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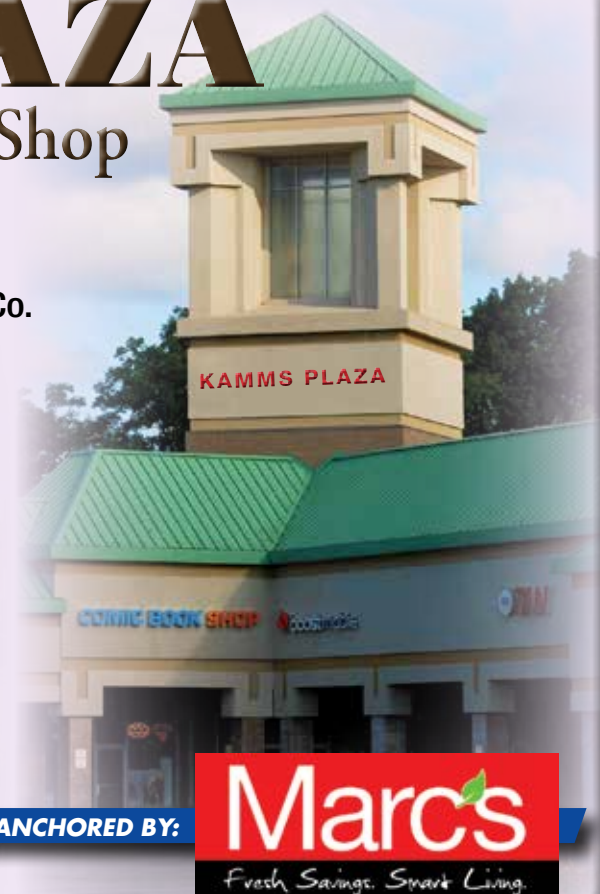
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### From the Director

It seems I start most of my summer columns talking about the weather. It's summer, it's hot. Be happy it's not 20 degrees. There, I'm past it. I hope you're enjoying being outside in our great neighborhood!

Looking back, I hope everyone had a great time at The Hooley on Kamm's Corners.™ The weather was less than awesome, but we still had a great time! Our sincere thanks go to our Presenting Sponsor Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital and our Family Entertainment Stage Sponsor Dollar Bank. The Hooley returns for its tenth year next year. My how time flies!

New businesses continue to add to the eclectic retail mix in Kamm's Corners. Triumph Cleveland opened in the former Blockbuster Video store on Lorain Avenue near West 150th Street, ending a 10-year vacancy with a beautiful renovation. Why not test ride a new Triumph motorcycle? And The Mission Boutique opened on Lorain Avenue near Hatfield's Goode Grub, selling women's apparel and shoes. Soon to come is Two Sons Tattoo, also on Lorain Avenue, just about to open their doors to a waiting base of customers.

We are off to a great start at Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, bringing the freshest produce and other food products to the neighborhood. You are really missing out if you haven't come by for the live music, chef demonstrations, and the bevy of healthy vendors. Visit [kc-fm.org](http://kc-fm.org), and see the article on page 14.

Have you joined us for West Park WOW? We have had nice crowds for these bi-weekly walks, featuring various professionals from around the neighborhood. Expect to get some exercise, meet some merchants, and learn something new. Get WOWed! See the article on page 13.

There's lots more fun yet to come this summer! Check out our new website at [kammscorners.com](http://kammscorners.com) for upcoming events and neighborhood information. While there, sign up for our bi-weekly e-newsletter, and don't forget to follow us on Facebook.

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

*Steve*

Steve Lorenz  
Executive Director

*Our cover: The photo of over flowing baskets of luscious peppers was taken at the Mays Produce stall at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market on Sunday, July 22. A wonderful selection of fresh picked vegetables and more abounds at every market. See the article on page 14 and visit [kc-fm.org](http://kc-fm.org) for market news. Photo by Joe Outlaw Creative Services, 216-280-6510.*

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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

The 12th summer of **Kamm's Corners Farmers Market** is underway, featuring farm fresh produce, live music, chef demos, and healthy living advice. Visit every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 14 in the municipal parking lot behind Walgreens "On the Corner of Fresh and Fun." See what makes our market special on page 14.

Meet the members of our safety forces as part of **Asphalt Cinema** fun on Friday, August 17, at **Impett Park**, West 153rd Street north of Edgecliff Avenue. From 6:30 p.m. to dusk, a **City of Cleveland Safety Fair** will be held west of the parking lot. Be sure to bring the family for an evening of fun that ends with a free move under the stars. Learn more on page 10.

Let **KCDC** help you tackle your summer painting projects! We've partnered with **Sherwin Williams** to offer residents great deals on paint and painting supplies. Call **JD Smith** at 216-252-6559, extension 1300 or email him at [jd.smith@kammscorners.com](mailto:jd.smith@kammscorners.com) for details.

Have you visited "The Zone" recently? That's **The Cone Zone**, 4018 Rocky River Drive. Open 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. most days. The expanded menu includes new sandwich options as well as both soft serve and Weber's premium ice cream.

The **George Varouh Cretan Club**, 3853 West 168th Street, will hold its **8th Annual Kamm's Corners Greek Festival** over Labor Day Weekend, starting on Friday and continuing through Monday. West 168th Street will be closed to traffic. Enjoy traditional Greek food, music, and dancing. See the ad on page 8.

The **Fall Festival of Our Lady of Angels Church**, 3644 Rocky River Drive, takes place Friday, September 7 from 5 to 11 p.m. and Saturday, September 8, from 2 to 11 p.m. featuring games for all ages and a large variety of food. **Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co.** will appear with other food booths in addition to the indoor

kitchen offerings. Thirty-eight gift baskets valued at \$100 each will be raffled.

**Style Mutt Dog Boutique, Day Care, & Grooming Salon**, 3525 Warren Road, celebrates its 11th Anniversary with a party in the store on Saturday, September 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy free pizza, munchies, and "barkworthy" specials. **Hatfield's Goode Grub** will be served around noon. See the ad on page 22.

Happy 18th anniversary to **Smedley's Bar and Grille**, 17004 Lorain Avenue, recently ranked number one by the **Fox 8 Hot List** for best live music venue. In addition to great music from Thursday through Sunday, daily food specials delight patrons. See the article on page 10.

Speaking of anniversaries, congratulations to **Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co.**, 3764 Rocky River Drive in **Kamms Plaza**, on their first year of sweetening West Park. They opened in July of 2017. Lisa Kay, owner and Chief Scoop Specialist will be offering anniversary specials throughout the summer. Visit [kammscornersicecream.com](http://kammscornersicecream.com) for current shop news. See ad on page 15.

Thanks to all who attended our **41st Annual Town Meeting**. Read a recap of the evening's event on page 11, including those folks who were recognized for outstanding service to the community.

Mark your calendar for the **17th Annual Cleveland Heroes Run**, taking place on Sunday, September 16. Read the article on page 20 for details about this event to benefit the **West Park Cleveland Police & Fire Fighters Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

On Tuesday, September 11, plan to attend the third annual **Star Trek for Heroes Day** fundraiser in support of the **Heroes Run** at **PJ McIntyre's Irish Pub**, 17119 Lorain Avenue. The all day event is sponsored and presented by members of the **USS Challenger**, the West Park based Cleveland chapter of **The Federation**, an international Star Trek fan club dedicated to community service. Visit [facebook.com/clevelandstartrek](https://facebook.com/clevelandstartrek) for details and an event flyer.

The **USS Challenger** is also conducting their annual **Food Drive**

for the **Bountiful Basement** during the months of August and September. The Bountiful Basement, located on the grounds of **Holy Trinity Church**, 14040 Puritas Avenue, is a certified food bank serving hundreds of needy families every week. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped off at **Savor the Moment Coffee Shop, Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co., Puritas Nursery**, and the **Kamm's Corners Farmers Market**. To arrange a food pickup or to make a cash donation, email [challenger@trekfederation.com](mailto:challenger@trekfederation.com).

The **West Park United Church of Christ**, 3909 Rocky River Drive, offers a free community meal on the last Sunday of every month, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

While the warm weather is with us, why not plan a neighborhood block party? Call **Councilman Marty Keane's** office at 216-664-4239 for the application at least 14 days ahead of the event to close your street to traffic. Allow 10 days for processing the application. The kids will love it, and it's a great way to get to know everyone better.

Self defense specialists at **All American Karate**, 16600 Lorain Avenue, offer individual and group lessons for adults, group classes for children, as well as aerobic "Kickin' Body Sculpting," Zumba fitness, and Tai Chi. The school has produced several state and national champions. Visit [allamericankarate.net](http://allamericankarate.net) or call 440-331-0010 for more information.

Calling all seniors! The **14th Annual Cleveland Senior Walk** takes place on Wednesday, September 12, at **Mall C**, the grassy area next to **Cleveland City Hall**, 601 Lakeside Avenue. Registration and health screenings begin at 8:45 a.m. followed by a brief program at 9:30 a.m. The walk begins at 10 a.m. Free t-shirts go to the first 1,000 registered walkers. Call 216-664-2833 for more information.

The **Friends of Mothers & Infants Annual Stroll & Roll 5K Race and 1-Mile Fun Run** is set for Sunday, September 23, at 9:30 a.m. It begins and ends at **West Park Station**, 17015 Lorain Avenue. Register online at [peaceracing.com](http://peaceracing.com).

Check out the **West Park Branch** of the **Cleveland Public Library**, 3805 West 157th Street. It offers an array of activities for the entire family, from story telling hours to computer classes. Call 216-623-7102 for details.

Known for its farm-to-table cuisine, **AMP 150** at the **Cleveland Airport Marriott**, 4277 West 150th Street, offers harvest dinners four times a year, with a menu that reflects the season. These three-course dinners are served family style in the company of other fine food fans. The next one is hasn't yet been scheduled, but will take place in late fall. Reserve your place by calling 216-706-8787.

Save the date! Saturday, October 27, is the annual **Fright Night**, a combined party and costume contest at **West Park Station**, 17015 Lorain Avenue, in conjunction with **Back Stage Bar**, 17001 Lorain Avenue. Start planning your winning costume now! See the ad on page 8 for other events.

On October 1, **West Park Massotherapy**, 4168 Rocky River Drive, founded by Marilyn Valentino, will mark its 18th anniversary. A "Customer Appreciation Day" will be held on Sunday, October 14. Look for additional details as the day draws near by visiting [westparkmassotherapy.com](http://westparkmassotherapy.com).

**West Park Walk on Wednesdays (WOW)** continues every other Wednesday through October 24. Sponsored by **Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital**, the program is a great way to meet others, get exercise, and visit neighborhood places. The next walk is on August 22, and will meet at 6:30 p.m. in front of the **West Park Family YMCA**, 15501 Lorain Avenue. It will be led by a firefighter from **Cleveland Fire Station 39**, which is the first stop on the walking tour. From there, the group will visit **5 Points Coffee & Tea** and **Fireside Candles and More**. Then everyone will return to the YMCA. Read more on page 13.

Save the date! The popular holiday **Our Lady of Angels Craft Show**, 3644 Rocky River Drive, will take place on Saturday, November 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fifty tables are available for handmade craft sellers. For more information, call **Nikkie** at 216-214-3316.

# Councilman's Corner

... by Councilman Marty Keane

**News from Ward 17 and City Hall**



## Dear Neighbor:

As we begin to wrap up a great summer and head into back-to-school season, I offer many thanks to our community partners for organizing and staffing a wide variety of summer events throughout our neighborhoods. From races, picnics, and performing arts to live music performances, all were pulled off mostly by volunteers who care deeply for the City of Cleveland and especially West Park.

With schools soon to open, please slow down and drive safely. An increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic at our schools for the early morning drop off and afternoon pick-up requires patience. We are all anxious to reach our destinations, but safety must remain our primary focus.

There have been some very exciting businesses opening in West Park lately. In Kamms Plaza we have beer and ice cream. Triumph Cleveland has opened their flagship motorcycle store, doing an outstanding job in renovating the old Blockbuster Video on Lorain Avenue near West 150th Street. The Mission Boutique has moved to West Park after a long run in Lakewood. Offering women's apparel, shoes, and jewelry, they bring a large customer base with them. And, finally, Two Sons Tattoo will open soon on Lorain Avenue with local resident Paul Bosch at the helm.

Each summer, calls about nuisance animals increase. Discourage visits from them by avoiding providing shelter

or feeding stray animals. The Cleveland Division of Animal Care & Control is working hard at keeping strays in check. There are traps available at a first come, first served basis if necessary. If you do trap a nuisance animal, please call 216-664-3069 before 9 a.m. from Monday through Friday. Someone will be out the same day to retrieve the animal. Another great resource is [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) or ODNR Division of Wildlife at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov).

Festival season is upon us in the neighborhood, with Our Lady of Angels, Kamm's Corners Greek Festival, and the Saint Mary Romanian Festival all in our sights. Be sure to get out and enjoy the fun!

Remember to visit the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of West 168th Street and Albers Avenue, behind Walgreens. Now in its 12th year, the market is a great asset to the community providing farm fresh produce, live music, a chef demo, local artisans, and a healthy living feature. Bring the family! The fun runs every Sunday through October 14.

Summer isn't totally over yet! Get out there and enjoy all the remaining outdoor events while the mild weather remains, and be sure to shop local whenever you can. The health of our neighborhood depends upon a healthy merchant mix.

God Bless,

*Marty Keane*

# Biz Bits

...by Ben Campbell

Earlier this summer, The Mission Boutique relocated from Lakewood to their new location in Kamm's Corners at 16604 Lorain Avenue. The business was started in 1997 in a small shop on Madison Avenue selling primarily posters, buttons, T-shirts and other rock-n-roll related novelty products. Shortly after opening, the shop evolved into a clothing store and became one of the top outlets in the Midwest for alternative fashions featuring very high-end Gothic dresses and Punk Rock fashions from companies such as Dogpile and Underground shoes and boots.

A second store was opened in 1999 to carry the more feminine and girly styles that were too "soft" for the main store. In 2000, the store was moved to a building on Madison Avenue near

Warren Road, combining both stores under one roof and where it would remain for the next 18 years.

In the Lorain Avenue location, the store will again offer men's items like Lucky 13 Brand T-shirts and work shirts. The store will be expanding its street wear, pin up and alternative selection of clothing to include more from brands such as Pop Soda, Iron Fist, Hell Bunny, Burleska Corsetry, and Restyle (from Poland). They will also have a huge selection of jewelry and curiosities from Alchemy of England and everything from biker to skull to unicorn rings, necklaces and bracelets. For the more adventurous, The Mission has one of the Midwest's largest selections of exotic dance wear and high heels.

Visit the The Mission Boutique at 16604 Lorain Avenue, across the street from the U-Haul. Hours are Monday through Saturday, from noon to 9 p.m. and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 216-227-0404 or visit their website at [themissionboutique.com](http://themissionboutique.com).

Exterior renovations have been completed at the recently opened

Triumph Cleveland flagship store at 15101 Lorain Avenue. Vacant for many years, the building was extensively remodeled and improved to give the motorcycle store a sleek, modern look. A raised pergola was installed to display motorcycles in front of the showroom. Assistance to the project was provided by Cleveland's Storefront Renovation Program and KCDC.

Good things are happening at the City-owned parking lot at West 168th Street and Albers Avenue. After several delays, plans are moving forward to install green infrastructure (bioretention basins and landscaping) to address storm water runoff. Projections estimate the green infrastructure will divert almost one million gallons of storm water runoff out of the sewer system, which is a major goal in improving the water quality of Lake Erie.

Work is tentatively slated to start in early October and be completed by the end of this year. If weather becomes an issue, the work may be done in phases and completed in the spring of 2019. The funding is the result of



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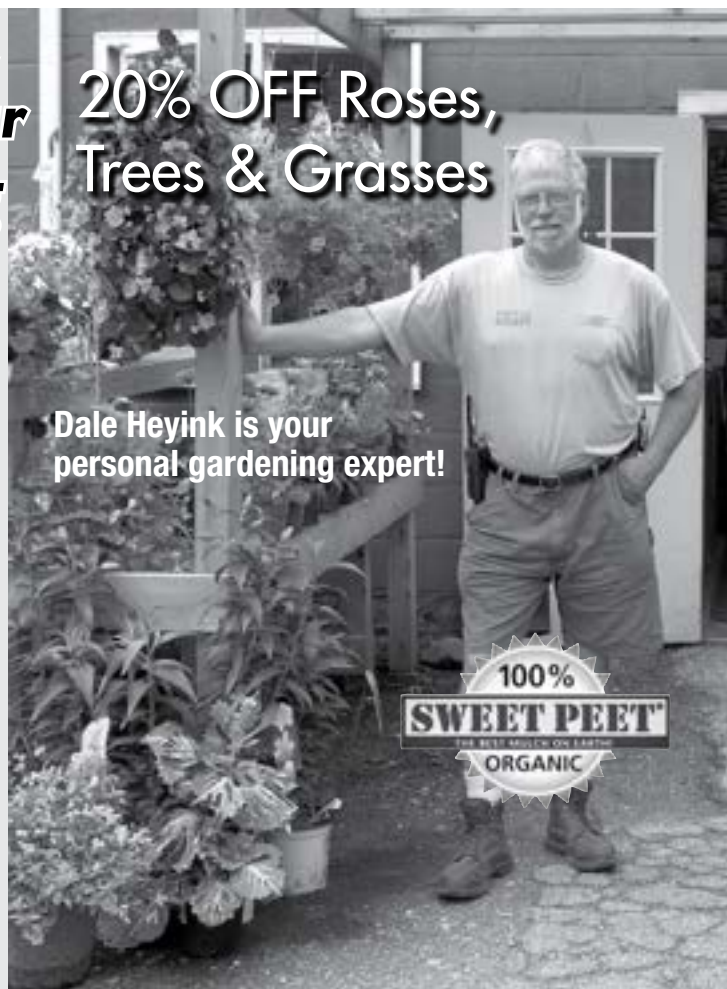
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a grant application prepared by KCDC, with the support of Councilman Marty Keane, and awarded by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. The City of Cleveland will manage the project construction.

KCDC secured grant funds last year to replace the parking lot sign, install lights to the walkway between Back Stage Bar and Walgreens, and to build a new storage shed for the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market. In order to leverage these funds, KCDC has raised additional funds to install LED lighting and video surveillance cameras to improve safety and security in and around the parking lot. The lights were installed last month on buildings adjacent to the lot. Thanks to the building owners for granting permission to mount the fixtures on their property and for agreeing to pay for the electricity. The cameras will be installed at some point later this summer.

The rebate incentives offered by the Storefront Renovation Program have been enhanced. The rebate for a building exterior renovation has been increased from 40% to 50% of the project costs. The maximum rebate amount has been raised from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Sign rebates have increased from 40% to 50% with the maximum rebate amount changed from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

The rebate program is targeted to retail buildings and tenants. In addition to the financial assistance stated above, the program offers free design assistance or, if an architect is required, a 100% rebate of up to \$3,500 is available. To determine if your building or business is eligible, please contact me at 216-252-6559 ext. 1200 or [ben.campbell@kammscorners.com](mailto:ben.campbell@kammscorners.com).

Last month, the City of Cleveland's annual Storefront Renovation Program awards ceremony was held at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. The Kamm's Corners neighborhood was well represented at the event. Congratulations to the following



*The new Triumph Cleveland flagship store at 15101 Lorain Avenue.*

businesses who received awards for their participation in the Storefront Renovation Program last year.

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Plans to demolish the house at 4087 Rocky River Drive, adjacent to Cone Zone, and install a parking lot were recently approved by the Far West Design Review Committee and Cleveland's City Planning Commission. The lot will serve as employee parking for West Park Animal Hospital, 4117 Rocky River Drive, and is intended to reduce the need to park on residential side streets. It is anticipated that the house will be razed by the middle of August and the parking lot completed by the end of the year. More improvement plans are in the making for West Park Animal Hospital, the details of which will be reported as they become available.

For those of you who are curious about the temporary construction fencing that went up in front of the Family Video at Warren and Triskett, it is part of PNC's plans to install an ATM machine in the parking lot. With the recent closing of the PNC branch in the Giant Eagle on Edgecliff, this project will provide area customers with more convenient access to PNC's ATM services.

## Meet JD Smith

### Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator

Management and Urban Studies graduate JD Smith joined the KCDC staff in May, just before his commencement ceremony from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. He is responsible for community organizing efforts, managing home repair and referral programs, and community engagement.

While in college, he was awarded a competitive summer internship from the Cleveland Foundation to work for Slavic Village Development, coordinating their weekly summer farmers market. "Community action and engagement have long been integral parts of my life, from my days working towards my Eagle Scout award to my activities and coursework in college," JD said.

Most recently, he served as a marketing and development intern for the New Carlisle Farmers Market in Ohio. As such, he successfully engaged residents, sponsors, and vendors to plan events and sponsor the market.

A new resident of Kamm's Corners, JD grew up in North Olmsted. In his short time here, he has already proven to be amiable both in the workplace and in the community. "I want to work towards making the community more inclusive and welcoming to all people regardless of socioeconomic state or lifestyle, all while improving the quality of life here," he said.

Let's welcome JD Smith!



*JD Smith, KCDC Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator.*

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## Greek Festival Fun Fills Labor Day Weekend

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The event is open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, August 31, through Sunday, September 2. On Monday (Labor Day) it is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Enjoy the finest Greek cuisine in town directly from the Mediterranean Island of Crete! A full dinner menu includes Greek lamb shank, lamb roasted on the spit, Greek roasted chicken dinners, and of course, Greek specialties such as the following:

Moussaka – layers of eggplant, cheese, and ground meat

Pastitsio – layers of rigatoni, béchamel sauce, and ground meat

Saganaki – flaming Greek cheese

Calamari – fried squid

Spanakopita – spinach and cheese in a triangle philo dough

Also on the menu will be Greek salad, roasted potatoes, rice pilaf, and the famous Greek-style green beans, gyros, and pastries. These include baklava, kourambietes, finikia, koulourakia, and galatobouriko. Be sure to try the special baklava sundae! Authentic Greek wines and beers will be offered, too.

DJ Alex Dadas will keep the music going from 2 to 6 p.m. daily under the main tent. Live music will be played both inside and outside the dining hall. Dimitri will entertain patrons in the air conditioned main hall with his unique bouzouki music, and Stigma will electrify the night under the main tent from 6 p.m. until closing, daily.

There will be nightly traditional Greek dance performances in full authentic Cretan costumes from the club's beginner and senior Cretan dance groups as well as from area Greek churches.

Come try your luck at the daily 50/50 raffle. Join the festival for a great time, and get your Greek on!



Greek Fest volunteers preparing hundreds of delicious baklava!

# Parade Highlights

West Park Kiwanis Club presented another grand Independence Day parade! Here are a few photographic highlights. Serving the community since 1927, this service club welcomes new members. If you are interested in joining, contact [kiwnanisofwestpark-club@yahoo.com](mailto:kiwnanisofwestpark-club@yahoo.com).

Dinner meetings are held at the Cretan Center, 3853 West 168th Street on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Visit [westparkkiwanis.org](http://westparkkiwanis.org) for more information



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## Athens Pizzeria

### Best Pizza

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# Final Asphalt Cinema of the Summer Features Safety Fair

Bring lawn chairs and blankets to reserve your spot in front of a giant screen for a free family-friendly movie under the stars on Friday, August 17. This year, the films were selected by popular vote. Moana was shown in June, trouncing Leap in the vote that took place online. For July 20, Finding Dory beat Despicable Me by a wide margin. At this writing, it will be either Coco or The Good Dinosaur playing in August. Visit our homepage for updates at [kammscorners.com](http://kammscorners.com).

Asphalt Cinema fun begins at 6:30 p.m. while dusk falls over Impett Park, 3180 West 153rd Street. Local merchants and organizations offer games of skill and chance for children. In addition, there will be art activities, and everyone will be invited to compete in games with the help of DJ Kenny G, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The City of Cleveland Safety Forces will set up a safety fair next to the parking lot. Meet police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians. See and explore their vehicles. There are plans to bring the smoke house for touring, too. Look for city department giveaways under the tent. The fair ends just before dusk.



# Annual Town Meeting Highlights

KCDC's 41st Annual Town Meeting returned to the auditorium of Saint Joseph Academy, 3470 Rocky River Drive, on June 20.

The informative evening was free of charge. On their way in, guests visited the display tables of local non-profit agencies to learn more about their programs. The evening's agenda included updates on neighborhood initiatives such as the renewal of the Special Improvement District for Downtown Kamm's Corners, and Councilman Marty Keane provided news about city-related issues

Congratulations and our most sincere appreciation goes out to this year's award winners shown on this page.

Our always-popular "Spontaneous Raffle" rounded out the evening with gifts provided by local businesses. Cookies from K & K Portage Market and beverages were served afterward.

We are grateful to Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital for their sponsorship of this key community event and to Saint Joseph Academy for hosting us.



## Bob Bohr Award for Community Safety

*Officer Tim Riley  
Cleveland Police First District*

Recognized for his work in the Citizen Police Academy, block clubs, and being a positive presence in the community.



## Community Impact Award

*Lisa Kay – Founder  
Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co.*

Located in Kamms Plaza, the shop supports many community events such as Walk on Wednesdays. In addition, Lisa has been managing Kamms Plaza for 20 years.



## Emerging Leader Award

*Conor Boylan, Managing Partner  
5 Points Coffee & Tea*

Conor spearheaded the Holiday Passport program to encourage residents to visit the newer businesses that opened in the past year. He also started a bicycle club and holds a book club, yoga classes, an open mic night, in his shop located at 3600 West Park Road.

## Community Impact Award

*Ellen McCafferty, Director  
Our Lady of Angels Arts Council*

Ellen was recognized for her volunteer work in maintaining the cleanliness of the Police & Firefighters Memorial on Rocky River Drive.



*Ward 17 Councilman Marty Keane was among the evening's speakers.*

## Certificates of Recognition

*West Park Gardeners  
Led by David Horneck*

West Park Gardeners led by David Horneck, who helped with in this year's GardenWalk Cleveland, received certificates of recognition for their fine efforts.



*Neighborhood information was in abundance at the town meeting.*

# The Rockport House ...by Gary Swilik

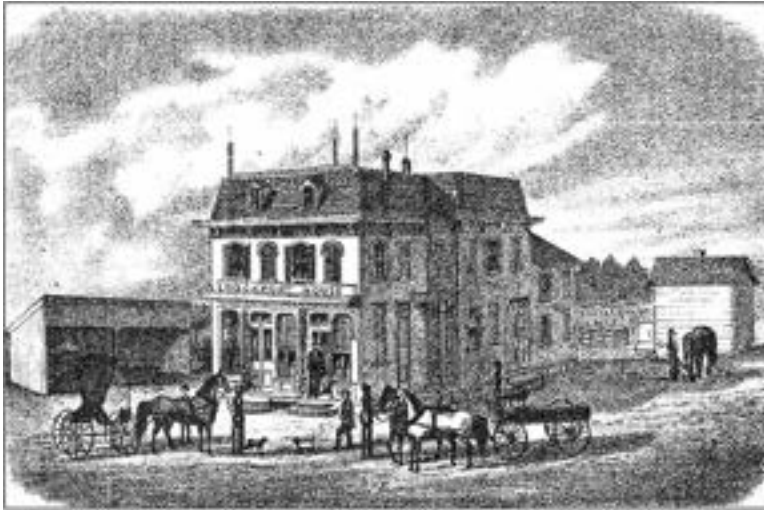
In the 1800s, the Rockport House Hotel, a rest-stop for weary travelers, stood at the northeast corner of present West 150th and Puritas Avenue. The hotel was built sometime prior to 1874, apparently by Frederick Minut, who made his home in the building. In the era when horse-drawn wagons were a common sight on dusty Linndale Road (Puritas Avenue), the Rockport House was a local landmark.

In the 1930s, the former hotel had become Rusak's Café, owned by Konstanty "Connie" Rusak. It was a popular West Park "watering hole" serving liquor and beer to local residents. Later known as the Bomber Tavern, many of our senior citizens recall bellying up to the bar for a mug of Erin Brew supplied by Cleveland's Standard Brewing Company. The Bomber Tavern closed in the 1950s.

In a surprising development, in 1957 the old hotel was physically moved one lot to the east where it was remodeled and became the Red Carpet Lounge and China House restaurant. Still later the building became the South Sea Island restaurant which was torn down in 1995 to make way for Burger King which currently stands on the site. What an historic treasure the old Rockport House would be if it still existed today.



*The Rockport House Hotel in 1938 when it was Rusak's Café. Courtesy of Carl A. Rusak.*



*The Rockport House Hotel stood at the northeast corner of present West 150th and Puritas Avenue. 1874 Atlas of Cuyaboga County.*



*In this 1957 photo, workmen are remodeling the old Rockport House/Bomber Tavern which has been moved from its original location and is now one lot to the east on Puritas Avenue. Cleveland Public Library Collection.*

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*In this 1965 photo, part of the old Rockport House exists within the walls of the remodeled Bomber Tavern, which has been moved to 14916 Puritas Avenue. It became the Red Carpet Lounge, and later, South Sea Island restaurant. The entire building was razed in 1995. Cleveland Public Library Collection.*



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# Cleveland Public Library West Park Branch Offers Programs for All

Established in 1869, this library offers a big collection of books, movies, classes, and events. Located at 3805 West 157th Street, the branch has three meeting rooms, 19 public computers with internet access, and printing, copying, scanning, and faxing services for a fee. Here are some of the programs being offered.

## CHILDREN/TEEN PROGRAMS:

### Story times

Every Tuesday morning, beginning in early October

- Bouncing Babies  
Birth to 18 months, 10:30 a.m.
- Wee Read and Play  
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### Daily After School Crafts

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### Kids Café

During the school year, beginning in early October. After school meals courtesy of the Cleveland Food Bank. Monday through Friday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Kindergarten Club

August 4, 18, and September 8, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Prepare your child for school with fun family activities, school supplies, giveaways, and a free meal. Free for the entire family with children ages 4 to 6. Call 216-623-7114 to register.

### Talk Like a Pirate Program

Thursday, September 20, 4:30 p.m.

### Halloween Happenings

Thursday, October 25, 4:30 p.m.

### Celebrating Native Tribes of Ohio

Thursday, November 15, 4:30 p.m.

## ADULT PROGRAMS:

### Page Turner Book Discussion Club

Every second Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

- *A Piece of the World*  
by Christina Baker Kline, September 12
- *The Buried Book*  
by D.M. Pulley, October 10
- *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*  
by Lisa See, November 14
- *Hillbilly Elegy*  
by J.D. Vance, December 12

### Free Computer Classes

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Used books, CDs, DVDs, and more priced from \$0.50 to \$3.00.

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## Supporters Line the Funeral Route to Honor Cleveland Police Officer Vu Nguyen

Cleveland Police Officer Vu X. Nguyen, Badge #1534, passed away unexpectedly on July 6, 2018. A dedicated police officer for the City of Cleveland and former West Park resident, he served in the Third District. His funeral was held on July 12, at Our Lady of Angels Church, 3644 Rocky River Drive. The procession from the church headed south on Rocky River Drive and turned west on Lorain Avenue, and passed over the bridge into Fairview Park.

Blue ribbons were placed along the route by volunteers and efforts were made to ensure the route looked its best to honor Officer Nguyen. Thanks to all who came out to pay tribute to this fallen hero. Our deepest sympathy from our Board of Trustees and staff to the Nguyen family.

# The Kamm's Corners Summer Arts and Entertainment Series

Presenting a wide breadth of musical, visual, and culinary arts at our family-friendly events, the Kamm's Corners Summer Arts and Entertainment Series launches each year with The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ and continues weekly throughout the summer at our Kamm's Corners Farmers Market every Sunday from June through October, now celebrating its 12th season! It is also a feature of Asphalt Cinema, a free outdoor movie evening on the third Fridays of June, July, and August at Impett Park.

We are grateful for the volunteer work of the many residents and business owners who take part in planning and running these events, making the series such a great success. To become involved, please e-mail [jd.smith@kammscorners.com](mailto:jd.smith@kammscorners.com) or call 216-252-6559, ext. 1300.

We appreciate support from our generous sponsors such as Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital in helping to pay for the Summer Arts and Entertainment Series. In addition, we thank the residents of Cuyahoga County for supporting this program through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, one of the largest public funders for arts and culture in the nation. KCDC is pleased to be among the groups funded for art programming in 2018.



World renowned bluesman Wallace Coleman performs at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market.



# Kamm's Corners Farmers Market

## Six Reasons to Visit the Market!

# On the Corner of Fresh and Fun!

Why enjoy the bounty of summer at Kamm's Corners Farmers Market? It's a happy place where local farmers showcase their goods at the corner of West 168th Street and Albers Avenue behind Walgreens **every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** If farm-fresh produce alone isn't reason enough to get you out to the market, here are six more!

**Reason 1:** Meet the folks who live off the land and care deeply about it. Pick up vegetables and fruits that are grown for flavor and not for shelf life! Farmers and artisans participating at our market come from as close as a mile away to dozens of miles away, but virtually all of the offerings are from northern Ohio and are grown or made by the vendors themselves.

**Reason 2:** Think of the energy saved when you buy food from only a few miles away and not shipped from a few thousand! Fill your shopping bags each Sunday to take home what's popping locally through October 14.

**Reason 3:** Learn about the food from the source. The market boasts a breadth of offerings. This includes vegetables and fruits of course, but also meats, cheeses, bread, and eggs. Some of the participants offer organic produce; others offer hormone-free, naturally raised meats. You'll find bread and pastry, scented soaps, olive oil, and everything in between. The growers are eager to talk to you about their products.

**Reason 4:** Enjoy live music. While shopping, you'll hear musical entertainment from locally and sometimes internationally famous artists. Dozens of talented people perform on our stage every market Sunday, presenting a wide range of music styles from heart warming ballads to foot-stomping bluegrass, pop, and rock.

**Reason 5:** See healthy cooking live. At 11:30 a.m. a weekly chef demo features local chefs demonstrating what their establishments are all about. Many utilize produce from the market vendors showing what can be done with the great fresh produce available at our market.

**Reason 6:** Get some sun and fresh air! Being outside and getting some exposure to the sun can be a great benefit to your health. A source of vitamin D, the sun is great for boosting your immunity and increases serotonin, giving a lift to your spirits.

Each week's market also features at least one local artisan presenting a range of work from gemstone jewelry, photography, and hair accessories to cloth bags and string art. What a convenient way to purchase a unique gift for yourself or for others.

A healthy living component of the market may include chair massages, free blood pressure checks, cholesterol and glucose screening, and advice on healthy eating.

This summer, the Produce Perks for people using the Ohio Direction Card increased to \$20, up from the previous \$10 match! One of our most popular market events, the perennial exchange, takes place on Sunday, October 7. Guests can make friends and trade perennial plants with other market-goers.

Grab your reusable shopping bags and head over to the market on Sundays. Located in the Municipal Lot at 168th Street and Albers Avenue, the market is a great community gathering space. Leashed pets are also welcome. Visit [kc-fm.org](http://kc-fm.org) every week for news updates.

### We Gratefully Recognize the Sponsors of the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market

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*For more information about the market, call market manager  
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# **Community West Foundation**

## **You are invited to the Community West Foundation's Annual Meeting**

Community West Foundation invites the community to its annual meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 3 p.m. at Bay Presbyterian Church, 25415 Lake Road in Bay Village. This annual event unites the Foundation's Board and staff with donors, friends, volunteers, business and community leaders, and nonprofit organizations.

Over the years Community West has had excellent and engaging speakers on relevant topics. The special keynote speaker this year is Natalie Leek-Nelson, CEO and President for Providence House, Inc., a crisis nursery. Founded in 1981, Providence House is devoted to protecting children, serving families in crisis, and working to keep families unified.

Natalie Leek-Nelson is the driving force and advocate behind the work of this important organization. She will share her thoughts on the topic "Designed for Dysfunction: The Truths About Poverty." Among the issues she will address are the failings of systems designed to help people progress out of poverty, which are actually preventing progress and keeping many women and children in the multi-generational cycle of poverty. Natalie will also highlight the devastating impact of the systems that cause family separation, which not only affects individuals, but neighborhoods and communities as a whole.

Natalie's topic is timely for the Foundation's work and focus of caring for those in need. The command to care for the "least of these" (Matthew 25:40) is the Strategic Plan of Community West Foundation, and it is a message that brings hope.

All are welcome to attend. To make a reservation please call 440-360-7370.

## **Friends of Kamm's Corners Membership Application**

See a list of some of the most fabulous folks in West Park, our Friends of Kamm's Corners, on page 29. Want to join their ranks? Just fill in the form below and send it to the address shown with your donation of \$20 or more.

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## The 17th Annual Heroes Run Sunday, September 16

Whether they run, volunteer, donate, or cheer, everyone who participates in The Cleveland Heroes Run honors the Police Officers and Firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty while either serving the citizens of Cleveland's West Park area or while living in the community.

The popular race attracts runners and walkers from near and far to raise funds for the West Park Cleveland Police and Firefighters Memorial Fund, established in 2002 to create a lasting Memorial.

The Memorial itself is set in the Memorial Walkway along the west side of Rocky River Drive. At its center is a granite and bronze sculpture overlooking the scenic Metroparks. Designed by local artist and sculptor Paula Blackman, it not only represents the tremendous sacrifice made by these Police Officers and Firefighters, but also offers their families and the community a gathering place to honor their memory.

Sponsored by Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital, the Cleveland Heroes Run takes participants on an either a 5-mile race or 2-mile race/walk through the West Park community. Every person sets his or her own pace, and everyone is a winner before the event even begins just by paying tribute to our heroes.

Both races start and finish at Saint Joseph Academy in Cleveland, 3470 Rocky River Drive. The 2-mile fun run/walk starts at 8:30 a.m., and will be on Rocky River Drive. The 5-mile course starts at 8:35 a.m., and it will run through the Cleveland Metroparks. Awards will be presented at the end of the races to the top three finishing male and female racers in a variety of age groups and categories.

Again this year for children seven and younger, a kids only race organized by the West Park Family YMCA will take place around the Saint Joseph Academy track. That event is free of charge and begins at 9:30 a.m.

Register online through [active.com](http://active.com) until 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, at 6 p.m. Walk-up registration is available on the day of the race. The early entry fee is \$22 through Sunday, September 2, and \$30 late registration through race day. Visit the website at [westparkmemorial.org](http://westparkmemorial.org) for a link to register for the 5-mile run or 2-mile run/walk.



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## West Park Walk on Wednesdays (WOW) a Big Hit

West Park businesses introduced a new program for the summer called "West Park Walk on Wednesdays" (WOW). It kicked off at 6:30 p.m. on May 23, and then continued on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month throughout the summer, ending on October 24.

The next walk is on August 22 and will meet in front of the West Park Family YMCA, 15501 Lorain Avenue. It will be led by a member of Cleveland Fire Station 39, which is the first stop on the walking tour. From there, the group will visit 5 Points Coffee & Tea and Fireside Candles and More, before returning to the YMCA.

The September 12 Furry Friends walk will meet at Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co. in Kamms Plaza and will be led by Pam Alerine, owner of Style Mutt Dog Boutique. She will lead the group to her shop at 3525 Warren Road for a brief visit and then move on to 5 Points Coffee & Tea, 3600 West Park Road, for refreshments before returning to Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co.

The free family and pet friendly walks range in length from one to two miles and last about 90 minutes. On each walk, a speaker leads the way while discussing his or her specialty and answering questions. Stops at merchants have included free samples and coupons. Each event has also included a free raffle for a West Park WOW T-shirt.

Sponsored by Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital, the West Park Family YMCA, KCDC, and local merchants, the program encourages exercise while educating residents on subjects of interest as well as introducing them to merchants they may not have visited. Already the walks have attracted a wide range of residents interested in learning more about their neighborhood while meeting some neighbors and achieving fitness goals.

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# Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Supports Newborns and Parents

“At Fairview Hospital’s birthing center, we strive to provide all the emotional and medical support parents and babies need,” says Hany Aziz, MD, medical director, Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). “We know having a baby is a stressful experience, made even more so if a baby is premature.”

For premature babies or those with other illnesses, Fairview Hospital is home to the only Level III NICU on the West Side. The Level III designation from the Ohio Department of Health certifies that the NICU offers the highest degree of quality care for at-risk newborns.

With a total of 34 licensed beds, an average of 650 (just over 10% of all babies born at Fairview and a small percentage born elsewhere then transported) are treated in Fairview’s NICU each year.

On average, about 60 percent of the babies treated in the NICU are premature, with any baby born at 35 weeks or less of gestation being admitted to the unit.

Dr. Aziz explains that when it’s known in advance that a baby is likely to be premature, families are emotionally prepared for what to expect when their baby is born through videos, printed materials, and NICU tours.

During delivery, minute by minute updates are provided to the parents. Within a short time of being stabilized in the NICU, parents are able spend as much time with their baby in the unit as they wish.

“We aim to provide what is referred to as ‘kangaroo care,’ where



*Hany Aziz, MD*

the parents and baby are able to touch skin-to-skin within the first 24 hours after birth as long as the baby is able. It’s important to establish a physical link between the baby and parents as it is believed this physical contact helps the healing process,” says Dr. Aziz.

For more information about the Fairview Hospital NICU, please go to [clevelandclinic.org/fbp](http://clevelandclinic.org/fbp).

## Fairview Hospital’s Family Birth Place Offers a Safe, Welcoming Environment

For those who want a natural birth for their baby, Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital Family Birth Place offers a safe, welcoming environment.

“Just over a year ago, we opened the Family Birth Place, a low-intervention unit with staff dedicated to the low-risk expectant mother who is looking for a natural labor experience,” says Dusty Burke, MSN, RNC, nurse manager of the Family Birth Place

at Fairview Hospital. “It’s the best of both worlds, providing a home-like birth experience, but with the added security of the West Side’s only Level III neonatal intensive care unit available should things not go exactly according to plan.”

The large, private rooms allow for labor, delivery, and post-partum care all in the same place and provide an environment where newborns room with mothers to immediately begin the bonding process.

One of only two birth centers in the state of Ohio, Fairview’s Family Birth Place also features a labor lounge, where expectant parents who live a distance away can work through the early stages of labor, then be admitted once active labor begins.

“Our staff is uniquely trained to care for a patient population that desires natural childbirth,” says Burke. “We’re dedicated to doing all that we can to achieve what our parents want, while always keeping the health and safety of our moms and babies at the forefront of everything we do.”

Several of the spacious labor suites feature freestanding labor tubs for hydrotherapy. Patients can also utilize nitrous oxide for pain relief, in addition to a variety of other nonpharmacologic methods to work through and reduce pain.

C-section and epidural rates for the Family Birth Place are well below the national average, and the breastfeeding success rate is far above the national average.

“To further help expectant parents prepare, Fairview offers a full array of childbirth education and parenting classes, including a class on natural childbirth,” says Burke.

For more information about the Fairview Hospital Family Birth Place, natural childbirth or childbirth education and parenting classes, please go to [clevelandclinic.org/fbp](http://clevelandclinic.org/fbp).

# Saint Mary Romanian Festival

## Here's One You Don't Want to Miss!

Mark your calendar for the weekend of August 17, 18, and 19 for the Saint Mary Romanian Festival! According to the festival organizers, here are the top five reasons you don't want to miss this year's festival!

**THE FOOD:** Our authentic home-cooked selections are all made fresh, on the spot. Romanian cuisine blends the tradition of its Balkan and other European neighbors, while maintaining its own special character. Romanian delicacies include stuffed cabbage, grilled mititei (not a burger, not a sausage, they're, well, they're mighty good), polenta baked with sour cream and cheese, tasty homemade sausage and sauerkraut, chicken paprikash, and other delights. This year's volunteers will be preparing about 4,000 stuffed cabbage (sarmale), entailing a three-day process with more than 600 pounds of meat.

**THE PASTRIES:** We're willing to bet you will NEVER find a richer, more varied selection, all freshly baked by Saint Mary's members, and we can't forget to mention the elephant ears, always a big hit. And, the selection is different every day.

**THE MUSIC:** Romanian folk music is perfect for listening, for dancing, for singing. Soulful, romantic, energetic, exhilarating. A live orchestra will entertain all weekend, along with singers and high-stepping dancers.

**OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE:** In addition to scheduled tours of the cathedral and the ethnic/art museum, you will observe much art and sculpture throughout the cultural hall and the social hall, as well as outside. There will be beautiful Romanian blouses and hand-made items for sale, also.

**MAY WE REPEAT, THE FOOD:** Served indoors and outside by the grill, the many food selections may be accompanied by Romanian and other European beers and wines.

We look forward to seeing you at Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 3256 Warren Road. Hours: Friday, 4:30 to 11 pm, Saturday, 1 to 11 pm, and Sunday, noon to 10 pm. For further information call the church at 216-941-5550 or visit us online at [smroc.org](http://smroc.org).

# Christmas in July at Kamms Plaza

Longtime West Park residents are well familiar with decades of Kamms Plaza Winter Wonderland events. The 2016 Winter Wonderland was the last one to be held in the December time frame as there is no longer space available at the plaza. But the Kamms Plaza Christmas spirit lives on in an outdoor summer celebration of yuletide cheer! Smiling families came out to greet tropical Santa and enjoy free hot dogs and other refreshments. A community's yuletide thanks goes out to the entire Kamms Plaza Team!



# K&K Portage Market Offers Tips on Grilling Steaks and Chops

...by Marilyn Osborne

Did you see K&K Portage Market on New Day Cleveland in April? The store at 3364 Warren Road is a full service meat market that offers a vast array of steaks, chops, bakery, specialty groceries, fresh seafood, and a full service deli. Jerry Kolar, Jr. who is the second generation owner of the store along with his brother Rick, offered tips on how to serve guests a fine cut of grilled steak or pork.

Both beef and pork should be allowed to reach room temperature before placing onto a hot grill. Usually, that is 30 minutes once it is taken out of the refrigerator. Chicken should be kept in the refrigerator until it is time to cook it.

High cooking heat is ideal. You'll want the grill to be at least 450 degrees or hot enough that you can hold your hand over the grill for just one second. High heat ensures a good sear and a crispy crust. A thick strip steak should be placed on a hot grill for two minutes per side. Then put it in a 350 degree oven until the interior reaches 125 degrees inside for medium to medium rare; 5 to 7 minutes for medium (140 degrees); or 8 to 10 minutes for medium-well (150 degrees). Or, move the steak to a cooler part of the grill and finish it there.

A sirloin steak of two pounds will feed a family of four. At K&K, they're cut about an inch thick. Use a meat thermometer and make sure the center reaches the temperature you desire. A rib eye well marbled with fat will melt down. A rib eye without a bone in it is called a Delmonico steak, named after a famous New York steak house.

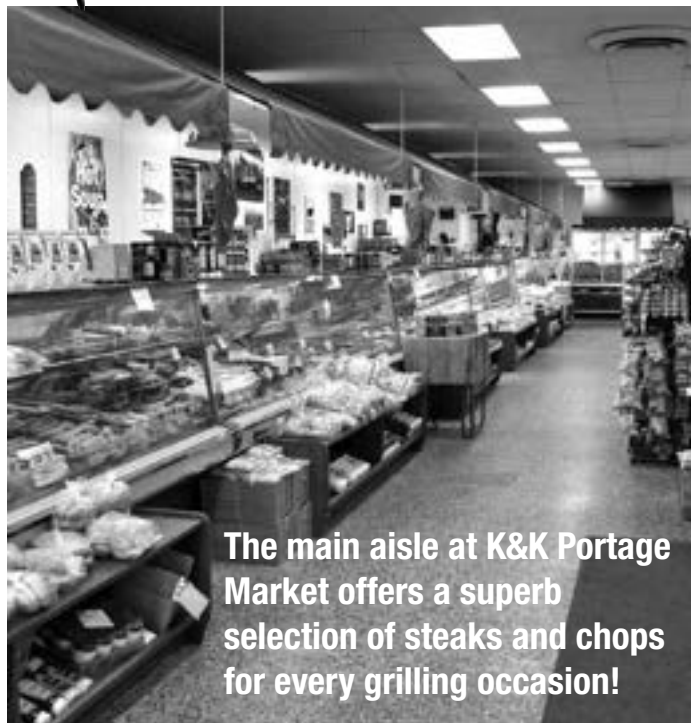
Flank steaks need a marinade with vinegar in it to tenderize them. Avoid MSG as a marinade. Some people get a headache from MSG. After grilling, cut a flank steak across the grain for the best results.

Let all steaks rest for about 5 to 10 minutes before cutting into them. That preserves the juices.

For grilling pork, let it get to room temperature first. Pork chops take 8 minutes, depending on the thickness. Place them on the hot grill and let them sear until they release without sticking.

When the pork chop lifts easily from the grill, reposition it about 90 degrees to get professional-looking grill marks. Generally, that means 2-minutes one way and 2-minutes the other way to get the cross hatch marks, and then flip them over to repeat. These days, you can treat pork like beef. Cook it to 145 degrees, and let it rest before serving to keep the juices in.

Thick pork chops take longer to cook. Brining them first is best. Mix two cups of water, a half cup of sugar, and a half-cup of salt. You can add rosemary, thyme, and other fresh herbs like juniper berries. Keep them refrigerated in the brine for eight hours. (K & K also sells marinades.) Again, bring to room temperature and then grill as above. The brining helps them retain moisture.



The main aisle at K&K Portage Market offers a superb selection of steaks and chops for every grilling occasion!

Big tip: If your meat is frozen, be sure to thaw for two days in the refrigerator. Otherwise the meat loses too much moisture if left on the counter and hurried. Again, let it reach room temperature before cooking.

K&K Portage Market is at 3364 Warren Road in Warren Village Shopping Center. Call 216-941-0288 or visit [kkportage.com](http://kkportage.com) for more information.

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# New Bike Club Forms for Residents of All Ages



"All right folks. We've started a bike club in West Park called The Wheelers after a former bike club in the area," said Conor Boylan, owner of 5 Points Coffee and Tea. The club is for all ages and experience levels. The first ride met at 5 Points Coffee & Tea, 3600 West Park Road, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, and then rode to the Metroparks. Several rides are planned while the weather remains good. The goal is to meet new neighbors and friends while becoming more active in our community!

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# Keep West Park Safe

If you see a crime taking place or if you are the victim of a crime, report it to the police. It doesn't matter how trivial you think it might be – your report might help the police discover a pattern of crime and predict where and when the perpetrator will strike next. The police act on every call for service.



## Citizens Police Academy

This program for residents 18 and older covers topics such as legal issues, police officer training and preparedness, and internet crimes against children. It includes a tour of the Justice Center, the outdoor range, the communication center and the Police Museum. It may also include presentations by Canine, Narcotics, and SWAT units. For more information, call 216-623-5080.

## Youth Community Diversion Program

First-time offending juveniles may be eligible to participate in the Youth Community Diversion Program run by the City of Cleveland. Participants are given a chance to avoid obtaining a juvenile court record in exchange for community service and supervision. For more information, call 216- 664-6250.

## First District Community Relations Committee

The First District Community Relations Committee page on Facebook is a great tool to stay informed on current safety issues within the first police district that includes all of West Park. It's also a great place to see how police officers are involved in the community.

## Cleveland Police Department Online Reporting

Did you know you can report a crime online? If the crime has already occurred and the perpetrator is long gone, this is sometimes the best way to file a report, especially if the crime is petty theft. Use the following link to make your report: [city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/PublicSafety/Police/Onlinereports](http://city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/PublicSafety/Police/Onlinereports).

## Start a Block Club or Neighborhood Watch

In this program, neighbors work with police to design crime prevention programs which meet their own particular needs. Networks of neighbors are trained by crime prevention officers to protect themselves and their property as they learn to serve effectively as additional eyes and ears for law enforcement agencies in their communities.

For block club information and assistance, contact KCDC Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator JD Smith at 216-252-6559 ext. 1300, or send him an email at [jd.smith@kammscorners.com](mailto:jd.smith@kammscorners.com).

## Police Contact Numbers

### Emergency

Crimes in progress, life-threatening situations.  
Dial 9-1-1

### Non-Emergency

Non-life-threatening situations, malfunctioning traffic signals, dog warden.  
216-621-1234

### First District Numbers

Commander Daniel Fay  
216-623-5105

Community Services Unit – Lt. Louis Pipoly  
Warrant/fugitive sweeps, day/night curfew sweeps, trouble spot complaints, community meetings, citizen contacts, special events.  
216-623-2503 or 216-623-5111

Traffic Unit Sgt. – Elias Diaz  
Traffic, parking, and abandoned vehicles.  
216-623-5104

Vice Unit  
Illicit drugs, liquor establishments, underage alcohol and tobacco sales, prostitution, illegal gambling.  
216-623-5113

Detective Bureau  
Felony investigations, witness statements.  
216-623-5118

## Recycling Fines Began August 1

### How to Comply with the Rules

Courtesy warnings issued during the past year changed into minor citations for improper waste and recycling practices. Be sure to follow the rules regarding trash and recycling pick up to avoid fines. Citations will be issued for:

- Trash mixed with recycling
- Excess waste outside of City-issued bins. Only items in the bins can be picked up by the automated trucks, but bulk items can be placed on the tree lawn during the first full week of each month (a maximum of three bulk items and four tires)
- Bins set out too early (before noon the day before the scheduled pick-up)
- Leaving bins out too late (after noon the day after the scheduled pick-up)

The city will collect yard waste with regular waste. All leaves and grass clippings must be contained in bags and there is a limit of no more than 20 bags per week.

Additional city-issued carts may be obtained for \$50 each by calling the Division of Waste at 216-664-3717.

Find additional tips on proper waste disposal and recycling by visiting [city.cleveland.oh.us](http://city.cleveland.oh.us) or calling the Cleveland Division of Waste at 216-664-3711.

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# OLA Fall Festival Offers Family Fun

Mark your calendar for the upcoming fall festival happening on the weekend of Friday, September 7, 5 to 11 p.m., and Saturday, September 8, 2 to 11 p.m. Planning is underway for this popular annual event at Our Lady of Angels (OLA) Church, 3644 Rocky River Drive.

Here's what to expect:

- Inflatable rides for children outside
- Live music and entertainment under a tent
- Game booths in the hall
- Casino in the primary building
- A beer garden
- Pie baking contest
- Basketball challenge
- Raffles and raffle baskets
- Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co. outside
- Indoor snack bar with a full menu of family favorites

Be sure to join the fun!

## Kamm's Corners Calendar

### Asphalt Cinema

Friday, August 17  
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Impett Park at West 153 Street

### Impett Park Safety Fair

August 17 with Asphalt Cinema

### Kamm's Corners Farmers Market

Sundays through October 14  
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### Saint Mary Romanian Festival

August 17, 18, and 19  
Friday: 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Saturday: 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Sunday: noon to 10 p.m.  
3256 Warren Road

### Greek Festival

Labor Day Weekend  
August 31 through September 3  
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Tuesday, September 11  
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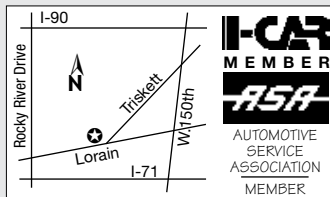
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### MARKETING

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### MEDICAL & HEALTH SERVICES

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Neighborhood Family Practice  
Hypnosis — Time for Change

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### SCHOOLS

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Luther Memorial School  
Our Lady of Angels School  
Saint Joseph Academy  
Saint Mark School  
Westpark Community Elementary and Middle  
West Park Discovery World  
West Park Lutheran School

### SENIOR LIVING

Franciscan Village  
Seniors Helping Seniors

### SHOPPING

Kamms Plaza

### SOCIAL SERVICE & NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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Colleen DeCrane Family Foundation  
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John Marshall Alumni Association  
Kiwanis Club of West Park  
Laura's Home  
NHS of Greater Cleveland  
USS Challenger Star Trek Fan Club  
West Park VFW Post 2533  
West Shore Rotary Club

### STORAGE & MOVING

U-Haul Center

### TROPHIES, PLAQUES, AND AWARDS

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### WORSHIP

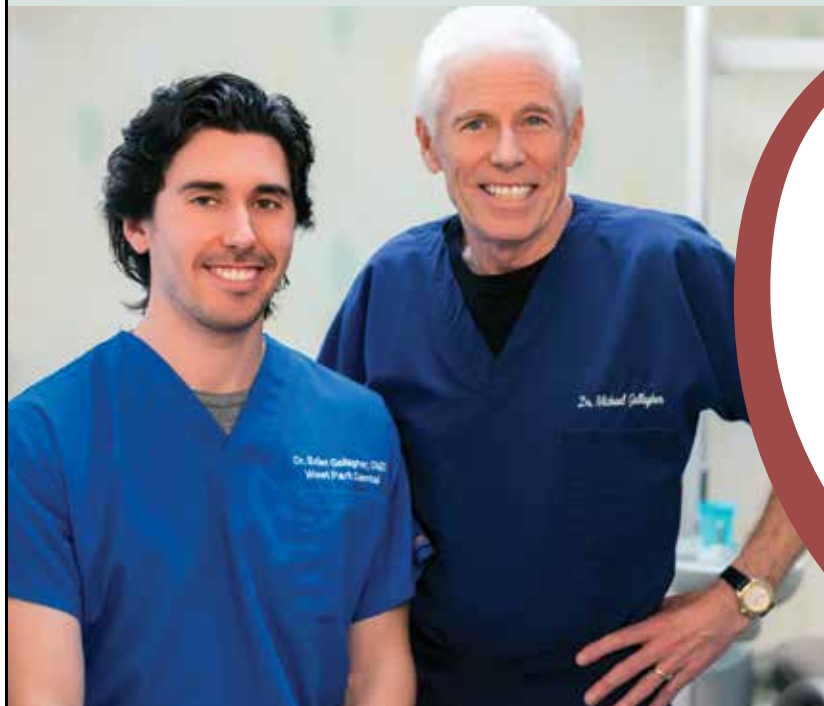
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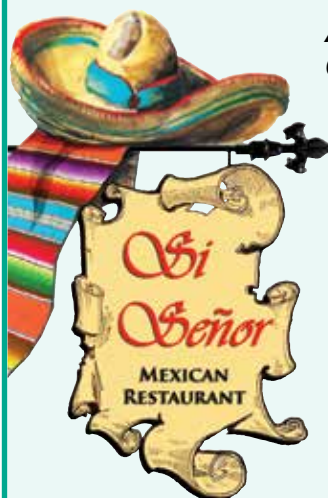


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