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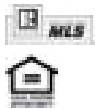


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From the Director

Spring is here in our great neighborhood, and that means it's time for The Hooley on Kamm's Corners,™ taking place Saturday, May 13, from noon to 8 p.m. on Lorain Avenue at Kamm's Corners. Gather your friends and plan to join us for West Park's Homecoming Celebration! See the centerfold of this magazine for all of the details. Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital for their ongoing support! Also thanks to Councilman Marty Keane, who designates The Hooley™ as his special event, which brings us resources from the City of Cleveland that make the event possible. Finally, thanks to our local safety forces for keeping us safe as we enjoy the day.

Once The Hooley™ is in the rear view mirror, all of our regular summer events come into focus. The 11th season of Kamm's Corners Farmers Market will begin on Sunday, June 11, with a bevy of market vendors and a chef demonstration by our friends from the local farm-to-table restaurant AMP 150 inside the Marriott Hotel on West 150th Street.

And then the summer movie series Asphalt Cinema kicks off on the third Fridays of June, July, and August in Impett Park. It's always great family fun on a warm summer night under the stars. Bring a blanket and join in the festivities.

The Kamm's Area Special Improvement District is winding up its first year of taking care of our "downtown" district, thanks to the contributing property owners on Lorain Avenue. This summer, the planters on Lorain Avenue will be given a comprehensive makeover that will include new plant material, flowers, and a coordinated design that will bring us color all though the growing season!

You will see a variety of construction projects this spring that will bring new life, and in some cases, new businesses to the neighborhood, thanks in part to the City of Cleveland's Storefront Renovation program, administered locally by us. See the Biz Bits column on page 12 for details.

Finally, I want to thank our "small but mighty" staff of six, two of whom are part time, for their work these past months. Changes to how we are funded have loomed over us and are yet to be resolved. Undaunted, they have kept their shoulders to the wheel, with encouragement from our very engaged Board of Trustees. We accomplish a lot together and will continue to work towards an even better West Park.

As always, let us know how we're doing.

Our cover: Brady Campbell Dancers appear in costume inside P.J. McIntyre's Irish Pub, 17119 Lorain Avenue, with their instructors, Patrick and Rebecca Campbell, veterans of Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance." Irish dance classes are held above the pub and in Avon Lake. See them at The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ on the Family Stage at 3 p.m. Photo by Gary Yasaki, 216-781-7330.

Steve

Steve Lorenz
Executive Director

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"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

Get ready Saturday, May 13, for the 8th annual **The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™**! Celebrate West Park with family and friends on Lorain Avenue east of Rocky River Drive. The fun takes place from noon till 8 p.m., featuring food, music, and family activities. Read about the entertainment, booths, and more on page 10. The event map appears in the centerfold of this magazine.

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season this summer, re-opening on June 11, and every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the municipal parking lot behind Walgreens at West 168th Street and Lorain Avenue. See page 14 for details. The free **Perennial Exchange** takes place on Sunday, June 18 from 10 a.m. until noon. Bring your perennials to trade with others. Keep their roots watered for easy replanting. The exchange is a no-cost way to freshen up your garden.

Saint Joseph Academy will host KCDC's 40th **Annual Town Meeting** on Tuesday, June 20, at 7 p.m. Please join us! The event is free and parking is plentiful at 3470 Rocky River Drive. The evening's presentation will be followed by freshly baked cookies provided by **K&K Portage Market**. See details on page 6.

Cone Zone on Rocky River Drive, now owned by **Weber's Premium Custard and Ice Cream**, is open offering Weber's products including a "scoopable" frosted malt as well as custard and soft serve. Visit them at **The Hooley™**.

The Hub Bar and Grill inside the **Four Points Sheraton**, 4181 West 150th Street, features all of your neighborhood favorites, offering a full service restaurant and bar. Kick back and enjoy a local craft brew straight from the tap. Plus, build your own burger or flatbread pizza! Stop in and enjoy great grub at the Hub! Try their food at **The Hooley™**.

Puritas Nursery, 19201 Puritas Avenue, is Cleveland's last growing greenhouse of flowers and vegetables. Stop by for sincere, personal attention and gardening advice you can trust from these experts. Call 216-267-5350 for information. See the ad on page 6.

All young professionals who live, work, or play in West Park are invited to join the **West Park Young Professionals**

who meet regularly to pool their talents to help the community. E-mail them at WestparkYP@gmail.com.

Celebrate the amazing world of comic books on **Free Comic Book Day**, Saturday, May 6. **Carol & John's Comic Book Shop**, 17462 Lorain Avenue in **Kamms Plaza**, is the place to receive 10 free comic books per person. Call 216-252-0606 for more information. See story on page 33.

The **5th Annual Run Puritas 5K and 1-mile Fun Run/Walk** takes place on Saturday, May 5, at 8:30 a.m. The route starts at **Blessed Trinity Church** on West 140th at Puritas Avenue. Visit BPDC.org or call 216-671-2710 for more information.

Reserve the third Friday of June, July, and August for **Asphalt Cinema** – an evening of music, art, games, and prizes that ends under the stars with a family friendly movie – all at **Impett Park**, 3180 West 153rd Street. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. It's free, thanks to our sponsors **Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital** and **Cuyahoga Arts & Culture**. See story on page 7.

Spend **Cinco De Mayo**, Friday May 5, at **Si Senor Mexican Restaurant**, 16800 Lorain Avenue. Enjoy sizzling fajitas and cold margaritas, along with authentic Mexican cuisine. Food and drink specials will be offered all day. Call 216-941-4424.

This summer, **Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Company** will open at 3764 Rocky River Drive in **Kamms Plaza**, offering homemade ice cream, sweet treats, and more! "We look forward to providing top quality ice cream at an affordable price," said proprietor **Lisa Kay**. See the ad on page 35.

On Sunday, May 21, the **5th Annual Pups at the Park** will be held at **West Park Station**, 17015 Lorain Avenue, from 1 to 3 p.m. It's a fundraiser to benefit **The Rescue Inn**, a foster-based rescue organization saving the lives of dogs in need. Tickets are \$20 for house wine and beer, pizza, wings, and pasta. There will be raffle baskets and prizes. Purchase tickets at **Style Mutt**, 3525 Warren Road, or at the door. Visit Style Mutt at **The Hooley™**.

West Park United Church of Christ, 3909 Rocky River Drive, serves a community meal at 11:30 a.m. in **Bartter Hall**, on the fourth Sunday of every month, free of charge. All are welcome. Come through the rear entrance off the parking lot.

Taste the flavorful cuisine offered by **AMP 150**, the restaurant inside the **Marriott Hotel** at 4277 West 150th Street.

Discover what's on the menu, from small plates to big six-course meals. Call 216-706-8787 for more information or visit AMP150.com. See them at **The Hooley™**.

Look inside the May edition of **Cleveland Magazine** for a section that focuses on Cleveland neighborhoods. **West Park** is featured in a special section, which you may also view on our website, kammscorners.com.

The **Cleveland Department of Aging** presents **Senior Day** on Wednesday, May 24, at **Cleveland Public Hall**, 500 Lakeside Avenue. An information fair starts at 10 a.m. with a program at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Entertainment begins at 12:30 p.m. The event is free of charge. For more information, call 216-664-2833.

The third annual **Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K Race and 1-Mile Walk** for Saint Joseph Academy, 3470 Rocky River Drive, takes place on Monday, May 29. See details in the ad on page 31, where you will also find registration information for the academy's summer camps for girls. See the academy's booth at **The Hooley™**.

It's time for summer camp registration at the **West Park Family YMCA**, 15501 Lorain Avenue. To learn more about what summer camp has to offer your child, call the YMCA at 216-941-5410 or visit clevelandymca.org. The YMCA hosts the **Youth Center** at **The Hooley™**.

The **West Park Kiwanis Club** is already gearing up for the annual **Kamm's Corners Independence Day Parade**. It takes place on Tuesday, July 4, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Plan to watch or participate! See details on page 6.

West Park Discovery World, 3909 Rocky River Drive, is accepting applications for their fall programs. Learn more about this excellent pre-school, which has been operating here since 1986. Call 216-671-7229 or visit discoveryworldup.com. Be sure to visit their booth at **The Hooley™**.

Are you a passionate, committed Clevelander dedicated to taking an active role in improving your community? The **Neighborhood Leadership Development Program** offers a 15-session, free training program starting on August 26. Visit nldpcleveland.com or call 216-776-6172 for details.

Welcome to the neighborhood, **Rocky River Gardens**! The new company offers short term rehab, long-term care, and respite at 4102 Rocky River Drive, the former **HCR Manor Care**. See their ad on page 20. Call 216-251-3300 for more information. Meet them at **The Hooley™**.

Keep the kids engaged with learning throughout the summer. Check out the activities offered by the **West Park Branch** of the **Cleveland Library**, 3805 West 157th Street. Call 216-623-7102 for more information about their many programs. See them at **The Hooley**.™

Northeast Ohio's only foreign language immersion school is at 13442 Lorain Avenue. **Global Ambassadors Language Academy** (GALA) is a tuition-free school offering Mandarin or Spanish language immersion classes. Enrollment is underway for K-2. Classes start on August 9. For more information, visit gala-prek8.org. Talk to them at **The Hooley**.™

Save the weekend of July 21 through 23 for the **35th Annual Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival**, taking place at the **Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds** in Berea. Tickets are \$12 per person. Children under 10 gain free admittance. Parking is free. For more information, visit clevelandirish.org. See the article on page 29.

The **West Park Kiwanis** will be hosting an all you can eat **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the **Cretan Center**, 3853 West 150th Street. Always a family favorite, the breakfast includes sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea, and milk. Adults \$7, children seven to twelve \$3, and six and under are **FREE**. Even better, 100% of funds raised are donated back to the community.

Attention all local artists and crafters! An arts and crafts walk is being planned for Saturday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tables will be set up in the outside patios at **Backstage Bar, West Park Station**, and **P.J. McIntyre's**. Call Michele at 216-533-0892 or email mc16wps@yahoo.com for an application.

Learn about the trolley parks of Northeast Ohio in a presentation by local historian **Ralph Pfingsten** in a slide show on Tuesday, May 23, at 7 p.m. at the **Cretan Party Center**, 3853 West 168th Street. Light refreshments will be served. Entry is free of charge, but donations to the sponsor, **West Park Historical Society**, are appreciated. Visit them at **The Hooley**.™

"Christmas in July" is slated for Friday, July 28 under a big tent in the parking lot at **Kamms Plaza**. The event replaces the annual **Winter Wonderland**, which ended after a 20-year-run. Planned activities include musical entertainment, children's crafts, and raffles. Winners need not be present to claim the prizes. Subscribe to the KCDC e-newsletter at kammscorners.com for details as they are released.

Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

News from Ward 17 and City Hall



Dear Neighbor:

Happy Hooley 2017!

I'm glad to contribute to the Hooley Edition of Kamm's Corners Magazine, my favorite edition. This year's Hooley, amazingly our 8th, happens on Saturday, May 13, starting at noon and running all day. Lorain Avenue will bustle with visitors and vendors. Live music, great food, and good fun aptly chase away the winter blues and welcome spring back to the neighborhood. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors to stop by.

Seniors, please join the fun on Wednesday, May 24! It's the Cleveland Department of Aging's 28th Annual Senior Day. This free event runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cleveland Public Hall. Festivities include a senior information fair, recognition of an outstanding senior from Ward 17, entertainment, and lunch. It really is a wonderful event. Please call me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cleveland City Council recently passed the Operating Budget for 2017. This year's budget hearings were more spirited than my past nine, thanks to increased tax projections primarily due to the .5% increase in Income Tax. We moved beyond talking about the state imposed budget cuts, recession, and potential layoffs. This time, we were able to consider service enhancements.

My focus remained Building and Housing and Public Safety. Those Divisions resonate throughout every corner of this great city and our great neighborhoods. With increases in Public Safety, Police, Fire, and EMS, we can expect and should demand increased service delivery in each respective division. Also lively discussions took place on Forestry, Waste Collection, Street Sweeping,

and Public Works, all core services we must do better at delivering.

Spring brings potholes. While we did a lot of work last year on our major thoroughfares, it is time to focus on the residential streets. Thanks partly to Issue 32, we will be putting \$12 million into Cleveland's streets this year. The residential street resurfacing program has begun with the Divisions of Streets, Capital Projects, and Public Works working together. I have submitted several of the worst streets in advance of their official recommendations for consideration. Utilizing the Pavement Management Program, we have started to identify streets for 2017. I fully understand it can't start soon enough, but we are at the mercy of the asphalt plants which will be opening this month. Please continue to call in the potholes as you see them with as much specificity as you can provide. Residents may call 216-664-2510 or my office at 216-941-9509.

Please keep an eye out for all our neighborhood special events. The Hooley marks the beginning of a busy season of races, festivals, and concerts. Many of them are outlined in this edition of the magazine or call us for more details. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who make them happen. Gratitude goes to Mayor Jackson and all the Divisions and Departments we rely on to pull them off, especially our First District Officers and Commander Dan Fay. Without their continued support we simply couldn't do it.

Please have a happy and safe spring. Shop locally, slow down, keep your parked cars locked, start a block watch, and take care of our great neighbors and neighborhoods.

All the best!

Marty Keane

Annual Town Meeting Set for June 20

Kamm's Corners Development Corporation's 40th Annual Town Meeting returns to the auditorium of Saint Joseph Academy at 3470 Rocky River Drive on Tuesday, June 20, at 7 p.m.

Please join us for an informative evening. The event is free of charge and parking is plentiful. On your way in, visit the display tables of local non-profit agencies to learn more about their programs. The evening's agenda includes updates on neighborhood initiatives such as new businesses coming, two new grants to improve our infrastructure, and a report on the activities of the Kamm's Area Special Improvement District. Councilman Marty Keane will provide news about city-related issues.

Several awards will be presented, including the Community Impact Award. Our always-popular "Spontaneous Raffle" will round out the evening. Fresh cookies from K&K Portage Market and beverages will be served.

We are grateful to Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital for their sponsorship of this key community event.



During the spontaneous raffle, local business member Ken Robinson picks the winner of his donated prize from the goblet held by KCDC staffer, Jackie Wohleber, Manager, Office Operations.

Kiwanis West Park Independence Day Parade

Registration Information

The West Park Kiwanis Club is seeking brass bands and musicians for the annual Kamm's Corners Independence Day Parade. It takes place on Tuesday, July 4, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Be sure to watch the parade – or participate with your community organization.

Community groups, local celebrities, and area merchants are all welcome! Download an application at kammscorners.com or call Cliff LaRocque at 216-252-1364 to have one mailed to you. Before June 25, the registration fee is \$70, except local non-profit organizations pay \$35. After June 25, the registration fee is \$100 for all. Don't delay!



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Asphalt Cinema Returns June 16

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Kids are invited to try creative games of chance and skill for small prizes – all provided by local merchants and organizations. A ring toss, pin the tail on the doggy, hula-hoops, and more will keep the kids engaged. In June and July, the popular Pork Chop Derby will return for squeals of laughter and prizes to the first place pig's "owner."

In August, a City of Cleveland Safety Fair will take place in the area adjacent to the parking lot from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meet first-hand with law enforcement agency representatives. Walk through the smoke house and get up close and personal with a fire truck, motorcycle, and bomb squad truck. Pick up giveaways and information from city departments.

In addition to games, there will be art activities and everyone will be invited to dance and sing with the help of a DJ, starting at 7:30 p.m. Draw characters from the featured film and win a prize! The artistic portion of Asphalt Cinema is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

Beverages and popcorn are available for purchase from West Denison Baseball League. The movie and the fun activities are free of charge thanks to our Asphalt Cinema sponsor, Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital!

Asphalt Cinema Dates

June 16: Sing

July 21: Lego Batman

August 18: The Secret Life of Pets

West Park Gardeners Invited To Show Off Their Piece of Paradise

GardenWalk Cleveland (GWC) is in full blossom again after a brief hiatus in 2016 to raise much-needed operating funds. Taking place the weekend of July 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, GWC is a free, self-guided tour of more than 200 private neighborhood gardens within Cleveland's city limits. Its purpose is to invite people to connect through the love of gardens. Roughly 1,200-1,500 people toured the gardens in 2015.

West Park's first foray with GWC in 2015 was a great success with 22 gardeners showcasing their labor of love to neighbors and people from all over the city, county, and state! About a dozen people from other countries toured the gardens as well!

Once again, West Park will participate in the walk. Following suggestions from both gardeners and walkers, the GWC committee's goal this year is to offer more clusters of gardens. That way walkers can park their cars and view many gardens at one stop instead of driving garden to garden. (Of course, riding a bike is a great way to see the gardens without the hassle of parking!)

Calling all gardeners, bee keepers, chicken raisers, plant lovers, and veggie growers! Don't be shy – join the walk! It's a great social way to meet new neighbors and friends, while sharing your little bit of paradise with the community. If you would like to be involved this year as a gardener or volunteer for the event, please email or call David Horneck at dhorneck1@gmail.com or 216-543-4277. The deadline for gardeners to participate is May 30. Thank you to all of the past participants and walkers! Please mark your calendar for this year's event!



Help Us Beautify Kamm's Corners for The Hooley™

Volunteers Needed!

On Saturday, May 6, (Sunday May 7 is the rain date) at 10 a.m., gather in front of West Park Station, 17015 Lorain Avenue, to mulch and plant annuals in the public planters on Lorain Avenue. Thanks to our friends at Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, we will have their "Citizens Bank Clean and Green Trailer" filled with the tools and supplies for the work! If you

have a small garden shovel, please bring it. All other supplies and tools will be provided. Your neighborhood thanks you!

The very next Saturday is The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™! Won't you spend a little time to help us put our best foot forward for our visitors?

If you can't make it out to lend a hand, how about doing a little spring clean around your home? Sweep up any litter or debris in the street, your sidewalk, or tree lawn, and say hi to your neighbors while you're at it!





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Newton D. Baker School of Arts Wins Two Awards

Newton D. Baker School of the Arts, 3690 West 159th Street, won \$10,000 in awards for students' entries in the Stop the Hate contest presented by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage.

For the fourth year in a row, the school took first place in the middle school Youth Sing Out category, for writing and performing a song that addresses intolerance, bigotry, racism or discrimination. They also had the highest participation – 100% of sixth through eighth graders – in the middle school essay contest. Each award brought the school \$5,000.

A group of sixth-grade students performed their original song, "V.O.T.E." in December in front of a panel of judges from the local music and arts community at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. To write the song, students worked with a teaching artist from the local nonprofit organization Roots of American Music after visiting the Maltz Museum.



"The students drew inspiration from frustration they felt over the 2016 presidential election," Newton D. Baker Principal Wendy Rose-Geiling said. When they found out that some of their family members and other citizens who were eligible to vote hadn't cast a ballot, they felt disappointed and motivated to speak out.

The result was a song with lyrics including: "Take charge of your country/It's your civic duty/Now V-O-T-E!"

The principal said songwriting seemed to come naturally to students at Newton D. Baker, which prides itself on using art as a teaching tool.

"They're so passionate about it, which is why their ideas are very in-depth," Rose-Geiling said. "The contest and the songwriting gives them a voice that they sometimes feel that they don't have."

Jeffery Allen is the director of the museum's education and public programs. He said the Newton D. Baker students' message was strong, and their dedication was on full display.

"What made this particular song stand out was the little extra dedication that they had among a field of exceptional songs," he said.

A performance of "V.O.T.E." was given to the public at an awards ceremony on April 26 at the Maltz Performing Arts Center at Case Western Reserve University.

More than 1,000 students in grades 6-12 in Northeast Ohio participate annually in the Stop the Hate contests, which aim to empower students to become change agents and speak out against injustice. Each year, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage gives out \$100,000 in scholarships, awards, and anti-bias education.

"It's extraordinarily important that young people have an opportunity to examine history and see these historic instances of bigotry, intolerance, and discrimination reflected on their own lives," Allen said. "It helps them to realize that they, in fact, do have agency and a voice."

Be sure to visit their booth at The Hooley™ to congratulate the school.



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June 12 - June 16 Soccer	(Ages 6-12. No Camp July 4.)	July 31 - August 4 Fun Camp
June 19 - June 23 Fun Camp	July 10 - July 14 Fun Camp	Aug 7 - Aug 11 Basketball
June 26 - June 30 Basketball	July 17 - July 21 Flag Football	Aug 14 - Aug 18 Flag Football

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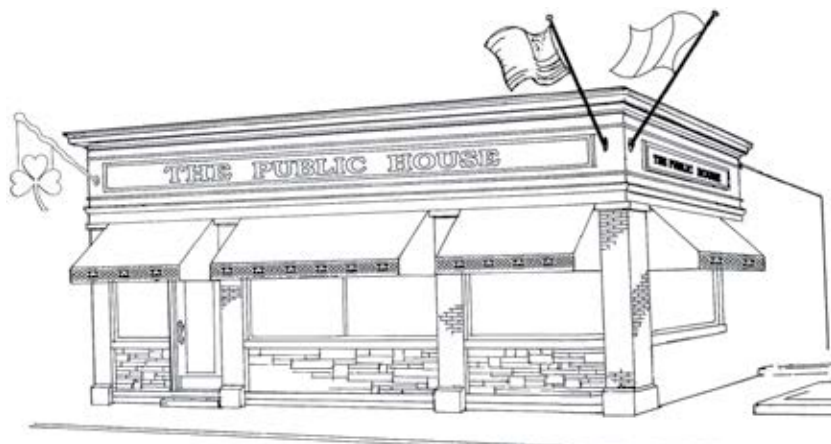
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Immerse yourself in "West Park's Homecoming Celebration!" Spend the day at the 8th annual The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™, kicking off at noon on Saturday, May 13, and running until 8 p.m. on Lorain Avenue in Kamm's Corners. Lorain Avenue will be closed to traffic from West 165th Street to Rocky River Drive. "Hooley" is Irish slang for party or celebration. This one started as a celebration of the new streetscape installed ten years ago. Today, The Hooley™ remains an annual day of live music, festival food, entertainment, and activities for all ages, presented by Kamm's Corners Development Corporation. Once again, there is no charge to enter the area of The Hooley,™ thanks to presenting sponsor, Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital.



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The Family Stage at West 165th Street, sponsored by Dollar Bank, will provide entertainment for the younger crowd. Irish dancers from multiple dance schools will perform, each showcasing its own distinctive style, some wearing colorful costumes and ringlet wigs. Appearing will be: Brady Campbell Irish Dance School, Burke Schools of Irish Dance, Cannon Irish Dance, and Leneghan Academy of Irish Dance. Other acts include a karate demonstration from All American Karate, juggling from the St. Ignatius Circus Company, singing from Tower City Chorus, and performances from Newton D. Baker School of the Arts and dancers from the Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center. Marching to the Family Stage area from the west, The West Side Irish American Club Pipe Band will play a medley of crowd-pleasing tunes.



Nearby will be the Youth Center, hosted by the West Park Family YMCA and sponsored by Neighborhood Family Practice, featuring an obstacle course race, a thirty-foot tall fire truck slide, and engaging games and activities for youth of all ages. The always-popular pop-a-shot returns, operated by the Saint Mark Parents Club.

Purchase unique goods and pick up interesting information from the more than 100 booths lining Lorain Avenue. Indulge in a variety of Hooley™ offerings from more from a dozen food vendors, including gyros, hot dogs, pulled pork, kettle corn, ice cream, and freshly squeezed lemonade. Come hungry! All the restaurants will be open, too. New food vendors this year include Hatfield's Goode Grub, The Hub, and Bomba's Tequila and Tacos.

A curated handmade arts and crafts show takes place on West 168th Street. Bring a tote bag for your purchases of unique items, including accessories, stuffed animals, clothing, beach glass jewelry, toys, home decor, Irish-themed gifts, and more hosted by My ReClaimed Life.

Admittance is free! Please join the thousands who visit for a great day of music, food, and family friendly fun.

Parking information:

- Parking will be at a premium. Visitors are encouraged to walk or take public transportation to the event.
- Fairview Hospital has agreed to open their surface lots on Lorain Avenue to visitors for the day at no charge. These lots are on both sides of Lorain Avenue, west of Citizens Bank and Kamms Plaza.
- Parking at Kamms Plaza is reserved for patrons of those stores. **Please do not park there if you are attending The Hooley™.**
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The Hooley™ is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Special thanks to the City of Cleveland and Councilman Marty Keane for their support.

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As the weather warms up, activity is picking up on several local Storefront Renovation Program projects. This City of Cleveland program is administered locally by KCDC.

Construction started earlier this month on the renovation of the building at 15718 Lorain Avenue, the home of Lorain Triskett Bike Shop and Crazy Tommy's Car Audio. The project includes removing the existing wind-damaged pole sign, painting the building exterior, and adding new landscaped planter beds and signs for the businesses.

Construction has also started on the vacant building at 3600 West Park Road, the soon-to-be home of 5 Points Coffee & Tea. The building will be completely rehabilitated inside and out with exterior renovation plans that call for new awnings with signage, concrete replacement and ornamental fencing for the outdoor patio, and lighting. In addition to coffee and tea, the shop will offer smoothies and light Irish-themed fare including pastries and soda bread. The tentative grand opening is slated for July this year. Keep up with their plans by subscribing to their e-newsletter at 5pointscafe.com and visit them at the Hooley.™

As soon as city building permits are issued, look for construction to begin on an eye-catching transformation of the VIP Inn at 4107 Rocky River. New windows will be installed on the front of the building overlooking a new outdoor patio with a pergola. Updated signage, a re-skinning of the facade's masonry wall, and landscaping will complete the package.

Planning is in the final stages for HKM, a tax service and accounting firm, to renovate and relocate to the vacant building at 15708 Lorain Avenue. The scope of work includes new storefront windows and doors, awnings, masonry repairs, and landscaped planter beds. Contractor bidding will be completed in April with construction slated to start in May.



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In other news, Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Company has announced plans to open this summer at 3764 Rocky River Drive in Kamms Plaza. They will offer premium ice cream that will be home-made in the store using their own secret recipe. The company's mission is to "Keep It in the Corners" and offer customers an over-the-top experience by providing prompt, courteous service to enjoy top quality ice cream at an affordable price. You may contact store proprietor Lisa Kay at lisa@kammscornersicecream.com for details.

Speaking of ice cream, the Cone Zone at 4081 Rocky River Drive re-opened for the season earlier this month. Owner David Ford is planning some changes to make the businesses more successful and more in line with what customers want. In addition to the burgers and soft serve ice cream, he plans to start stocking Weber's Premium Custard & Ice Cream flavors. He would also like to upgrade the menu by, for example, using fresh rather than frozen burgers and adding steak sandwiches. Stop by and offer your suggestions or call 216-600-5161.

Work is nearing completion on Working Class Brewery, the micro-brewery and taproom at 17448 Lorain Avenue, in the storefront next to the Red Lantern Kitchen & Bar in Kamms Plaza. Initial plans call for a regular taproom menu of varied styles of beer plus a rotation of seasonal beers and special edition brews throughout the year. Canned six-packs of their beer will be available for carry-out. For more information, follow Working Class Brewery's Facebook page or contact them at workingclassbrewery@gmail.com.

Get Involved with Kamm's Cat Guardians

Kitten season is upon us already. You may have noticed the howling and spraying and sometimes fighting with cats that are hanging around your yard. The best thing to do is trap them, spay or neuter them, and put them back (Trap Neuter Return - TNR). Kamm's Cat Guardians (KCG) will help you learn to trap or assist if needed. Then the cats go to the Cleveland APL to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated against rabies and three contagious viruses for \$10. After a 24-to-48-hour recuperation, they will go back to where they were trapped. Why? Cats are territorial. A TNR'd cat will NOT reproduce and will keep other cats from moving in. Eventually, the population will reduce over time.



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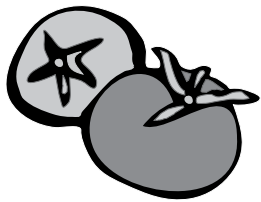


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Now entering its 11th season, KCFM is a popular gathering place for our community, thanks to the local farmers, artisan food vendors, and enthusiastic shoppers who keep this market alive and thriving each summer. Join the fun on opening day, Sunday, June 11, and every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 8, in the municipal parking lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue, behind Walgreens on Lorain Avenue in the heart of the Kamm's Corners entertainment district.

Talk to the farmers and learn about what they're growing. If you see a sample, taste it! Venturing away from what you normally buy at the grocery store is fun. Talk to the sellers; they most likely had a hand in growing the edibles before you. Allow them to introduce you to new produce. You may like it!

On opening day, a hydroponic farmer will have fresh green leaf veggies. Meats, cheeses, eggs, pasta, bread and pastry, scented soaps, olive oil, and everything in-between will be available, too. And, when they ripen, vegetables and fruits will be plentiful. Some of the farmers offer organic produce, and others offer hormone-free, naturally raised meats. Whether from as close as a mile away to dozens of miles away, virtually all of the goods are from Northern Ohio and are grown or made by the vendors themselves.

Each market Sunday, KCFM visitors enjoy live musical entertainment from locally famous artists. Headlining the market on opening day will be Rockport, consisting of noted guitarist Rick Christyson, vocalist Wendy Poltorek, and bassist Steve Hudock. Rick and Wendy are West Park residents and Steve is from Lakewood. Twice each summer, local troubadour Alex Bevan entertains at the market. See a list of the scheduled performers on the KCFM website.

Catch a cooking demonstration at 11:30 a.m. by notable chefs showcasing their talent. Many utilize produce from the market's vendors, demonstrating what can be done with the great fresh produce available that day. The first chef demo of the season comes from the celebrated "farm to table" restaurant, AMP 150. Located inside the Marriott Hotel at 4277 West 150th Street, AMP 150 is known for using local ingredients at the peak of quality.

Also this summer, a "Healthy Living" feature will be offered. Local experts will share practical tips on heart health and easy dietary improvements. Free blood pressure checks will be given along with other easily done screenings right on the spot.

As always, the farmers market will host a free Perennial Exchange the second market (June 18) and the last market (October 8). Plan to dig and bring some perennial plants or flowers to share or trade. It's a great way to change-up one's garden.

So, grab your shopping bags and head over to the municipal lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have children, bring them, too. Even the pickiest eaters may be more apt to try something new if they see it displayed by the farmer.

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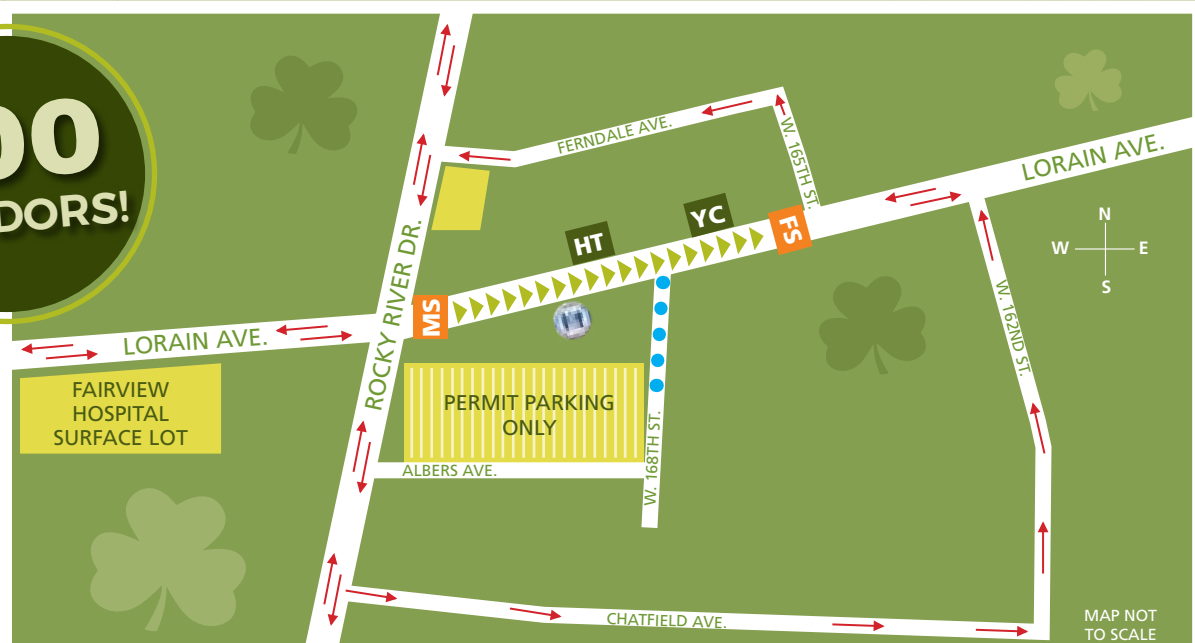
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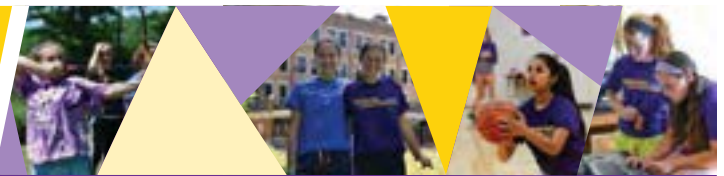
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This important work is strengthened by the efforts of our Board, donors, partners and grantees all helping to address the needs of our community. We are so fortunate to live in a community where wonderful individuals and organizations embrace the idea of philanthropy.

Here are some of the highlights of our notable achievements to report. In 2016, Community West Foundation received \$3,461,499 in donations thanks to the generosity and giving spirit of our community. As the Foundation's donations have grown, so has the impact its grant funding.

Community West Foundation is a responsive grantmaker and provided a total of \$2,179,500 in grants for the most basic of necessities – shelter, food, clothing and medical care to those who have little or nothing. This distribution was to 62 organizations working to ensure our vulnerable neighbors receive the most basic of necessities. Foundation Donor Advised Fund holders also made an impact by sharing an additional \$1,038,000 in support to a vast array of charities.

The SocksPlus initiative at Community West has clearly resonated with our community of donors eager to support this cause. Our Kamm's Neighbors were especially generous in their support. Neighbors are taking care of one another through this program by collaborating, contributing and collecting to help those without a home in emergency circumstances.

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Students from Constellation Schools, Westpark Community Elementary and Middle School, look forward to enjoying after school snacks at West Park area restaurants as part of the school's Book Club, a way to make reading more fun. The students who range from 4th to 8th grade take turns reading aloud from the book *Frindle*, a quirky, imaginative tale about creative thought and the power of words. The Book Club members have walked to patronize Lorain Avenue restaurants such as Steak n' Shake, Subway, Dunkin' Donuts, and Si Senor.

Elizabeth Conroy, Intervention Specialist at the school, said that all the restaurants have welcomed the students. Si Senor and Subway even offered complimentary appetizers and discounts to the group. She said, "Reading is the least favorite activity of my students. It is last on the list behind electronics. My goal is to change that and give them a positive reading experience."

Ariana, a member of the club, commented "I thought the book would be boring, but now I think the main character, Nick, is brave to stand up to his teacher."

Students are allowed to order a snack at no cost to them, thanks to a generous donation from the Book Club's sponsor, a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel. Book Club 2017 will culminate in a party at the school with snacks and a movie.





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Lung Cancer Surgery Options

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Lung cancer is the top cause of cancer death in the United States – for men and for women. The disease is so deadly because symptoms usually don't appear until later stages.

Advances in imaging have made it possible to detect lung cancer earlier, when treatment can be highly successful. Once a diagnosis is made, surgery may be part of the treatment plan.

Screening for lung cancer with CT scans detects more early-stage cancers and decreases deaths from lung cancer by 20 percent.

Candidates for low-dose CT scan screening must be 55 to 77 years old, have smoked 30 pack years, and currently smoke or have quit for fewer than 15 years. (A pack year is equal to smoking one pack per day for one year.)

Surgery options include:

- Minimally invasive (video-assisted or robotic)
- Traditional open chest procedure

Although minimally invasive thoracic procedures are more common, open surgery may be needed. "The objective is to achieve the necessary outcomes for each patient while ensuring safety and a rapid recovery. Fortunately, with our experience and technology, most operations are now done using minimally invasive approaches," says R. Thomas Temes, MD, a thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon at Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital West Valley Medical Building.



R. Thomas Temes, MD



Benefits of minimally invasive surgery include:

- Improved outcomes, including reduced postoperative discomfort, quicker recovery, and shorter hospital stays. Patients return to normal activities sooner.
- Easy conversion to open surgery if issues that might compromise the operation's quality or safety are encountered.

"Your surgeon will consider all of the factors and choose the safest surgical method for the best outcome," explains Dr. Temes.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Temes or another Cleveland Clinic thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon, call 440-333-8600. Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.

Innovative Technique Provides Relief for Incontinence

A device that delivers mild electrical stimulation is providing new hope to individuals who suffer from chronic bowel incontinence; the inability to control bowel movements.

"Bowel incontinence (also called fecal incontinence) can be socially devastating and disabling," says colorectal surgeon Bradley Champagne, MD, Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital. "Embarrassment often delays discussing the problem with a physician."

Statistics show that nearly 18 million Americans have bowel incontinence. Although it is more common in older adults, people of any age can have a bowel control problem, and may experience accidental leakage or the inability to hold a bowel movement until reaching the bathroom. It is often caused by an underlying medical problem and control may be achieved with behavioral techniques and medications.

However, for some patients who do not respond to these conservative treatments, a pacemaker-like implantable device called a neurostimulator offers new hope.



Bradley Champagne, MD

"The device produces electrical stimulation that targets the communication between the brain and sacral nerves that help to control bowel function," says Dr. Champagne. Patients are able to test the effectiveness of the FDA-approved device before it is implanted under the skin.

If the testing procedure, Stage 1, is successful then the stopwatch-sized neurostimulator is implanted in the upper buttock near the sacral nerves as an outpatient procedure. The sacral neuromodulation system delivers mild electrical pulses to stimulate the nerves that help the bowel, pelvic floor, and related muscles function correctly.

Clinical research has shown that sacral modulation reduces episodes of bowel incontinence, with 41 percent of patients achieving complete bowel continence. Over 80 percent of patients have a significant improvement in continence after the testing procedure and elect to have the implant.

The type of treatment for bowel incontinence depends on the cause and severity of the condition, and more than one treatment may be necessary in some patients.

"Any treatment that improves bowel control reduces social isolation," says Dr. Champagne. "After treatment, many people can leave home without fear they may have an accident."

Dr. Champagne advises patients to always discuss potential risks and benefits of treatments with their physician.

To make an appointment with Dr. Champagne or another Cleveland Clinic colorectal surgeon, call 440-673-0100. Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.

Kamm's Store

...by Gary Swilik

West Park's best known historic landmark is the Kamm's Store at the corner of Rocky River Drive and Lorain Avenue. Built in 1900 by Oswald Kamm, it served as a general store and post office. In the decades since Mr. Kamm died in 1922, his store has been home to many businesses, mostly restaurants. Since the year 2000, it has been Alfonso's Tuscan Grill, Panini's Bar and Grill, and Ironwood Cafe. In early 2016, it became Kamm's Cafe featuring a pool table, skeeball machines, and air hockey.

In late August 2016, news came in that Kamm's Cafe had closed, ending yet another chapter in the long history of Kamm's Store.

Although the building is more than a century old, it looks great. In the late 1990s, local business interests, working with the Kamm's Corners Development Corporation and architectural historian Tim Barrett, spent \$400,000 on repairs and renovation. The structure was returned to the same appearance it had in 1900, including an historically correct paint scheme.

From 1946 to 1962, the former Kamm's Store was Tony's Spaghetti House, one of the many fine dining places owned by the local Zappone family. In 1962 the Zappones sold the business to Tamara Uhera and her family who kept it going as Tony's Restaurant until 1997. Overall, it was known as Tony's for over fifty years! Many older folks still refer to the establishment as "Tony's" and probably always will.

Very few recall what occupied Kamm's Store prior to Tony's Restaurant. At the West Park Historical Society, we've received a few calls from seniors wanting to confirm Kamm's Store was once home to an establishment called "Bender's." Indeed, it was.

From 1941 to 1946, the building was occupied by Bender's Cafe, a bar and restaurant operated by John A. Bender, Sr. He had previously been a partner in the Bender Body Company, which manufactured auto bodies, buses, and travel trailers. When the firm went bankrupt in 1941, he opened Bender's Cafe at Kamm's Corners. The cafe featured dining, dancing, uniformed waitresses, and a live-in porter. Mr. Bender himself resided in the rooms above the restaurant.

Going back further, from about 1935 to 1941, Kamm's Store was home to Gus and Herman's Restaurant, run by partners Gustave Schuster and Herman Knall. Both men had many years of previous experience operating taverns on Cleveland's West Side.

Between 1930 and 1934, Kamm's store housed a string of virtually forgotten restaurants owned, respectively, by Harry Duer, Raymond Bunch, and Michael Max. So far, very little information about these establishments has surfaced.

In the late 1920s, Kamm's Store was occupied by a lunch room and candy store run by a red-haired, blue-eyed Irishman named James Francis Kelly, son of a Cleveland politician and saloon keeper popularly known as "Rockport Kelly." As a result, during this era Kamm's Store was sometimes referred to as Rockport Kelly's.

This takes us back to just a few years after Oswald Kamm's passing in 1922. We haven't been able to learn what businesses occupied his store in the years immediately following his death, but we're working on it.

Kamm's Store is celebrating its 117th birthday in beautiful restored condition, still the architectural centerpiece of the Kamm's Corners entertainment district. Let's hope an entrepreneur opens something grand in the building very soon.



Kamm's Store served as both general store and post office. Photo circa 1910. West Park Historical Society Collection.



Bender's Café occupied Kamm's Store from 1941 to 1946. Photo courtesy of Judith Kamm.



Oswald Kamm's store was home to Tony's Restaurant for more than fifty years. West Park Historical Society Collection.



Most recently, Kamm's Store was home to Kamm's Café. Photo August 2016, West Park Historical Society Collection.



Irish Dance Draws Big Crowds at the Family Stage At The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™

Join the crowd of Irish dance enthusiasts gathered around the Family Stage at the 8th annual The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™. The event itself kicks off at noon on Saturday, May 13, with opening ceremonies on the Main Stage on Rocky River Drive followed by the pipes and drums. The list of Main Stage performers appears in the centerfold of this magazine.

Also shown in the centerfold is the list of Family Stage performers, appearing at the east end of The Hooley.™ From junior jiggers to teen leapers, Irish dancers entertain throughout the day at West 165th Street sponsored by Dollar Bank. Four schools of Irish dance will each showcase its distinctive style, some with colorful costumes and ringlet wigs. At 2 p.m. The Burke School of Irish Dance opens with prize-winning dancers from the Irish step dancing tradition. Founder Theresa Burke is a member of the Irish Dance Hall of Fame with more than 50 years of success teaching Irish dance.

Then Brady Campbell Irish Dance School jumps on stage at 3 p.m. Under the tutelage of two veteran performers of Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance," these student dancers excel in a wide range of styles and include performers as young as four years old. Some have gone on to win numerous regional, national, and world medals. Ten recently returned from the World Irish Dance Championships in Dublin, Ireland, considered the Olympics of Irish dance.

"Our instruction includes the modern form of traditional Irish dance, jazzed up with a flamboyant burst of Riverdance," said Patrick Campbell, who founded the school. He teaches with his wife, fellow Flatley alumna Rebecca Brady-Campbell.

At 4:30 p.m. the Leneghan Academy of Irish Dance fills the stage with high energy performances by students who compete worldwide with poise and style. Burke School alumna Catherine Leneghan founded the school in 1992. Following an interlude of pipes and drums performed on the ground by the West Side Irish American Club Pipe Band, Cannon Irish Dance showcases the traditional dances of their Irish heritage. Their graceful and energetic movement with good timing, pointed toes, and high kicks brings a thrill to the audience!

The Family Stage will also feature performances by the Saint Ignatius Circus Company, Tower City Chorus, All American Karate Studios, Newton D. Baker School of the Arts, and the Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center. At 6 p.m. a DJ takes over, spinning tunes and hosting interactive audience fun and games until 8 p.m.

Bring the family, visit the booths, enjoy the concessions, and find a seat to enjoy a variety of excellent Family Stage performances.





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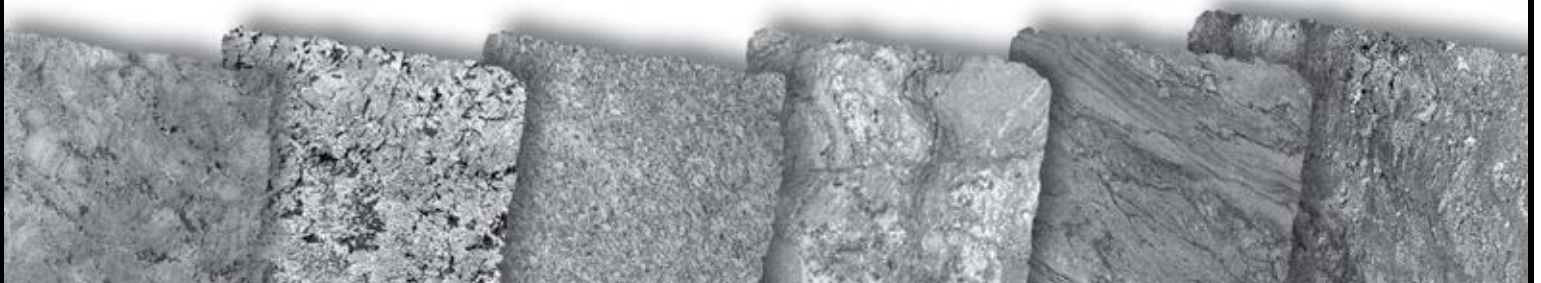
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The festival offers a wide range of music from traditional to Celtic Rock. Rock-n-Reel headliners include:

Gaelic Storm, The Prodigals, Marys Lane, and The Boys from the County Hell. Song and dance aficionados will love The Fitzgerald's – like Riverdance, only faster; Karan Casey, Derek Warfield & the Young Wolfe Tones, Cherish The Ladies, Searson, Runa, Garry Gormley, Cassie & Maggie McDonald, and Socks in the Frying Pan, plus festival favorites James Kilbane, Sean Wilson, New Barleycorn, Brigid's Cross, The Kilroy Ceili Band, and comedian Dermot Henry.

The festival showcases championship dancing and pipe bands, and award-winning drama too, featuring:

Irish dance schools Brady Campbell School, Tesse Burke School, and Leneghan Academy join the 87th Cleveland Pipe Band, Firefighter's Memorial Pipe Band, and the West Side Irish American Club Pipe Band.

Irish food vendors include:

Claddagh Irish Pubs, Sully's Irish Pub, the Irish Coffee House, and Winston's Import Catering.

Plentiful American fare for kids and adults alike is also available.

Making their first festival appearance, Karan Casey, Searson, The Boys from the County Hell, and Cassie & Maggie McDonald are sure to win your hearts.

New to the festival this year:

5K race Friday evening, online admission tickets; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday whiskey and beer tastings; craft beers; and all new online and on-site festival and performer merchandise.

Several festival favorites have been expanded this year. The Temple Bar & Museum, and new Beer Garden, modeled after the world famous entertainment district in Dublin City Centre, has loads of singing, dancing, lessons, workshops, and exhibits. Walk through the beautiful hand-painted



Irish village storefronts to Temple Bar, have a pint of a new craft beer, or a traditional Irish brew. Have a listen, share a song, a story, or a set dance lesson. You'll find all the tradition of an Irish pub in the greatly expanded Temple Bar & Museum and new Beer Garden!

There are more than 50 Irish vendors with everything from Aran knits to delicious Irish chocolate, t-shirts, jewelry, music, and that special gift calling you home.

The Tir Nan Og (Land of Our Youth) Children's Area features continuous activities and live performances, inflatables, and much more. There are fourteen breeds of dogs native to Ireland, and they will all be at the fest, with demos and highlights from breed owners.

Presenting the very best of Ireland doesn't stop with the entertainment. This is the 35th Anniversary of The Fest! Over the years more than \$770,000 has been given to local and national charities since its 1982 inception.

"The U.S. has been so generous

in welcoming the Irish to this blessed country, and we love paying it forward in thanks," said John O'Brien, Jr., Deputy Director of the festival and publisher and editor of the Ohio

Irish American News. "The fest has been a Cleveland tradition for three generations. Festival proceeds benefit The Make-A-Wish Foundation, Holy Family Home, and ten other local and national charities." The Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds offer ample free parking, family friendly prices, and a great place set aside for groups and reunions. Festival hours are 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday; 1 to 11 p.m. on Saturday; and 1 to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Sunday's outdoor mass starts at 11:30 a.m. General admission is \$12. Children under 10 get in free.

Visit clevelandirish.org for full details, band bios, and entertainment schedules. Weekend passes are available online after June 1. The Get Your Gear online store offers admissions and festival merchandise.

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Wallace Coleman is considered to be one of the premier harmonica players in the world of blues music. Recognized internationally for his vocal and blues harmonica talents, he and his wife, Jody Getz, an accomplished singer/songwriter in her own right and frequent performer with the band, are long time West Park residents.

A self taught musician, Wallace played for 10 years with Robert Jr. Lockwood, including the 1999 Grammy-nominated album "I Got To Find Me A Woman." In 2002 Wallace was named "Most Outstanding Musician - Harmonica" by Living Blues Magazine and was awarded the prestigious Ohio Heritage Fellowship Award in 2005.



Now in his 70's, Wallace's "magic tone" and deep, silky voice have only become more rich and captivating. Wallace continues to keep a busy schedule of performances and will be appearing at the Kamm's Corners Farmer's Market on Sunday, September 17. He certainly has not been resting on his laurels!

On Sunday, June 11, the Wallace Coleman Band has been invited to headline the Front Porch Stage at the 2017 Chicago Blues Festival. It is the

largest outdoor free blues festival in the country and, of all the music festivals hosted by the City of Chicago, has the largest attendance. This is the festival's 34th year and it will be moving to the newer, modern Millennium Park facility which boasts an easy-to-navigate layout and a capacity of 300,000 people.

On the international front, Wallace has been invited to return to tour in Brazil in the month of July. His latest CD, "Live from Sao Paulo to Severance," was partially recorded with the great Igor Prado Band in Sao Paulo, Brazil, with whom Wallace toured in 2013. Wallace will once again perform with Igor Prado and Brazil's fine blues artists. Touring in Spain and Holland is on Wallace's agenda in November.

A lifelong player and endorser of Hohner harmonicas, Wallace is now featured on a Hohner harmonica box. This is the blues equivalent of an athlete being on a box of Wheaties. You can purchase your own Wallace Coleman harmonica at the Great Northern Guitar Center, 26635 Brookpark Road.

Purchase Wallace Coleman band CD's by visiting wallacecoleman.com. Wallace generously donated songs to both Kamm's Corners Farmers Market CD's, Music of the Market I and II which will be available for purchase at the market opening on Sunday, June 11.

West Park is home to Wallace, so when you see him meandering along Lorain Avenue, stopping into Walgreens to pick up his newspaper, be sure to say "Hi" and thank him for his beautiful blues!



Saint Joseph Academy Walk of the Roses

Join your neighbors in a treasured West Park neighborhood tradition – the Saint Joseph Academy (SJA) Walk of the Roses.



This honored tradition, in which the graduating class marches down Rocky River Drive from SJA to Our Lady of Angels Church, with each white-robed graduate carrying a dozen red roses, remains a treasured symbol for the past, present, and future generations of SJA and the West Park neighborhood. Please join the many family, friends, alumnae, and neighbors who line the street to cheer on the proud class of 2017 on Tuesday, May 30. The walk begins at 6:30 p.m. at the school, 3470 Rocky River Drive. Visit the SJA booth at The Hooley.™



Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K/1 Mile Walk for Saint Joseph Academy

The fifth annual Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K/1 Mile Walk benefitting the Saint Joseph Academy scholarship fund is being held on Memorial Day, May 29, starting at 9 a.m. at the school.

Runners and walkers will loop through the West Park neighborhood and parts of Lakewood, with the starting and ending point being the academy, 3470 Rocky River Drive.

Pre-registration through Friday, May 26, at 9 a.m. is \$25, and \$15 for SJA students (pre-registration only). Race Day registration is \$30. To register online, visit hermesccleveland.com or call 216-623-9933. For more information, please visit sja1890.org/earnyourspots.

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Immediately following the race, an Art Festival features art displays and performances by the talented students of Saint Mark. There will also be crafts to make, raffles, and fun summer refreshments. Visit their booth at The Hooley.™

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ZAP! BAM! POW! Free Comic Book Day Happens May 6



Celebrate the amazing world of comic books on Free Comic Book Day! Taking place annually on the first Saturday in May, it happens this year on May 6. Participating comic book specialty shops across North America and around the world give away comic books absolutely free to anyone who comes into their shops.

Carol & John's Comic Book Shop in Kamms Plaza, 17462 Lorain Avenue, is West Park's event headquarters. Although the "day of" event begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday and lasts until 7 p.m., there will be an early release party, beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday, May 5, lasting until 2 a.m. Books are given out at midnight, but a lot is going on before then. And, while the evening event has a different feel than the next day's event, both are absolutely family friendly, according to store owner John Dudas. Those who attend either event are encouraged to come costumed as their favorite characters.

More than 25,000 comic books will be given away, and each person can choose ten from the 50 titles being offered. The line forms earlier every year, so come early for the best selection. In addition, local artists will be doing free sketches on a first come, first served basis. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, superhero face painters will be painting faces for no charge, but slipping a tip in the jar would be appreciated.

For all the details on the entire weekend's event, visit cnjcomics.com. Call 216-252-0606 for more information.

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