington Beach. They collected water samples and tested them for phosphates, which are a major source of the pollution that leads to the toxic algae blooms.

"The collaboration and teamwork exhibited by the students involved with the Lexus Eco Challenge win is a shining example of how the SJA community is living the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph," said Principal Jeff Sutliff. "We are 'caring for Earth' by seeing a social need and working to raise community awareness of the problem."

Our Lady of Angels PTU Offers Shamrock Run 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run

Get ready, set, and go! On Saturday, March 7, the inaugural Shamrock Run, a timed 5K, 1-mile Walk, and post-race celebration takes place, with the run starting at 3 p.m. and the walk at 3:15.

An adults-only celebration party starts at 7 p.m. inside Our Lady of Angels School, Linus Hall. It features a pasta dinner, drinks, raffles, and a silent auction. All proceeds support Our Lady of Angels PTU.

Online registration takes place at peaceracing.com until 11 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. Mail-in entries must be post marked by Wednesday, March 4. Mail to Peace Racing, PO Box 771298, Lakewood, OH 44107. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Angels PTU.

Registration fees are as follows:

Pre-registration:

\$20 each by March 5

Family Registration:

\$60 for a family of four; \$15 for each additional family member

Race Day Registration:

\$25 each

Pasta Dinner Tickets:

\$15 each (includes a dinner, pop, and/or beer)

Pre-registered runners receive a high-quality race shirt. Race-day registrations, while welcome, are not guaranteed a shirt. Pre-registered packet pickup takes place on Friday, March 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Avenue. Race day pickup is also available at the site on race day.

Awards for the 5K race will be presented to the top male and female runner overall and the top three in each division: 10 and under; 11 - 14, 15 - 24, 25 - 34, 35 - 44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+.



St. Joseph Academy students collaborated to win a \$10,000 prize in the Lexus Eco Challenge.

Local Pizza Shops Compete in Bake-Off

Last month, over 300 people attended the West Park Pizza Bake-Off fundraiser for St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4427 Rocky River Drive. Filling the gym, guests sampled more than 40 different pizzas from 12 pizza shops:

Athens Pizzeria	Patino's
Bella Pizza	Pizza Pan
Brothers	Romeo's Pizza
Gionino's Pizzeria	Stars
Marco's Pizza	Upper Crust
Papa John's Pizza	West Park Station

Votes were placed for favorites in three categories:

Best Pepperoni Pizza • Best Specialty Pizza • West Park's Best Pizza

At the end of the evening, winners were divided into two groups: local and franchise. The local winner of the Best Pepperoni Pizza was Athens Pizzeria, 4341 Rocky River Drive. Athens also won Best Specialty Pizza along with the big single win: West Park's Best Pizza! Gionino's Pizzeria, 3314-B Warren Road, won Best Franchise Pepperoni Pizza, and Romeo's Pizza, 3768 Rocky River Drive, won Best Franchise Specialty Pizza.

The biggest winner was also the smallest winner as a young girl took home the 50-inch LED 120hz HD television to the surprise of her family. Event organizer Jeff Quinn of the St. Pat's Holy Name Society said, "It was a wonderful, successful event, and I can't wait until next year's." He added, "Please support all of the pizza shops in West Park, and remember the best pizza in West Park is your favorite."

Additional photos are available on the event's Facebook page: West Park Pizza Bake-Off.



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Cleveland St. Pat's Starts Ladies Gaelic Football Club

Recruitment for a Ladies Gaelic Football team here has begun! This traditional Irish sport is played in Ireland and has grown in popularity in North America. It involves skills similar to those used in volleyball, soccer, basketball, and rugby. Teams exist in Boston, Pittsburgh, New York, Buffalo, Austin, Houston, Chicago, and San Francisco. St. Pat's Gaelic Football Club (GFC) will field a ladies team in the spring. Right now, they are building toward their first indoor practice on Monday, March 9, at 9 p.m. at The Force Indoor Sports in Rocky River.

Gaelic football commonly referred to as football, Gaelic, or Gah is one of the most popular spectator sports in Ireland. In the U. S., Gaelic football is played by teams of 13 on a rectangular grass field or "pitch" with H-shaped goals at each end. The object is to score by kicking or striking the ball with the hand and getting it through the goals. The team with the highest

score at the end of the match wins. Players advance the ball up the field with a combination of carrying, soloing (dropping and then toe-kicking the ball upward into the hands), kicking, and hand-passing to their team-mates.

With origins dating back to the 16th century, Gaelic football found an enthusiastic home in the greater Cleveland area when Irish immigrants began playing organized games at the turn of the twentieth century. Years ago, St. Pat's had a ladies team. Now, as athletes from outside the Irish-American community learn of the sport, its popularity continues to rise.

In 2013, the annual North American Gaelic Games Finals were held in Cleveland, thanks the efforts of Cleveland St. Pat's GFC, KCDC, and the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission. The event brought an estimated \$1.2 million into the region's economy as 2,000 athletes visited Cleveland.

"We are extremely excited about putting the ladies team back on the field," said Cleveland St. Pat's club chairman and West Park

resident Brian Royer. "They have long been a part of our club's rich history and tradition. Restarting the team is very important to us."

Spearheading the effort to get the women's team up and running is Aoife Gillen (pronounced EE-fah), a new member of Cleveland St. Pat's GFC. She is from County Wicklow in Ireland and recently moved to the Cleveland area.

Interested in trying out for the ladies team? "Like" Cleveland St. Pat's Ladies GFC on Facebook for all the latest news and information about the newly forming team. Once connected, you may send a direct message, and a club member will reply.



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Gala Event Celebrates 125 Years

St. Joseph Academy celebrated its 125th Anniversary at a gala on February 21 at the school, 3470 Rocky River Drive.

During this "Celebrate the Academy" event, the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph (CSJ) were honored not just for being founders and role models for the St. Joseph Academy community, but also for decades of work as advocates of the poor and disenfranchised in Northeast Ohio. This birthday bash included live and silent auctions, cocktails, and dinner. The fundraiser benefitted critical scholarship and academic initiatives.

As part of the 125th birthday celebration, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Mary Jordan of The Washington Post, a 1979 graduate of St. Joseph Academy, will be speaking at the school on May 18. Ms. Jordan's book on Seymour Avenue captives Gina DeJesus and Amanda Berry about their decade of being held against their will is being released on April 28.

Other birthday celebrations include floats in both the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Kamm's Corners Independence Day Parade; a pilgrimage to Le Puy, France, site of the founding of the CSJs in 1650; and a truly special event – a concert on May 1, at the school by the famed Cleveland Orchestra.

"Our 125th anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate what makes St. Joseph Academy a vibrant, valued and vital part of Northeast Ohio," said President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis, a 1971 graduate. "St. Joseph Academy is and always has been a strong, academically challenging institution that guides young women to lives of compassionate leadership. 'Celebrate the Academy' is our opportunity to truly honor the women who had the vision 125 years ago to found a school with the goal of nurturing future faith-filled leaders."

St. Joseph Academy is a vital anchor in West Park, with 710 students from 46 different zip codes and 60 different feeder schools, and 100 faculty and staff in the 2014-15 academic year.

Kamm's Calendar

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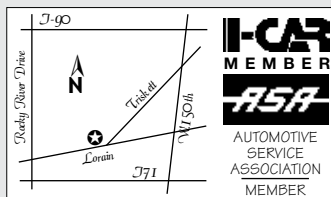
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Feasts, Fasts, and Festivals

Holidays and Holy Days in the Cycle of the Year ...by Joe Konen

This spring the West Park Interfaith Council will provide an opportunity for people of all faiths (or no faith) to learn more about each other's traditions in a program entitled: Feasts, Fasts, and Festivals – Holidays and Holy Days in the Cycle of the Year. You've heard about Passover, Easter, and Ramadan. What are the origins of these and other sacred celebrations of the three Abrahamic Faiths – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?

Three local faith leaders will talk about the foods, customs, and melodies of the religious celebrations of their traditions on Sunday, March 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, at the Lakewood Public Main Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue, in Lakewood.

Last fall, a program about Abraham and these traditions was attended by over 120 people. On March 22, the same informative and interesting speakers will bring their topics alive. They are Rabbi Enid Lader, Beth Israel - The West Temple; Shaykh Musa Sugapong, Islamic Center of Cleveland and Darul Qasim Institute; and Pastor Robert Ferro, Bethany English Lutheran Church. There will be ample time for questions.

This is a free event and requires no reservation. It will provide an opportunity for people in West Park to learn more about the way people of these faith traditions celebrate throughout the year. For more information contact Joe Konen at 216-252-3928.

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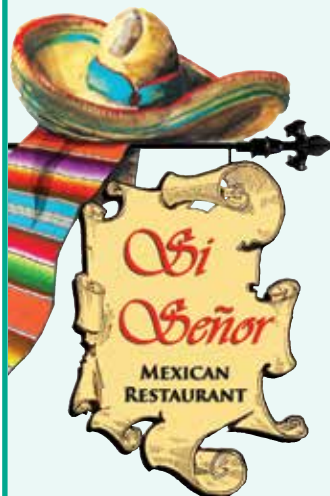
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