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16606 Earnest Ave	Bungalow	1,725 sq ft	\$224,000
16515 Claire Ave	Bungalow	2,375 sq ft	\$234,000
17109 Woodbury Ave	Bungalow	1,735 sq ft	\$240,000
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17011 Greenwood Ave	Colonial	1,936 sq ft	\$270,000
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The vision of West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development is to promote, develop, and guide the West Park neighborhood as the best place to live, learn, work, shop, and play.

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is winding down, but the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market is still in full swing with some of the best produce and fruits from Ohio's farms arriving from September and October harvests. If you haven't already joined us at the market this summer, we hope you will stop by to grab something fresh to cook, learn something new from our sustainability booth, or take advantage of the special food assistance programs that help ease the burden of buying produce for limited income residents.

Like this summer, fall 2020 in West Park will be different for many of us – especially for families with school-aged children. Despite these ongoing challenges, we're excited to share more information on several upcoming projects that are still happening around our community in this issue. Read about the renovation of the West Park branch of Cleveland Public Library, the engineering study to improve pedestrian and cycling connections to the Rocky River Reservation from Lorain Avenue, and the expansion of West Park Animal Hospital.

Finally, at West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development, we take seriously our mission to improve the quality of life for all in our neighborhood. As one step, WPKND will host a virtual Common Ground Conversation sponsored by the Cleveland Foundation on September 26 around the theme of **"West Park: Who We Were, Who We Are"** to facilitate conversation around building an inclusive and welcoming community. See page 17 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE for our winter market - to be held outdoors this year - on Sunday, December 6. Stayed tuned for more details coming soon!

Stay healthy,

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The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™

WPKND recognized how special The Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ is to our community, and rather than simply cancelling the 11th annual street festival, we put emphasis on the purpose of the West Park tradition. The Hooley on Kamm's Corners



brings the neighborhood together to celebrate our shared pride in West Park from live music to delicious food of local restaurants. WPKND staff and board members created The Hooley at Home, a safe socially distant event honoring the spirit of the Hooley with a twist on block parties - driveway apron parties - where residents could hang out safely at a distance while still connecting on Saturday, June 20.

Participating West Park businesses and bars offered Hooley TO GO menus and party packs for the entire weekend. Signature Hooley Specials from Working Class Brewery, Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Co. and 5 Points



Coffee and Tea supplied the community refreshing beverages to celebrate West Park! Since the Hooley is a community party filled with music and dance, we did not want to leave out the music! So, WPKND hosted a Hooley at home LIVE!, a livestream of local artists: by Andrew McManus, Taylor Lamborn, Cats on Holiday and The Boys from the County Hell.

Mark your calendars for the 12th Annual Hooley on Kamm's Corners™ on June 19, 2021.



Thank you to our 2020 Hooley at Home Sponsors



Hooley at Home LIVE!

The Hooley community enjoyed Livestream performances by Andrew McManus, Taylor Lamborn, Cats on Holiday, and Boys From The County Hell. Find the performances on Hooley at Home LIVE! on YouTube @West Park Kamms.



Andrew McManus



Taylor Lamborn



Cats on Holiday



The Boys From The County Hell



RESOURCES FOR WEST PARK HOMEOWNERS



West Park Sherwin Williams Paint Program	Discounts on paint and painting supplies. All those living in Ward 17 are eligible. Limit one per household.
Cleveland Restoration Society	Offers a low-interest (under 2%), fixed-rate, equity-based loan for maintaining & improving homes 50+ years. Interior & exterior projects qualify. No income limits apply. CRS also offers free technical assistance on questions related to home conditions or repair.
Water Affordability Program	Offers a 40% discount on all standard water charges. This includes both the monthly fixed charge & consumption charge. To qualify, customers must meet income guidelines and own/live at the applying service address.
Lead Hazard Control Program (LHC)	The LHC program provides lead risk assessments, identifies lead-based paint and provides grants to control lead-based paint hazards.
Senior Homeowner Assistance Program (SHAP)	SHAP provides grants to Cleveland residents age 60+ or disabled adults who meet income eligibility guidelines and own single or two family homes in need of critical, health, safety and maintenance repairs.
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)	HEAP assists eligible low-income residents with their winter home heating costs using natural gas, electric, oil, kerosene, or wood.
Delinquent Tax Payment Plan	Behind on your property taxes? Payment plans are available for homeowners who live in their homes. Landlords may be eligible for installment plans (up to 24 months), at the discretion of the Cuyahoga County Treasurer.
Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP)	Provides home improvement loans, at 3 percentage points below normal bank rates, for home repair/re-modeling projects for homeowners of occupied or investment properties. HELP has no restrictions on a borrower's income and few limitations on what improvements can be made to a property.
Cleveland 50/50 Sidewalk Residential Replacement	Repair/replacement of unsafe sidewalks through a partnership between the city and its residents where each party pays 50% of the cost. Eligible repairs include sidewalks, driveway aprons, & curbs at the end of driveways.
Homestead Water/ Sewer Discount	Homestead Water/ Sewer Discount The Homestead Water/Sewer Discount Program offers a lower fixed charge and consumption rate for seniors and/or permanent disabled individuals that are income qualifying homeowners.
Contractor List	Looking for help with a project at home? We have a list of local contractors and tips for hiring one.
Contact Franchesca Bodnar at 216-252-6559 x 1700/ franchesca@westparkkamms.org for more information.	

Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP)	HWAP offers low or fixed-income residents energy efficient measures designed to decrease utility bills & improve energy deficiencies. Provides grants and education through the State of Ohio for homeowners & tenants who meet income guidelines.
Senior Service Program (Ward 16 & 17)	For seniors and disabled residents in Ward 16 & 17 that have no one to help them, or no one close by to help them. Some service examples: lawn care, gutter cleaning, railing installations, etc. Senior and Disabled residents that need help will have to fill out an application and return it with proof of income.
For assistance, please contact JD Smith at 216-252-6559 x 1300/ jd@westparkkamms.org .	

Ward 17 Food Assistance

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westparkuccpantry@gmail.com

Community Meal
Last Sunday of every month | 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Food Pantry
Second and Third Saturday | 9:00-11:00 am
Donations of non-perishables are accepted Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-2:30 pm

Seniors and At-Risk Food Delivery
West Park UCC, WPKND, and Cleveland City Council Member Charles Slife are offering food assistance and delivery for seniors and at-risk. Our delivery team will bring one week supply of food staples to your home.

Food Delivery Details

- Available for Cleveland's Ward 17 or West Park UCC members that are vulnerable populations (older, underlying health issues) who are being advised to shelter-in-place or quarantine due to COVID-19.
- To order call 216-671-7228 or email westparkuccoffice@gmail.com, Monday-Thursday | 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Order by 2:00 pm each Thursday, for delivery that Saturday. Deliveries begin at 10:00 am on Saturday.

Volunteers are needed to deliver or donations are accepted



St. Patrick's Hunger Center | St. Patrick Church |
4427 Rocky River Drive
Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 9:15-11:00 am
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Holy Cross Lutheran | 4260 Rocky River Drive |
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Food pantry first Saturday of every month | 9:00-11:00 am
Accepting donations of non-perishables are Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Meals on Wheels
Lunch and dinner available. Food prepared by Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital daily. Prescription diets are available upon request. Two-week minimum service and can cancel any time after. To set-up call: 216-251-6255 | 8:00 am-Noon

West Park Produce Partnership | CARES Act | Kamm's Corners Farmers Market
WPKND, Bellaire Puritas Development Corp., and neighborhood food pantries through the CARES Act provides \$15 of produce at the market to qualifying Cleveland residents. To participate, fill out the application at westparkkamms.org/caresact or fill it out at the market. Please bring completed form to the info tent at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market to receive your coupons! See page 14-15 for farmers market details.



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Heritage Home Loans Help West Park

By Franchesca Bodnar

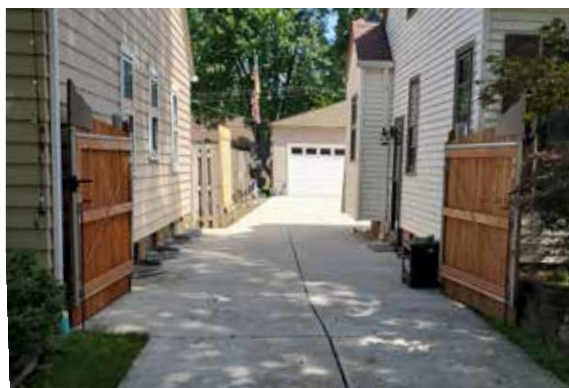
Down Laverne Avenue, there is a sweet two-story Cape Cod with maroon shutters and plants galore. The house is the home of Trish Lazich and Rob Perdew and one of the many homes in West Park that has participated in the Cleveland Restoration Society's Heritage Home Loan Program (HHLP).

"This program was such a blessing; we only wish we would have learned about it sooner," Trish shared in reference to their experience with the program. She explains, "The process was seamless and the people we worked with were very helpful from start to finish." In July 2017, Trish and Rob embarked on their garage rebuild project.

After a technical assistance visit from the HHLP Staff, and taking advantage of a bare driveway before they poured new cement, Trish and Rob had the west side of their home waterproofed. By September, new concrete was poured for their driveway and garage pad, and they purchased a garage kit. Over the course of the next three months, they built their new garage themselves with the help of some family and friends. By March 2018, they were able to put up siding and call the project a complete success. Today, they've added heat inside the garage so that Rob can use the garage workshop throughout the winter.

Any Cleveland home that is at least 50 years old qualifies for the HHLP low-interest loan program. The loan is based on the equity of the home and has two different borrowing options (10 and 15-year loan plans) providing great flexibility and fixed-interest rates as low as 1.4%.

Trish and Rob will have lived in West Park for twenty years this September; they love the neighborhood and the character each home carries with it. The next project they hope to tackle is re-siding their home.



Cleveland Restoration Society's Heritage Home Loan Program

By Jessica Beam - Heritage Home Program Associate

For its first twenty years of existence, the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) was most concerned with protecting downtown landmarks. The development of a housing assistance program grew out of the desire to have an impact outside of downtown. At the beginning of the planning process, the thought was that we should establish a revolving fund to directly purchase, restore, and sell historic properties. However, ultimately it was decided that establishing a program to provide rehab project assistance and low-interest loans would enable CRS to have an impact on many more properties. And indeed it has! The Heritage Home ProgramSM began assisting homeowners in a few small neighborhoods in Cleveland in 1993 and has since expanded to cover the entire city, much of Cuyahoga County, and communities in three of the surrounding counties. Our remarkable statistics – 19,135 rehab projects for \$406 million – is without comparison among our peer preservation organizations. Preservation is truly a local endeavor, and this was a unique Cleveland approach of using historic preservation as a neighborhood economic development tool.

While our mission originally was to preserve "historic" homes, and we certainly continue this work, we also embrace "non-historic" homes because they represent the gift of embodied energy as well as heritage. Homes that are in one of our 41 participating communities and over 50 years old can use our program for assistance with their home repair projects. The Heritage Home ProgramSM can assist homeowners with projects by offering impartial advice, helping them find contractors, and providing a low interest-rate loan for their home repairs or improvements. We can provide site visits to homeowners to give advice or help with choosing paint colors for their home. Homeowners can connect with us by phone, email, video chat, or in-person for our services throughout the year.

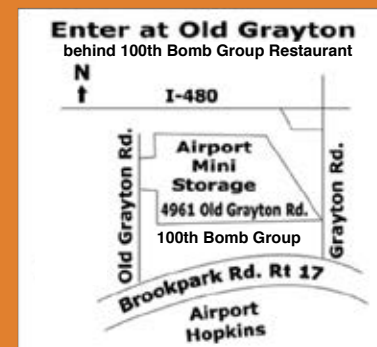
Interested in the Heritage Home Loan Program for your home? Reach out to Franchesca Bodnar, 216-252-6559 x1700 or franchesca@westparkkamms.org to learn more on the program.



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Symptoms that may be of concern to check for cancer can include:

- Changes in bowel or bladder habits including blood in stool or urine.
- Cough or hoarseness that persists or changes.

- Easy bruising or bleeding.
- Unexplained pain.
- Dizziness or vision troubles.
- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin, whites of the eyes and mucous membranes).
- New lumps anywhere, but especially new lumps of the breast.
- Persistent fatigue, night sweats or unexplained infection or weight loss.
- Unexplained fever.
- Unexplained skin moles, especially if they are dark or change color.

"It's important to continue to receive regular screenings, from mammograms and PAP smears to skin checks and colonoscopies," says Dr. Haddad. "Some cancers grow slowly, others quickly, but in all cases, early diagnosis can help increase the chance of cure."

Cleveland Clinic facilities are among the safest places in healthcare today.



Abdo Haddad, MD

We've taken many steps to keep everyone safe while fulfilling our mission to be the best place for care, whenever it is needed.

Learn more about the steps we are taking to keep you safe at ClevelandClinic.org/Coronavirus. If you're experiencing any symptoms or have questions about cancer screenings, please reach out to your primary care provider.

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If sudden illness or injury occur, Fairview Hospital has the only dedicated Pediatric Emergency Department (ED) on the West Side. Open 24/7, our team of specially trained physicians, nurses and clinicians treats children for a variety of emergency conditions, as well as for minor injury and illness.

Children with more severe injuries, trauma or chronic conditions have access to our pediatric inpatient unit and Cleveland Clinic Children's pediatric surgeons and specialists. If necessary, Cleveland Clinic Children's provides a Critical Care Transport team, available 24/7, to transport seriously ill infants or children to our main campus hospital by ambulance or aircraft.

Visit FairviewHospital.org/Pediatrics for more information.

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West Park Kamm's has partnered with the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank as a liaison to provide West Park with FREE books. The program is for all kids ages 0-15 years old! Act quickly as the deadline is September 10!

1. Go to bit.ly/WPKNDFreeBooks or scan the QR code

3. Book order pick-ups will be at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market from September 13 - October 11. Pick a date!

2. Fill out a survey for each child. Select their reading level

4. Or call Franchesca at 216-252-6559 x1700 for other order/pickup/delivery choices

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Visit FairviewHospital.org/WellnessCenterCalendar for a list of Wellness Center events.

To protect our patients and caregivers, the Wellness Center will not hold any site-based exercise or educational classes at our facility until further notice.

SUPPORT WEST PARK BUSINESS



West Park Animal Hospital Will Expand

The site of the West Park Animal Hospital (WPAH), 4113 Rocky River Drive, has been home to a veterinary business since the 1950s. Borys Pakush, co-owner of WPAH, took over the business in 1996 and built the current building in 2003.

WPAH offers full-service, high-quality medical treatment for people's pets. The business is open 24 hours, 7 days per week, 365 days per year to provide care when pets need it along with a wide array of services to minimize referrals to specialists. WPAH staff offers advanced procedures such as orthopedics, diagnostics such as ultrasounds, and rehabilitation from leg injuries and surgeries. Staff undertakes frequent continuing education and training to remain at the forefront of veterinary treatment best practices.

Over the years, the practice has experienced steady growth and, with 130 employees, is outgrowing its current facility. Expansion plans call for the construction of a two-story, 35,000 square foot building at an estimated cost of ten million dollars. Preparation for the expansion project included the purchase and demolition of a problem rental house in order to construct a 50-car parking lot next to the former Cone Zone. It also included the purchase and demolition of an adjacent underused building to make way for the site of the new building. The conceptual building and site design have been approved by the Far West Design Review Committee and Cleveland City Planning Commission.

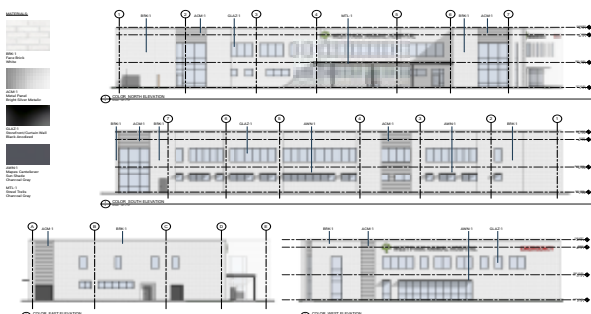
The existing hospital will remain open during construction and, once the new building is completed, it will be razed to create additional parking. The expansion will bring an additional 50-60 jobs over a 5-year period to the neighborhood. Many of the current - and likely future employees - reside in West Park. The estimated plan is to break ground in the spring of 2021 with construction taking approximately one year.

By Ben Campbell | Photos: West Park Animal Hospital and Onyx Creative



4117 Rocky River Drive Cleveland
216-252-4500
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Monday-Saturday 7am-1am
Sunday 8am-1am
Emergency Services 5pm-1am daily



Welcome Habesha

Habesha Restaurant, which will feature Ethiopian and Eritrean cuisine, will open in the space formerly occupied by Gyro World at 16860 Lorain Avenue.



They chose the name Habesha, which means living in peace and unity in both countries.

The restaurant is a partnership of Jamal Musa, his wife Tigist Gebremichael, and friend and partner Hirityi Weld-esalasi. All three reside in West Park and continue a long tradition of residents establishing businesses in our neighborhood.

Jamal prides the countries' cuisines as "healthy, nutritious, and vegan friendly." Their preliminary menu includes appetizers and salads, vegetarian entrees, combination plates, and meat entrees. The appetizers and salad items include Sambuusa, pastry triangles filled with lentils or beef; Ambesha, traditional flatbread served with cottage cheese; and a traditional breakfast dish called Checheb-



sa or Kich-FirFir. The vegetarian dishes offer combinations of a variety of vegetables including, collard greens, cabbage, beans, carrots, onions, chickpeas, beets, and jalapeño peppers. The meat entrees are made with chicken or beef with some prepared as stews. Many of the menu items can be ordered mild or spicy hot. Ethiopian and Eritrean cuisine is known for its

blend of herbs and spices including, garlic, ginger, and turmeric. A traditional coffee ceremony is also on the menu where friends gather in a special place in the restaurant to enjoy cups of coffee together.

Cleveland only has two Ethiopian-style restaurants and none on the west side. The opening of Habesha Restaurant will add a new food option to the palette of West Park restaurant choices and has the opportunity to become a regional destination in our neighborhood.

They plan to open the restaurant in late summer or early fall. For more information, call Habesha Restaurant at 216-400-6539.

By Ben Campbell

Photos: Habesha Restaurant



A good neighbor has your back.

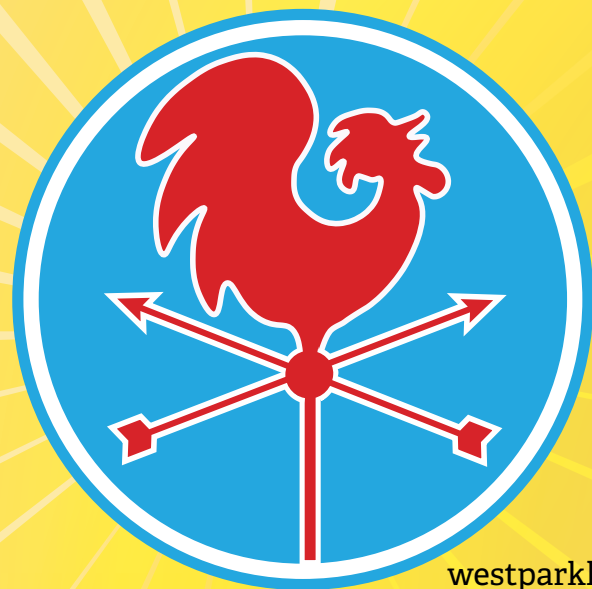
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WPKND is celebrating another successful market season, offering fresh, local produce and maker goods to the community. The Kamm's Corners Farmers Market has adapted its layout and implemented new policies and procedures to ensure the safety of vendors and customers.

**Thank you to our
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Outdoor Winter Market Sunday, December 6
Kamm's Corners Farmers Market lot

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Get help with fresh produce at the market:

SNAP & Produce Perks

Those with Ohio Direction Cards can participate in the Produce Perks program at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, which matches dollar-for-dollar for produce at the market up to \$25. If you spend \$25 on your direction card, you receive \$25 to spend on produce at the market.



WIC and TANF

WIC and TANF offices will be at select market dates throughout the season, distributing WIC Coupons, bonus produce dollars for WIC families, and small kitchen tools.

WIC Dates: August 30 (+WIC PERKS), September 20, September 27, October 4

TANF: September 20, September 27



West Park Produce Partnership

This season, KCFM is offering \$15 for produce to income qualifying households in the City of Cleveland. Income thresholds are higher than you may think, for example, a family of 4 who takes in less than \$60,000 annually qualifies! Learn more at westparkkamms.org/CARESAAct or ask at the info tent.



To see if you and your family qualify for any of these benefits, visit the Ohio Department of Jobs & Family Services website at jfs.ohio.gov or call the Cuyahoga County Jobs & Family Services at 216-987-6640.

At the market, the KCFM team located at the info tent, can answer questions and help with any of the programs. If you need help Monday-Friday, call JD Smith, Market Manager at 216-252-6559 x1300.

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS

August 23: Energy Education | Solar Co-Op
August 30: Rust Belt Riders | Composting
September 6: Bees & Pollinators
September 13: Rain Gardening
September 20: Responsible Yard Waste
September 27: Trees

KCFM VIRTUAL DEMOS



Find our Chef Demos online at YouTube @West Park Kamms. Plus, Sustainability Demos!

Farmers Market

Season Ends October 11



West Park Library Renovation Update

By Kathleen Sonnhalter - Cleveland Public Library

Cleveland Public Library has embarked on a 10-year Facility Master Plan project. The Westpark branch will be one of the first renovations completed. Thank



you to the local community and to our patrons for the substantial and useful information provided during our community engagement sessions. Vocon is the architectural firm chosen by CPL for West Park. We have been pleased with the firm's responsiveness to the needs of our Westpark patrons. Here are some notes from the architects;

As the architecture firm collaborating on this project, our design goals are parallel with the Cleveland Public Library's five guiding principles:

"We provide equal access to a vast range of information and resources"

"We actively embrace new ways to adapt the Library to the changing needs of the people we serve"

"We offer collections that are of interest to our users in ways that are most convenient for them"

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During the autumn of 2020, we will be hosting three community engagement sessions with Gilbane, our Construction Manager for the Phase 1A projects. These sessions will provide more detailed updates, as well as information on how you can participate in the construction. Construction will begin in late spring of 2021, with the grand re-opening planned for late spring of 2022.



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"West Park: Who We Were, Who We Are" to facilitate dialogue around building an inclusive and welcoming community.

Common Ground is an annual program presented by the Cleveland Foundation. This single-day initiative invites people to gather at locations across our region to connect with one another, build community, and take action on the issues they care about. United by a common question, all Common Ground conversations have the same goal: to create spaces where meaningful connections are made and purposeful actions begin.

- Are you in for the opportunity to reflect on our community?
- Are you in for taking steps to support and improve this place we call home?
- Are you in to connect with the amazing people and good work being done in Greater Cleveland?

Stay tuned for more details or reach out to JD Smith at jd@westparkkamms.org to share your interest!

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Why is the Census Important?

By Nic Binfield

Isn't it just that annoying survey that the government sends us every 10 years? Well yes, it is that annoying survey that the government sends us every 10 years, but it also does so much more.

The census gives us a snapshot of our community and how it's doing. Is it growing or shrinking? Who lives here? The census helps shape our community, it determines who receives funding, shapes our political districts and the amount seats each state has in the house of representatives.

Because the census only happens once every ten years, it can have major long-lasting effects on our community. The federal government helps pay for a lot of programs and the census determines where to send those funds. Federal money helps pay for our schools, hospitals, fire departments, highway infrastructure and so many other critical programs and services. The more people in West Park that fill out the survey, the more federal funding we will receive.



The census also helps shape our politics. Congressional and state legislative districts are determined by the population. The more population the city or state has, the more representatives they will receive. This has a huge impact on how we are represented in our state and federal elections. The more people in West Park that respond, the more political power we will have in our elections.

So, while the census appears to be a seemingly pointless survey, it has major consequences for how our community is shaped for the next ten years. 10 minutes of your time can help West Park grow and prosper for the next decade. The census closes September 30, 2020; do your part to help us all.

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Keeping the Community Healthy During COVID 19

By Councilman Charles Slife

When COVID-19 first arrived in Ohio, the Ward 17 community was quick to join together and support neighbors, businesses, and restaurants through a new and confusing time. We've learned a lot along the way: how to wash our hands like a pro, what social distancing is, how to use Zoom. Additionally, the face mask has become a part of our daily lives.

Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, and the state of Ohio have enacted mask requirements for indoor public spaces and outdoor areas where social distancing isn't possible. We recently got word that masks will be required for students while at school. For some of us, locating a mask is quick and simple. Still, others have found themselves searching for a mask in order to go about their daily routines.

The Giving Tree Project is a program that began in Rocky River and Lakewood that has expanded to West Park Kamm's. It is a partnership between Councilman Charles Slife, community

tivist Kira Krivosh, State Senator Nickie Antonio, West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development, and Megan Sorn - a Ward 17 resident and the owner of Imagine That Designs - that provides free reusable masks to those in need. On weekdays, masks are pinned to a tree located in front of 17325 Lorain Avenue (former Steak n' Shake). Visitors are allowed to grab up to two masks that have been donated. Many are hand sewn by volunteers throughout the area.



Since its launch on July 17, visitors have been connected to over 750

masks. With the announcement of mandatory masks in schools, organizers anticipate demand remaining high. Mask donations can be made through West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development or Councilman Charles Slife. Interested volunteers can also collect sewing kits that include fabric and patterns by visiting the info table at the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market every Sunday.

Thanks to all who have donated so far; we look forward to continuing to serve the West Park neighborhood through this project!

WEST PARK NEIGHBOR NIGHT GOES VIRTUAL

By Melanie Sklarz - Neighbor Night

As most in-person events went on hiatus this spring, so did West Park Neighbor Night. The group, which meets monthly at West Park United Church of Christ and brings residents together to create change, was unable to meet due to COVID-19. By June, the core team that puts on the monthly gathering began strategizing how to create and build community during a pandemic. Watching Cleveland-based nonprofit Neighborhood Connections and their Neighbor Up network turn to Zoom meetings to hold similar gatherings, the team was inspired to try it for themselves.

On the second Wednesday of July - their normal meeting time - an online version of West Park Neighbor Night was held on Zoom. Instead of the usual format, the meeting featured a check-in, where members were able to

reconnect and share what was "new and good" since the group had last met in February. Participating members learned how other residents spent their time during the statewide



lockdown, including safely enjoying local parks and helping to distribute masks. Closing the meeting, the group did a virtual version of Marketplace, a practice that allows members to build community by sharing a declaration, requesting a need or providing an offer. The most popular offer was from Danielle Doza, who spent her time in quarantine perfecting her sourdough recipe and offered to bake a loaf for anyone who said they were interested. Afterward, the group stayed on the videoconference for an extra half hour of socializing and catching up.

If you are interested in joining future virtual events, please check out their Facebook page @WestParkNeighborNight or contact Danielle Doza at Danielle.Doza@gmail.com or 216-536-6122 if you have questions or want more information.

Upcoming dates: September 9, October 14 and November 11.



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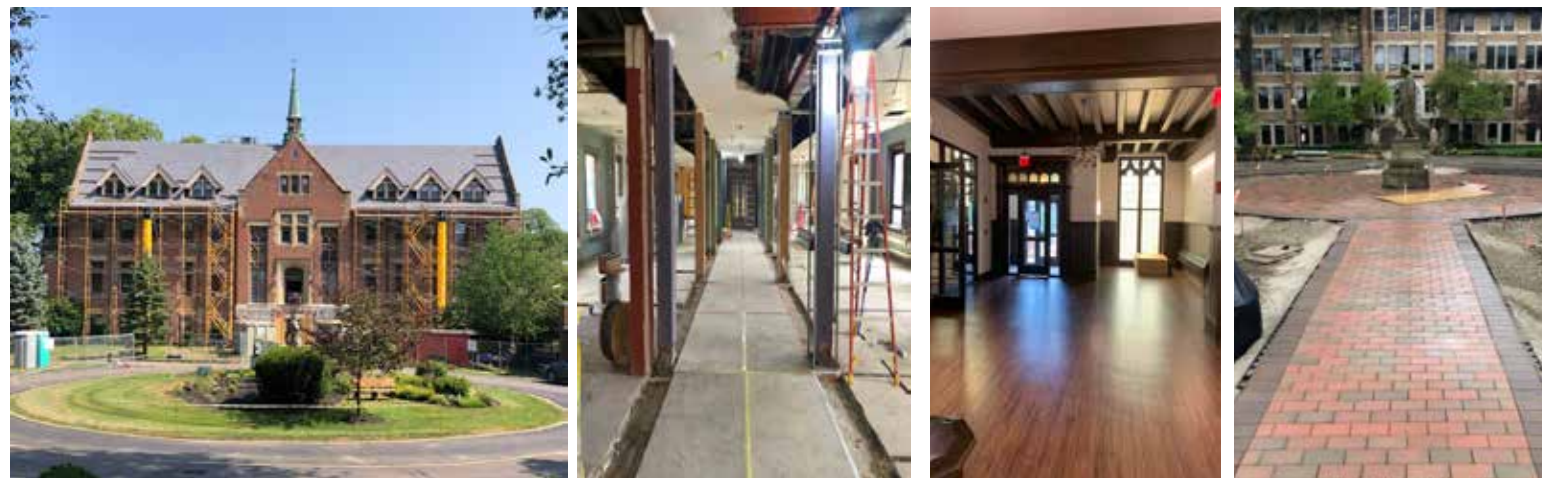
Fitzmaurice Hall Opens

By Mollie Wirtz



With the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph's generous donation of their former Motherhouse to Saint Joseph Academy (SJA) in 2016, SJA was able to transform its campus. The former Motherhouse, built in 1905, boasts 28,000 square feet and has been renovated for 21st century learning for their students, while preserving the building's history and keeping the architectural design intact. The two lower floors have ten large classrooms and include offices for staff and administration. Renovation plans for the third and fourth floors have not been developed; the school will take time to see what future needs may be for the academy. The outdoor space between the original academy building and the new hall has been redesigned to better join the buildings for a cohesive campus. Fitzmaurice Hall will open at the beginning of this school year to welcome in the Class of 2024.

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Upgrade of Makerspace Lab

Through the renovation of Fitzmaurice Hall, SJA was then able to repurpose some of the classrooms in the original building. The former 3rd floor classrooms will become the new and upgraded Makerspace Innovation Lab, which will be four times larger than the current Makerspace Lab. This newly improved space gives the students access to hands-on learning.



Meet the New President of SJA



By St. Joseph Academy

Saint Joseph Academy is pleased to welcome Kathryn Purcell as its new President. She is a life-long educator, leader, and girls' school advocate. Kathryn witnessed firsthand how an all-girls education can help young women grow, experiencing the outcomes from several perspectives: student, parent, teacher, and administrator.

Her viewpoint is influenced by her 24-year tenure at Laurel School where she continually sought to take on new roles including as teacher, coach, Dean of Students, Co-Director of the Upper School and Associate Head of School. As Associate Head of School, Kathryn was instrumental in both daily operations as well as the creation, communication, and execution of a long-term strategic vision. She is excited to help the Academy continue its mission of empowering young women to become compassionate leaders.

Kathryn holds a Master of Arts in Education from Ursuline College and a bachelor's degree from John Carroll University. She, her husband and their four children are parishioners at Church of the Gesu.

Plans for Old Lorain Road

Planning and Engineering Study Launches to Facilitate Pedestrian and Bike Connections to the Metroparks from Lorain Avenue.

By Rosemary Mudry

The Cleveland Metroparks, the City of Cleveland Planning Commission, Councilman Slife, and West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development are working together to better connect the West Park Kamm's neighborhood to the Rocky River Reservation. Anyone who has ever tried walking or biking Old Lorain Road knows it can be a treacherous endeavor. The road is narrow, lacks sidewalks, is very steep, and can be difficult to for drivers to see pedestrians or cyclists. Funded by Councilman Slife and the City of Cleveland, the Cleveland Metroparks has engaged a planning and engineering firm to help lead the project and will lend their expertise and knowledge of the hillsides adjacent to Old Lorain Road to help determine the most feasible pedestrian and cycling route to connect to Kamm's Corners. The goal of the planning project is to put together an affordable and implementable plan that the collective group can work toward putting into place in a reasonable timeframe.



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Plant a Garden Today

By Kelly Crotty -

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How many of you gave gardening a try for the first time this year? How did it go? Well, let me tell you, what a year it has been! I have seen some spectacular results in both my Kitchen Garden and Landscape Beds, along with my client's spaces. I'll admit, though, there have been some trials and tribulations as well! If you have felt defeated, I encourage you to keep trying - the notion that a green thumb comes naturally isn't true - the key is having the right knowledge! Around this time of year, I hear people start saying, "Oh, I would love to have a garden like yours, but I missed the timing. So, I guess I'm just going to have to wait until next year." Good news, it's never too late to start a garden! Nature deliberately plants in the fall, so why shouldn't you? Think about all the plants, trees, and berries ripening, eventually dropping or being eaten, and their seeds being distributed into the soil at this time of year.

Gardening experts will tell you to first learn your garden zone before planting, but honestly, zones are much too general to inform you of what's technically possible. Zones specify a first and a last frost date as the most significant times of the year. This leads new



gardeners to believe that they can only grow between those two days. In truth, the only information the frost date reveals, is when

the cool season ends and the warm season begins. The best way to know what's possible in your unique space is to know your Arc of Seasons. Here we have our Cold, Cool, Warm (with a touch of Hot), back to Cool. Then the Arc of Seasons starts all over again. And, that is why it's never too late to start a garden, there are always things that can be growing!

I start planting in February, harvesting in late March/early April and continue through December sometimes! Say what?! It's true! And that's why finding and using local resources as much as possible can be so helpful. Local experts will help you figure out how to strategize and make a garden plan to achieve your own garden paradise.



Kelly Crotty, of Kelly's Creations in the CLE, is a Certified Garden Coach, who assists clients at every phase of gardening - designing, planning, or troubleshooting space. She is available for both virtual and in-person options to get your urban space set up for success into next year. Follow her by visiting kellyscreationsinthecle.com to read more about what services are offered and follow her @KellysCreationsInTheCLE to see what's happening! Call for an appointment: 216-307-7727.



TREE 101

By Lauren Williams

Our gardens are green and so is the programming at Kamm's Corners Farmers Market (KCFM). This is the inaugural year for the Sustainability Booth at KCFM, and WPKND has had the privilege of hosting individuals from organizations such as Sustainable Cleveland, The Cuyahoga Solid Waste District, as well as the Cuyahoga County Office of Sustainability to talk to market patrons about a variety of sustainability topics. For the remaining weeks of the market season, weekly programming will continue at the sustainability booth and include topics like composting, tree care, water education, and pollinator planting. As many people continue to work and stay at home, the sustainability booth shares simple steps and choices that can make life a home a little greener. Sign-up at westparkkammms.org or the info tent at the market for the weekly farmers market e-news to stay up to date on each week's topic.

Trees are a key ingredient in building more sustainable homes and communities and also the source of many questions. WPKND spoke with Colby Sattler, an arborist, and co-founder and president of Forest City Ecological Services, to get answers to some common tree care questions and give some insight into proper tree husbandry. Want to dig a little deeper? Stop by the sustainability booth on Sunday, September 27 between 10am and 12pm to ask Colby your questions.

Q: How do I plant my tree?

A: The best advice is that you access high quality information or hands-on support from a certified arborist. This information can be obtained from websites such as TreesAreGood.com, which has guides on tree selection and step-by-step instructions on planting your tree. Seek out information pertaining to preparing the site in which the tree will live, the right tree stock to select from, and the right location to plant the tree.

Q: What is the best way to mulch a tree?

A: You should place mulch in a circle starting 3-4 inches from the trunk of the tree. The mulch ring should go out to the drip line, the length that the branches extend, and be 3-4 inches in depth. Do not mound your tree in a volcano shape around the base of the tree. This style of mulching is popular but can lead to the death of the tree.

Q: How can I tell if my tree is sick?

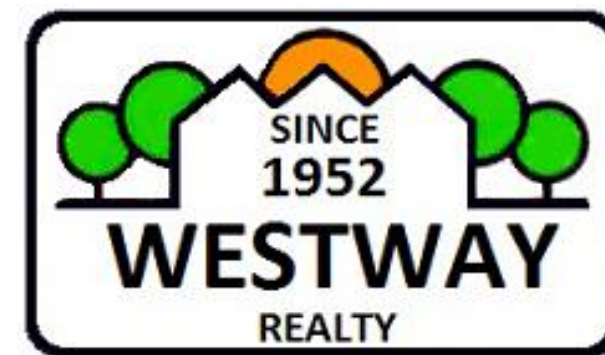
A: Trees will typically give us clues that something is ailing them. The best practice when you suspect that a tree is sick is to consult a certified arborist who can diagnose the issue. The arborist may also turn to the soil for clues about the tree's illness. Remember the line, "Don't guess, soil test."

Q: When is the best time to transplant trees and shrubs?

A: Typically, during dormancy is the best time to transplant, prune, and plant trees and shrubs. This dormancy usually occurs from late fall into early spring. It is best to transplant when the trees are dormant because less stress is put on the trees. It is important to pay attention and tend to trees during this dormancy as well. Considerable maintenance must be done when transplanting outside of dormancy.

Q: Finally, are there any resources you would recommend for people looking for tree maintenance and tree husbandry information?

A: The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is a great resource for people looking for more information about trees. ISA is great for homeowner insight, basic general knowledge questions, as well as finding an arborist near you. The Cleveland Tree Plan and The Cleveland Tree Coalition are also wonderful local organizations with invaluable information. The Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership (LEAP) has also put together a map of local nurseries where you can purchase native trees and plants.



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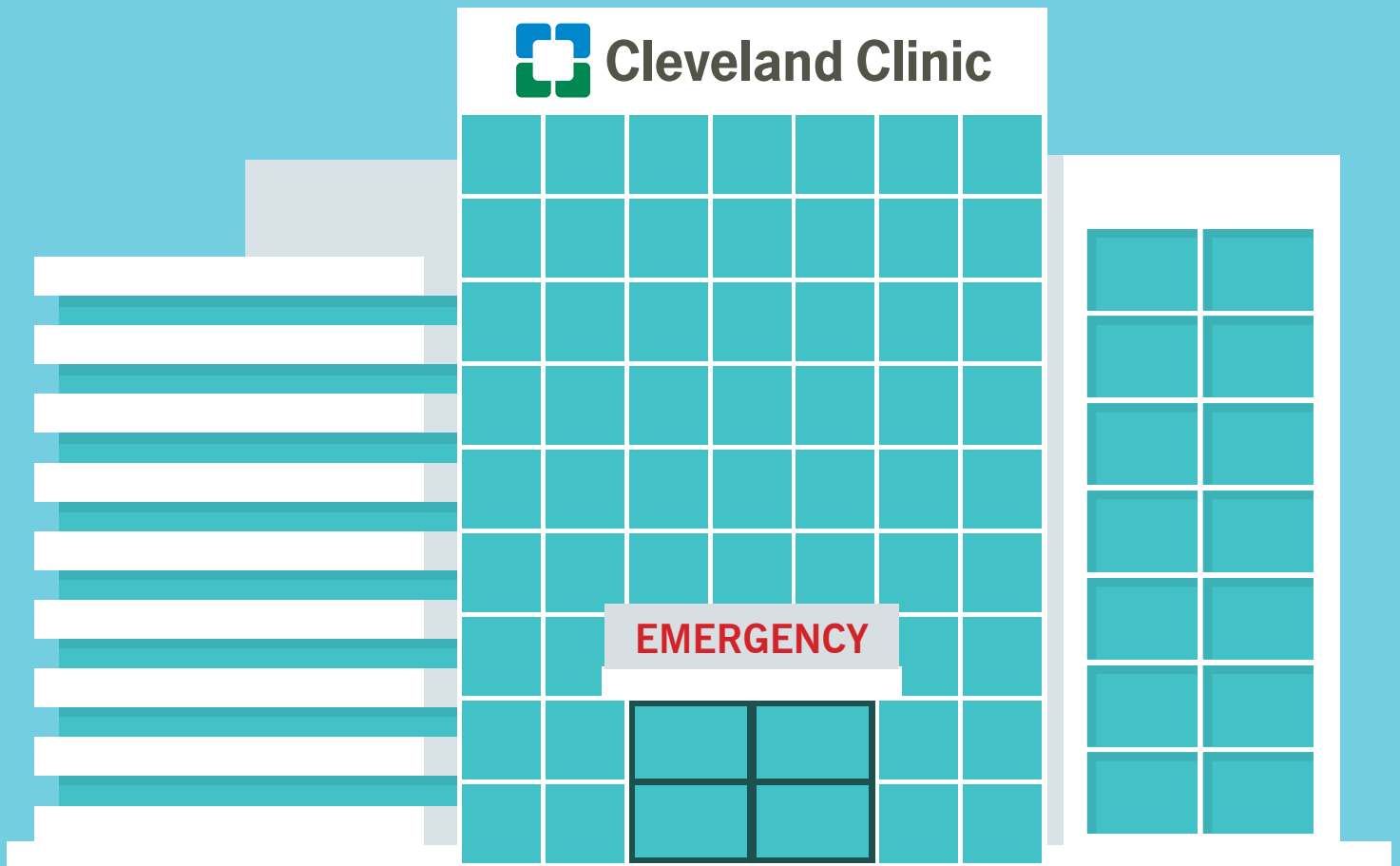
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