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Thursday, October 2, 2014; Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office Annual Celebration, West 58th Street Church of God: Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman presents Bonnie Walker with a Community Champion Award for her advocacy for the W. 70th and Camden area of the Stockyard neighborhood.

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Cleveland's Near Westside Newspaper

Sculpture honors the “fighting heart” of Cleveland child, boxing champion & statesman Johnny Kilbane

by Chuck Hoven

On September 28th at W. 74th and Fr. Frascati Drive in Battery Park, the Irish American Archives Society celebrated the unveiling

of a sculpture and plaza dedicated to the memory of Cleveland's own Johnny Kilbane – featherweight boxing champion of the world from 1912 to 1923.



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Sunday, September 28, 2014; The Irish American Archives Society's dedication of the Johnny Kilbane Sculpture and Plaza, W. 74th and Fr. Frascati Drive, Battery Park: *Johnny Kilbane: A Fighting Heart*, a bronze sculpture mounted on limestone, depicts Clevelander Johnny Kilbane in three stages of his life: Kilbane as a young child who helped support his family after his mother died and his father went blind; Kilbane as a champion boxer who held the world featherweight title belt from 1912 to 1923; and Kilbane as a statesman who served as both an Ohio State Senator and as Cleveland Clerk of Courts.

Esperanza Threads provides Cleveland residents with job training while producing high quality products for sale

by Chuck Hoven

The goals Esperanza Threads, a nonprofit organization in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood, include training individuals to work in Cleveland's sewing industries, and the making and selling of products to help support the organization and further its mission.

Employment Training

Thus far in 2014, twenty-five men and women from Cleveland neighborhoods have received three weeks of intensive training in the art of industrial sewing at Esperanza Threads. Of those twenty-five people, twenty, or 80%, have been hired by companies in Cleveland's sewing industry, says Esperanza Threads Executive Director Lucretia Bohnsack. By the end of the year, Esperanza Threads expects to have held eight of its three week training sessions and have forty or more graduates.

“Women and men from the neighborhood, refugees and migrants referred by Catholic Charities, people who are unemployed or underemployed referred by local churches such as West Bethel Baptist Church, St. Colman and other area churches, start on a journey toward developing a career,” says Bohnsack in describing those who receive job training at Esperanza Threads.

Executive Director Bohnsack says the churches and other organizations doing the referrals, do the initial screening of those coming for training at Esperanza Threads. Esperanza Threads then interviews them again to make sure they are serious about pursuing full time employment in the sewing industry. After taking the three weeks of intensive training in how to use an industrial sewing machine, continued on page 8

The sculpture, *Johnny Kilbane: Fighting Heart* by Dublin based Irish sculptor Rowan Gillespie, shows Kilbane in three stages of his life.

First we see Kilbane as a young boy growing up in “The Angle” neighborhood by St. Malachi's. Kilbane's mother died when he was very young, his father lost his eyesight, and the young Kilbane dropped out of school in the sixth grade to begin working to help sustain his family.

The second part of the sculpture shows Kilbane, the boxer, living on Herman Avenue near W. 74th in what is now the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood. Perhaps the best know Clevelander of his time, Kilbane won the World Featherweight Title in 1912. Upon his return to Cleveland on St. Patrick's Day, Kilbane was greeted by a crowd of 200,000 people who marched with him from downtown Cleveland to his neighborhood in what was then dubbed “Kilbane Town.” Kilbane held his boxing title for eleven consecutive years, longer than any world champion in the history of the sport.

The third part of the sculpture is continued on page 12



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Sunday, September 28, 2014; The Irish American Archives Society's dedication of the Johnny Kilbane Sculpture and Plaza, W. 74th and Fr. Frascati Drive, Battery Park: Sculptor Rowan Gillespie of Dublin Ireland says a few words to the crowd before the unveiling his creation, the sculpture, *Johnny Kilbane: Fighting Heart*.

Issue 4: What does passage mean for neighborhood schools?

Issue 4 on the November 4th Ballot asks Cleveland voters to extend the bond issue originally passed by Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) voters in 2001. Since Issue 4 is a renewal, the district stresses it will not raise taxes. The CMSD notes that the bond issue will cost the owner of a \$50,000 home \$44.10 per year.

Passage of Issue 4 will allow the CMSD to implement the plan the Facilities Master Plan that the Cleveland Board of Education passed at its June 24, 2014 Board Meeting. To aid those who wish to check on their child's school or their

neighborhood school to see what the district proposes can visit the Facilities Master Plan Cluster Map on the school district's website at: www.clevelandmetroschools.org/page/5895. The map will allow you to click on the cluster your school is in and then on the individual school to get a brief summary of what will happen at the school, or what options for the school are being considered in cases where multiple options are still in play.

According to the CMSD, citywide, the passage of Issue 4 will allow for the construction of 20 to 22 new schools and the refurbishing of 20-

23 schools. Issue 4 authorizes the CMSD to raise \$200 million through the sale of bonds for the construction of new buildings and substantial rehab of existing buildings. The state will match funds used for new and substantial rehabilitation with \$2 for every dollar the district raises if the proposed construction fits the State of Ohio's school construction criterion.

In addition to the state's matching funds, at the September 15th meeting of the Cleveland Transformation Alliance it was announced that all new schools will be required to continued on page 4



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Thursday, October 16, 2014; Esperanza Threads, 1370 W. 69th Street: (L-R) Pramila Subba and Ramona Priah hold up pieces of fabric they have cut to make into scarves.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON
Saturday, September 27th, 2014; Edgewater Park, Kids Zone, NEOCycle HUB event: Delaney McDaniel, age 9, of the West Boulevard neighborhood, tries out the track set up for the Kids Cruise.



The Plain Press Community Board is a listing of a variety of free activities and resources for neighborhoods served by the Plain Press. It is sponsored by Organize! Ohio through donations from readers and supporters.

ARTS AND CULTURE
DAY OF THE DEAD/DIA DE MUERTOS will be held on Saturday, November 1 from 11 am to 10 pm at the Cleveland Public Theatre Church and Parish Hall at 6205 Detroit Ave. Procession will begin at 3:30 p.m.. This is a free event sponsored by “ALU” (Artistas Latinos Unidos), Cleveland Public Theatre, and Detroit Shoreway. For more information, log onto www.diademuertosoio.com or call 216/235-0811.
VEILS AND VESPER is a sound installation series of ongoing electronic music composed by John Luther Adams. The Cleveland Museum of Art will present it at St. John's Episcopal Church at 2600 Church Ave. on Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 6 pm through November. For more information, search for John

Luther Adams at CMA's website <http://www.clevelandart.org/>

CHILDREN
AFTER SCHOOL SWING DANCE PROGRAM. The Cleveland Junior Jitterbugs, now has openings for children in grades 5 through 8 living in the Old Brooklyn or Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods. The dance class meets Tuesday and Wednesdays from 4:10 pm – 5 pm at Archwood Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood. The instructor is Valerie Salstrom.
AMERICA READS TUTORS are available at Carnegie West Library for students grades K-8 after school for help in History, Language Arts, Math and Science. Free one-on-one and/or group tutoring is offered. Stationed in the children's room, tutors are available Mondays 3:30-6; Tuesdays 3:00-6:00; Wednesdays 3:30-6:00; and Thursdays 4:30-6:00. No registration or appointments are required.

COMMUNITY MEAL
A FREE COMMUNITY MEAL is held at 1 pm on the 4th Sunday of every month at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3114 Scranton Rd. All are welcome. For more information, call 216/861-6297.

COMMUNITY PLANNING
SPEAKERS ON COMMUNITY SAFETY, sponsored by the Cudell Improvement's Midwest Safety Team and Councilman Matt Zone, Ward 15, will appear on Tuesday, November 11 at Cudell Recreation Center. The event will start at 6 pm, and light refreshments will be served. The event will be followed by a series of public gatherings throughout 2015 on various safety topics. For further information, call Cudell's safety staffer Birgit Hilliard at 216/631-SAFE.
THE DETROIT SHOREWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION'S STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING will be held at Zone Recreation Center on November 12. Registration and dinner is from 5:30 to 6 pm and the community meeting is from 6 to 7:30 pm. For more information, call 216/961-4242.

THE FIRST CITY BEAUTIFUL IMAGINE FACTORY POWERED BY PECHAKUCHS will be hosted by The City Club of Cleveland: Can a parking lot be better served as a vibrant green

space? What are the possibilities for our lakefront? Join us as speakers from a variety of backgrounds present their ideas for 1.) transforming blighted or life design issues facing our city, 2.) to formulate possible solutions, 3.) to engage the public in thinking about our built environment, 4.) to have a good time, and 5.) to imagine what our city might be. The event will be held November 6 beginning at 5:30 pm at 850 Euclid Ave. 2nd floor. It is free and open to anyone interested in re-imagining Cleveland. Registration is required: log onto <https://cityclub.org/events/city-beautiful-s-imagine-factory-powered-by-pechakucha>. If you interested in being a presenter, contact them at citybeautifulcleveland@gmail.com.

THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) is conducting a survey of area residents who use public and private transportation services. To take the survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TransportationNOACA2014>. If you prefer to phone in your answers, call Jim Thompson, Mobility Manager at 216/241-2414, ext. 275. The survey will be available through November 7.

A TOWPATH TRAIL OPEN HOUSE will be held on Thursday, November 6 from 5 – 7 pm at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church at 2187 West 14th Street. RSVP to Amilyn at acedergreen@mbakercorp.com
TREMONT'S CAN HELP MAKE TREMONT HEALTHIER. Tremont West Development Corp. is working to make affordable, quality produce available in neighborhood corner stores. You can help by taking a 5-minute survey by logging onto <http://conta.cc/13Y2grU> or obtaining a copy from Lindsay Smetana at 216/575-0920 x 102 or lindsaysmetana@tremontwest.org. You can also stop by the Tremont West Development Corp. at 2406 Professor Ave. La encuesta se ofrece en Ingles y en Espanol.

COMPUTER TRAINING
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Please call between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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Dear Plain Press Readers and Supporters,

This year marks the 43rd anniversary of the *Plain Press*, a free community newspaper founded in 1971 to present issues and community news to residents of Cleveland's west side. In 2014 the *Plain Press* continues its mission of presenting issues and news at no charge to its 40,000 readers on a monthly basis.

The *Plain Press*' ability to continue to serve the west side neighborhood of Cleveland is due in large part to the contributions of readers and supporters in the annual Friends of the Plain Press Campaign. The Friends of the Plain Press Campaign was established following the successful 2011 40th anniversary fundraiser. The *Plain Press* reached out to readers and supporters and you came through in a big way to help sustain the newspaper.

This year, we are again asking you to make a donation to the *Plain Press* to ensure that the newspaper moves forward. To mark its 43rd anniversary we are asking you for a donation of \$43 or a reflection of its 43 years of operation (e.g. \$86, \$143, \$430). It will help subsidize the operations of the newspaper, but will be specifically used to support the *Plain Press*' Community Board that lists free events and resources for area non-profit organizations.

A separate *Plain Press* fund has been established for the newspaper by Organize! Ohio (a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization). Checks should be made out to **Organize Ohio and sent to 3500 Lorain Avenue, Suite 501 A, Cleveland, Ohio 44113**. Your contribution is tax deductible. To make online donations you can link to the Organize! Ohio Pay Pal through the *Plain Press* website: www.plainpress.org.

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Sincerely,

Gail Long (Fundraising Committee) Larry Bresler (Fundraising Committee & Co-Coordinator 1970's)

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Stockyard Clark-Fulton and Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office celebrates another year of progress

The Stockyard Clark-Fulton and Brooklyn Center Community Development Office (SCFBC) held its annual Community Celebration on October 2nd at the W. 58th Church of God.

The organization, which serves over 26,000 residents in an area that spans parts of five City Council Wards, distributed its annual report to those in attendance at the celebration. SCFBC boundaries stretch from I-90 and Train Avenue on the North and the Brookside Valley on the South and from W. 25th Street to W. 82nd Street going east to west.

The annual report indicates the organization's expenditures in 2013 were \$786, 292. The 2013 expenditures exceeded income by \$14,068. The bulk of the organization's expenses went to cover staff and administrative costs. SCFBC has fifteen staff members, including three that work on the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), which the office administers. In addition to HEAP, SCFBC lists its accomplishments in the annual report under Code Enforcement and Housing Development; Economic Development; Greenspace Development and Vacant Land Reutilization and Community Involvement.

This past year SCFBC experienced a transition in staff leadership. Long time Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization Executive Director Jeff Ramsey moved his office to the SCFBC Community Development Office to directly administer the program. The former director of SCFBC, Megan Meister, moved on

taking a position with Neighborhood Family Practice. SCFBC also has a twelve member Community Advisory Council chaired by Gloria Ferris with Bill Graham serving as Vice Chair.

Advisory Council Chair Gloria Ferris offered an example of the organization's effectiveness in its efforts to monitor and contribute to the reconstruction of Denison Avenue. She noted residents' influence in the design of the bike lanes along Denison. She said residents also stepped up and forced the delay of the start of the reconstruction of Denison when they feared the short notice of the pending construction would have caused severe problems for RTA passengers, area school buses and area businesses. Ferris outlined a number of accomplishments of the organization over the past year and urged all to attend an upcoming meeting on MetroHealth Medical Center's Campus Transformation Plan and the Stockyard Neighborhood Bike-a-thon.

Cyle Dixon, age 17, and Alexis Davila, age 15, members of the Cleveland Junior Jitterbugs, entertained the audience with a dance performance. In August of this year, the pair won the Junior World Lindy Hop Championship in Washington D.C. The Junior Jitterbugs started when instructor Valerie Salstrom started teaching dance to students at Denison School. At the urging of students, who wanted to practice dance beyond the time allotted at school, Salstrom began offering the program at Archwood United Church of Christ after school. Later in the program, **continued on page 7**



PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN

Thursday, October 2, 2014; Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office Annual Celebration, West 58th Street Church of God: Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins presents the Cleveland Junior Jitterbugs with a Community Spirit Award. To his immediate right are Junior World Lindy Hop Champions Cyle Dixon, age 17, and Alexis Davila, age 15, who entertained the crowd at the annual celebration by dancing the jitterbug. The pair, winners of the Junior International Lindy Hop Championship in Washington D. C. in August of 2014, are members of the Cleveland Junior Jitterbugs taught by instructor (far right) Valerie Salstrom at Archwood Church of Christ.

St. Barbara Church will shine brightly in the night

To the Editor:
During the week of October 6, 2014, the Cleveland Restoration Society electrical contractor completed the work for the St. Barbara Church Lighting.

Letter

St. Barbara Church, located at 1505 Denison Avenue, was founded in 1905 and in 2012 named as a Designated Landmark by the Cleveland Landmarks Commission. It has now been included along with other local area Churches into the Sacred Landmarks Steeple Lighting Program. The Reinhold W. Erickson Fund of The Cleveland Foundation

provided the funding for the lighting. The four sides of the St. Barbara Church Bell Tower, along with the Statue of St. Barbara located at the front exterior of the Church, and the "St. Barbara" Grill Work over the main front exterior entrance of the Church doors, both facing Denison Avenue, have now been illuminated and are visible during the night hours. This lighting permits St. Barbara's Church to be visible at night within the local neighborhood community. The illuminated Bell Tower of the Church as well is now visible at night from the West 14th Street on ramp to I-71, the

Jennings 176 freeway and the Steel Yard Commons shopping center. This local Church shines brightly with a warm welcome to all, and as stated in the Church weekly bulletin. "We are a welcoming Roman Catholic Parish that cherishes the Polish heritage of our founders and celebrates the diversity of all who enter, thus striving to give glory to God through worship and service to the community." This Church lighting offers positive hope for a bright future for the neighborhood community of Brooklyn Centre. *John Baran Resident Brooklyn Centre Neighborhood*

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Thursday, October 16, 2014, Grand Opening of the Cleveland Branch of First Federal of Lakewood in the Gordon Square Arts District, 6610 Detroit Avenue: First Federal of Lakewood President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Fraser (front center) prepares to cut the ribbon held by Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone (front left) and Joseph Tegreene, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (front right). In the second row are: First Federal Lakewood Board Chair Ronald W. Dees, Director Gary R. Fix, Gordon Square Branch Manager Samantha Semick, First Federal Lakewood Director W. Charles Geiger III and First Federal Lakewood Director Rebecca Ruppert McMahon.

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have two pre-school classrooms and that Ohio is applying for federal Race to the Top dollars to help fund preschool expansion.

Issue 4 also calls for a half mill of property tax to be dedicated to maintenance – so even if your neighborhood school is not slated for a new building, funds from the maintenance fund can be used to refresh and update the building. This half mill is expected to raise \$2.5 million per year for the district's maintenance fund.

In seeking support for the bond issue, the Board of Education notes that it has adopted the City of Cleveland Community Benefits Agreement to guide future construction. The agreement prioritizes the hiring of city residents, minorities, females and small businesses on its construction projects. The district also promises that the independent Bond Accountability Commission, set up to monitor the bond issue in 2001, would continue to monitor the use of bond funds.

West Side Clusters
For those who don't have access

to a computer to check on plans for the schools on the CMSD Facilities Master Plan Cluster Map what follows is a brief summary of some of the plans for building new or refurbishing existing schools in clusters which serve parts of the *Plain Press* readership area.

Cluster 1: Kamm's Corner/Bellaire Puritas:

The Cluster One Map shows 13 school buildings. Four of those buildings are new Pre-K-8 buildings built as a result of the 2001 bond issue: Riverside, Artemus Ward, Garfield and Robinson G. Jones.

The facilities plan calls for working with the community to accommodate future growth at Valley View Boys Leadership Academy and Douglas MacArthur Girls Leadership Academy.

The plan calls for building a replacement Newton D. Baker on its current site, and updating the Carl B. Schuler and Clara Westropp school buildings.

The CMSD's updated facilities plan calls for students from McKinley to transition over a number of years to Wilbur Wright in Cluster II. McKinley will then be closed and demolished.

The Carl F. Schuler building, which currently is housing John Marshall High School students while they await the opening of their new school, will be refreshed and updated and maintained at its current location.

Nathaniel Hawthorne, which is currently housing John Marshall High School's 9th grade students will serve as a swing space after the students move to John Marshall next school year. After its use as swing space, plans call for it to be closed and demolished.

The new John Marshall High School is scheduled to open next school year.

The Brooklawn building will continue to house the new Bard College program at least through the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Cluster two: Detroit Shoreway, Cudell, Edgewater and West Boulevard (and Northwestern part of Stockyard neighborhood):

The Cluster Two Map currently shows 12 schools (including both the new and old Max Hayes High Schools).

As was indicated in the Cluster 1 report, Wilbur Wright will gradually absorb students from McKinley school in Cluster 1. According to the Bond Accountability Commission's enrollment report in January of 2014 Wilbur Wright had 398 students and McKinley had 265 students. The Wilbur Wright building has the

capacity to hold 720 students. The district's plan is to upgrade and refresh the facility to accommodate the new students.

This cluster currently has one new building, the Almira PreK-8 building. It has one renovated building, Luisa May Alcott. The new Max Hayes High School on Walworth in the Stockyard neighborhood will open in 2015.

If voters approve Issue 4, the facilities plan calls for building three new replacement schools for H. Barbara Booker, Marion C. Selzer and Waverly on their current sites. Students will be moved to swing sites during construction.

Watterson Lake School will be closed and sold for redevelopment. Watterson Lake students will transition to other schools or attend the new Waverly school when it is completed.

Joseph Gallagher and Louis Agassiz schools will be refreshed and updated.

The fate of the current Max Hayes High School is undecided. The summary for the site gives two options – exploring building another high school on the site, or swapping the land for another site for a high school.

Halle School, which is currently empty, will serve as a swing site.

Cluster Three: Ohio City and Tremont:

Cluster Three Facilities Map shows seven schools. Three of the schools are new: Buhner Dual Language School, Orchard and Dunbar.

Garrett Morgan-School of Science has four options listed in the facilities plan, though they look more like a series of steps leading to the sale of the building: The first is to explore using the site or the current building for a new west side high school. The second option is to Move New Tech West and the Garrett Morgan School of Science to Carl F. Shuler in Cluster one. The third option is to use the building as a swing site during construction of a new west side high school. The fourth option says, "When planning is completed, if it is determined that this building and possibly the adjoining Kentucky building are no longer needed as schools, then consideration should be given to exploring a sale of the property." Kentucky school building, which is on the same property as Garrett Morgan and shares a boiler system, currently houses Near West Intergenerational School, a charter school.

The facilities plan calls for Tremont Montessori School to continue as a PreK-8 Montessori school. Two options are listed in the district's facilities plan. The first option is to maintain the building and determine the appropriate scope of work to continue to use it as a school. The second option is to build a replacement school on the site and swing students to a nearby school during construction.

At a recent Lincoln Heights Block Club meeting in Tremont, Tremont West Development Corporation Executive Director Cory Riordan talked of adding a third option for Tremont School – building a new school on the back of the parcel and retaining the current school building for an alternative use. Riordan says TWDC plans to hold a meeting to get public input on the three options for the school after the November 4th vote on the bond issue.

The facilities plan calls for Scranton and Louis Muñoz Marin schools to be refreshed and updated.

Cluster Four: Clark Fulton and Stockyard neighborhoods

The Cluster Four Facilities Map shows four schools.

The Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy is the only new school in the cluster.

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Planning Commission tells Lorain Ave. used car dealer – it is time to move on

by Chuck Hoven

At the October 17th City Planning Commission Meeting in Cleveland City Hall the application of A & E Auto Services and Sales at 4157 Lorain Avenue for a conditional use permit to continue operating at their current location was turned down. In 2011 the area of Lorain Avenue where the used car lot is located changed to a Pedestrian Retail Overlay (PRO) District, which doesn't allow used car lots. The car lot would have been "grandfathered" and allowed to stay, except the owners never applied for a certificate of occupancy for the site.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny A & E Auto Services and Sales' application for a conditional use permit in the Pedestrian Retail Overlay District on Lorain Avenue.

Testifying before the City Planning Commission, Tony and Ted Perez, owners of A & E Auto Services and Sales at 4157 Lorain Avenue, stated

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The plan calls for the district to work with parents and stakeholders to determine how "to best maximize the programs in the space of this building."

The facilities plan calls for a new PreK-8 school to be built on the site of Clark School. Students will move to a nearby swing school during construction.

The plan calls for maintaining Walton school, but with a recommendation that a discussion be started with the community about transitioning students to other buildings. The district believes the school is unsuitable for this climate.

The recommendation of the plan for Lincoln West High School is to maintain the building while doing a study to determine the best way to configure the building to serve 1,000 students.

Cluster Five: Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods

The Cluster Five Facilities Plan Map has six schools.

One of the schools, James Ford Rhodes High School has been renovated as a result of funds from the 2001 bond issue. Plans call for maintaining the school at the site.

Plans call for building a new William Rainey Harper school on its current site.

The facilities plan also calls a replacement PreK-8 Denison School. The district recommends expanding the site for the school so as to create more visible green space and create a presence on Denison Avenue.

In the short run the district plan calls for Charles Mooney to serve as swing space when Denison school is built. When the new Denison is up and running, the plan suggests that students from Mooney to be transitioned to other nearby schools and the building be closed.

The facilities plan calls for maintaining William Cullen Bryant and Benjamin Franklin Schools.

Editor's Note: Sources used for the above article include: *School Board passes draft of facilities plan extension*, July 2014 Plain Press; *Master Plan 18 Cluster Analysis*, Bond Accountability Commission, June 2014; *Issue 4 would continue CMSD's Investment in neighborhoods*, press release from CMSD consultant Patti Choby, October 2014; *Cleveland Transformation Alliance minutes*, September 15, 2014; and the *Facilities Master Plan Cluster Map* found on the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's website at: www.clevelandmetroschools.org/page/5895.

that in thirteen and a half years nobody has ever approached them to tell them their business didn't have certificate of occupancy and was therefore illegally operating. Ted Perez said in all the years they have been running the business, "Nobody reached out" to tell us we needed an occupancy permit. He said, now, he believes they are "running us out" because a business down the street needs parking," he said in reference to the Platform Beer Co. opening nearby his business.

Ted and Tony Perez noted that the location has been a car lot for over 30 years. They said they complied with landscaping changes for the front of their building and have closed off the Lorain Avenue entrance of the lot. They said they were minority owners of the business and never have had a problem.

City Planning Commission Chairman Anthony Coyne said to the Perez brothers that saying they didn't know the certificate of occupancy was required "didn't hold water." He said ignorance of the law was no excuse for not following the law. Coyne told the Perez brothers the new Pedestrian Retail Overlay District did not allow used car lots and thus they were not entitled to a conditional use permit. He suggested it was time to find a new location. "This part of Lorain Avenue has changed," he said.

At the Planning Commission hearing Tony Perez also wanted to make it clear there was an effort to run his business out of the neighborhood because another business wanted his property. Before learning he didn't have a certificate of occupancy and had to go before the Planning Commission because of the Pedestrian Retail Overlay District, Perez says he was scheduled to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals to apply for a variance for his used car lot. Perez says he learned of an August 6th block club meeting discussing his property and attended the meeting where residents were generally supportive of his used car

lot getting a variance to stay in the neighborhood. That changed when Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman warned neighbors that if Perez's used car lot got a variance, then McDonald's would get their variance approved.

Tremont activist Henry Senyak, testifying on behalf of the Perez brothers said thought it was unfair for Councilman Cimperman to try to link the variance approval of Perez's car lot to McDonald's, he said the car lot should be judged on its own merit. Chairman Coyne said, "I agree with you."

Senyak also argued that a complaint about A & E registered with the City of Cleveland Building and Housing Department prior to the creation of the Pedestrian Retail Overlay District in 2011 was never followed up on. He wondered why they were not cited at that time for an illegal use (not having a certificate of occupancy) yet now that the PRO was in place they were being cited for the same violation. He suggested that if they had been cited earlier they could have applied for a variance before the Board of Zoning Appeals and if approved obtained a certificate of occupancy. Now with the PRO District in place, that was not possible.

Senyak noted that there were ten other used car lots in the PRO District on Lorain Avenue and only seven had certificates of occupancy. He suggested that this was selective enforcement and the city and Ohio City Inc. were using their muscle to eliminate a minority business.

Ohio City Executive Director Tom McNair making the case for citing the A & E Auto Services and Sales lot, said the used car lot was never a legally established use. He said the lot had a history of illegally parked cars on the public right of way and using the public sidewalk to move cars onto another parcel. He said used car lot was not targeted, but the investigation was triggered when a local architect called to complain about a parking lot being built next to the used car lot. While

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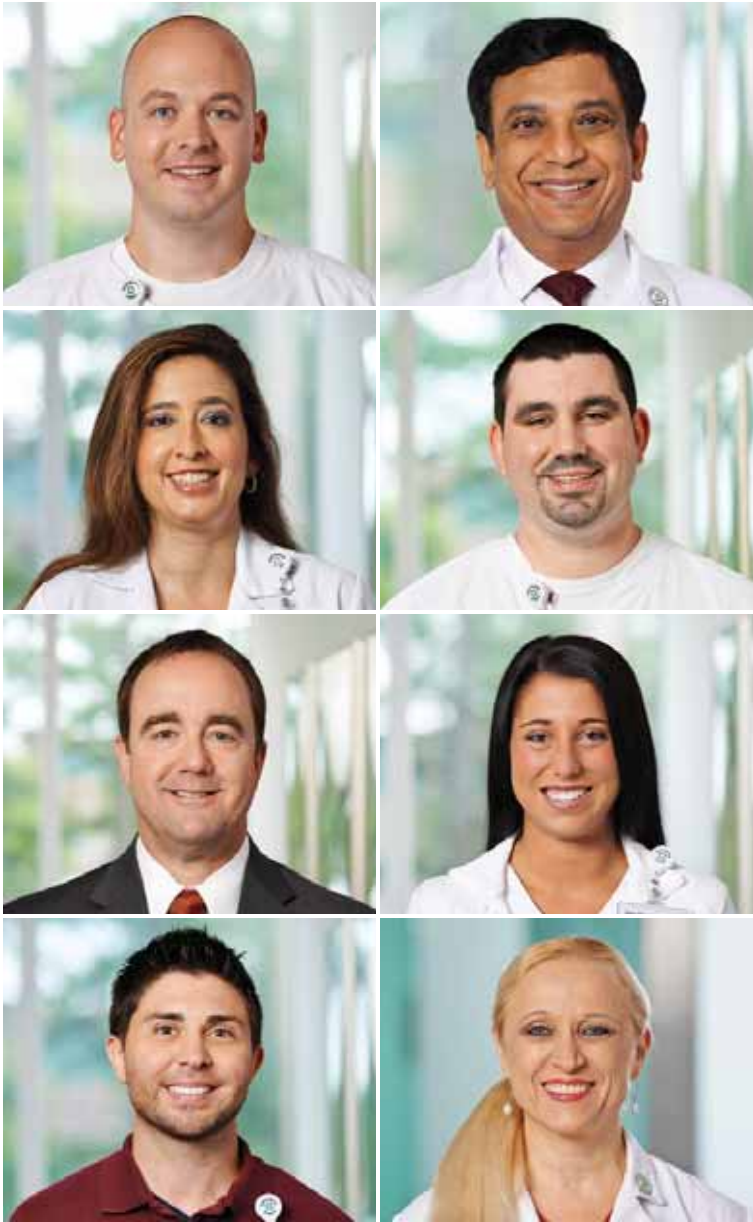
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- CMSD would build 20 to 22 new schools and refurbish 20 to 23 schools **without raising taxes.**
- The state would contribute more than \$2 for every \$1 the District spends on new construction.
- The bond issue would have an estimated net economic impact of \$456.8 million in local and state funds.
- Issue 4 would generate \$2.5 million a year for maintaining schools **without raising taxes.**
- CMSD has spent its construction dollars prudently while building and renovating 41 schools. The District saved \$42.2 million by refinancing and paying off debt early.
- The school board has prioritized jobs for city residents, minorities, women and small businesses on construction projects.
- The facilities plan, aligned to *The Cleveland Plan*, allows flexibility to start new school models and provide access to quality options in every neighborhood.
- The independent Bond Accountability Commission, which was created in 2001, would continue to monitor the use of bond funds.

Lincoln Heights Block Club seeks solution to traffic woes on Scranton

Traffic on Scranton Road north of Clark was once again a major topic of discussion at the Lincoln Heights Block Club's October 20th meeting. Block Club Chairperson Henry Senyak said he has seen no evidence that traffic studies have been underway as City of Cleveland Commissioner of Traffic Engineering and Streets Rob Mavec promised at the December 2013 meeting of the block club. Senyak said there are still issues of speeding traffic. With two public schools, and a CMHA senior building along the corridor, there are many people out walking and crossing the street safely has become a challenge.

Several residents and business owners testified that once vehicles cross Clark, Scranton becomes a racetrack from Clark Avenue north to the towpath trail. Many of the block club's suggestions to Commissioner Mavec for Scranton from Clark to the towpath trail were shot down, said Senyak. Mavec told the block club their idea to double the length of the 20 miles per hour school zones violated state code that only allows

a school zone on the block where the school is located.

Block club members suggested Scranton be a single lane in each direction with dedicated turn lanes. Traffic turning at the corner of Scranton and Kenilworth was cited as being particularly troublesome. Another person mentioned truck traffic heading to Steelyard via Scranton and Clark.

Some residents felt that the traffic calming (the use of various means to slow down traffic) on W. 14th led to more traffic on Scranton. They also expressed concern of additional traffic moving to Scranton because of the repaving of W. 25th Street and the closure of the Columbus Road Bridge. A concern was also expressed that with more bicycles now coming down Scranton to go to the new towpath trail the situation calls for traffic calming before someone gets seriously hurt.

Another argument for the need for traffic calming on Scranton was that the offices and apartments in the Sustainable Community Associates' Fairmont Creamery at W. 17th and

Wiley would soon be open adding additional people and local traffic to the area. Another development proposed by the Sustainable Community Associates at the Ohio Awning Building on Scranton, if implemented, would mean more local residents in the area.

Rose Zitiello, a property owner on the street, suggested bringing the concerns about traffic calming on Scranton to the attention of City Council at a Monday night meeting.

Ohio Awning President Andrew Morse said that the city of Cleveland's decision to eliminate parking on Scranton in front of Ohio Awning has exasperated the problem of speeding. "The parking on the street used to slow people down because there was only one lane. Now with two lanes of traffic we have a race track," he said.

Tremont West Development Corporation Executive Director Cory Riordan said the argument made by residents that additional traffic is being diverted to Scranton because of the repaving of W. 25th along with

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PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN
Thursday, October 2, 2014; Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office Annual Celebration, West 58th Street Church of God: Father James Mayer of St. Rocco Parish accepts an award from Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli honoring the church for hosting 100 years of Labor Day celebrations in the neighborhood.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION
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Junior Jitterbugs were awarded a Community Spirit Award.

City Council representatives presented a number of Community Awards to organizations and individuals for their contributions to the community over the past year.

Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman presented gardeners from the International Village and Frontier Gardeners with Green Thumb Awards.

Councilman Brian Cummins presented a Neighborhood Improvement Award to artist John Rivera Resto for the "It's Up To Us" mural on the side of the Medical Office building on the corner of W. 25th and Clark Avenue. Cummins noted youths from the Mural My Neighborhood Program were among those who assisted Rivera Resto with the project which took over two years to reach completion.

Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone presented a Community Spirit Award to Prince of Peace Outreach and Delivery Ministries POPCE for their Hot Dog Fundraisers.

Sachsenheim Hall, an institution in the neighborhood for over eighty years, was presented the Business of the Year award by Councilman Matt Zone.

Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman presented Bonnie Walker with a Community Champion Award for her work in the W. 70th and Camden neighborhood.

Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins presented members of the

Brookside Stadium Preservation Society with a Community Champion Award for their work.

Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli announced SCFBC partner of the year as Edward Rybka, Chief of Regional Development for the City of Cleveland.

Councilman Bracatelli also presented a proclamation honoring St. Rocco Church for 100 years of hosting a Labor Day celebration.

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Saturday, September 27th, 2014; Edgewater Park, Kids Zone, NEOCycle HUB event: A Cyclocross racer pedals along an obstacle filled track.

ESPERANZA THREADS

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graduates seek jobs in Cleveland's sewing industry. Companies hiring graduates of the program include: National Safety Apparel, Acme Lifting, Hugo Boss, Drifter Bags, Sensical, Samsel Supply, Team Wendy, Lamport and Esperanza Threads.
For the past three years, Esperanza Threads has been located in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood in the former

Isabelle's Bakery building on W. 69th Street. The building also has an entrance in the parking lot at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel from the W. 70th street side of the large space.
Esperanza Threads founder, Ursuline Sister Mary Eileen Boyle, says she founded the organization in June of 2000 with the goal of "helping people to get good jobs." Three years ago, Esperanza Threads, had to seek a new home, when the Sisters of Charity decided to sell the building in which they were located in Bedford.

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Luis Muñoz Marin mentoring program receives an assist from Wal-Mart

CMSD NEWS BUREAU-- Walmart came this September with a \$1,000 check for Luis Muñoz Marin School, but school leaders are convinced that there's a much bigger payoff to come for their students.
That's because the cash donation is really just secondary support for "Mi Futuro" (Spanish for "My Future") a yearlong mentoring program for eighth-graders at the bilingual school.
Olga Scott, who serves as the site coordinator at the school on Cleveland's West Side, helped land the Walmart program. It is the retailer's first venture into Northeast Ohio with "Mi Futuro."
Site coordinators work at designated CMSD schools, providing community "wraparound" services that are tailored to the needs of the students and are designed to help the children and their families overcome obstacles to success. The coordinators are paid through a program funded by

CMSD, the United Way of Greater Cleveland and other contributors. They work under the supervision of the school and a lead agency, in this case the Hispanic education-advocacy group Esperanza.
Heather Haberer, a regional human resources manager for Walmart, spoke to the teens for

about 20 minutes before they broke into smaller groups to get to know the mentors who would be meeting with them monthly through the school year.
The other mentors were Maurice Moore, a market human resources manager; Rose Bardwell, a shift
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the long term impact proposed bike lanes and parking lanes on W. 25th would have on Scranton grabbed his attention. He believed those arguments would help him make a case to the city as to why it is important to meet with those along the Scranton corridor about doing a traffic study.
Block Club Chair Henry Senyak asked that the meeting be set up with City of Cleveland Director of Public Works Michael Cox, Ward

3 Councilman Joe Cimperman and Commissioner Mavec. Block Club member Georgiann Franko suggested that the meeting, even if it was just a meeting with a committee from the block club, should take place before the holidays.
In an email to Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman the day after the block club meeting Senyak requested the meeting on traffic calming along the Scranton corridor be held in a venue large enough to hold 50 to 100 people. Cimperman responded by email saying, "We will reach out to traffic engineering and schedule a meeting."

Sister Mary Eileen says locating in the Isabelle's Bakery space in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood has been "a dream come true." The spacious former bakery provides ample space for Esperanza Threads to operate its programs. The bus line on Detroit Avenue provides easy access for area residents seeking training to use industrial sewing machines. Nearby organizations such as Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services, El Barrio, St. Colman and West Bethel Baptist Church have been sources of referrals of people "with a desire to change their lives" by pursuing a career in Cleveland's sewing industry.
Most of the industrial sewing jobs are entry-level jobs paying minimum wage. Some graduates with more training receive \$10 per hour. All receive benefits at their jobs, says Sister Mary Eileen. In the future, Sister Mary Eileen says Esperanza Threads hopes to start a second program with three months of paid training in order to help graduates apply for higher skilled positions with higher pay. She believes this will increase the placement rate as well.
Emerging from the recession has helped to place graduates of Esperanza Threads this year. Local companies are hiring graduates from Esperanza Threads. Sister Mary Ellen admires the work ethic of many of the migrant/refugees that have been referred to the program by Catholic Charities. She says they live together in a community and pull

their resources giving their families some financial stability. She noted one graduate who had been riding his bicycle to a job at National Safety Apparel on W. 150th in the Bellaire Puritas neighborhood, proudly told her he had saved enough to purchase a car. She noted that taking the bus to jobs at various companies means some graduates are leaving their homes at 4:30 a.m. to get to work on time. For some jobs, which lack access by public transit, cars are a necessity, said Sister Mary Eileen.
Sister Mary Eileen marvels at the "energy and spirit" of the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood. Say says, "people from all over come here." She noted how supportive the neighbors are to the program. The former owner of the building, Mr. Isabelle, and other immediate neighbors, "watch the place and help us take care of it." Neighbors have also been supportive in purchasing products made by Esperanza Threads and in making donations to the organization, says Sister Mary Eileen.
Manufacturing and Sales
Executive Director Bohnsack says Esperanza Threads has six employees and ten volunteers that are involved in its mission of job training and manufacturing, stocking and packaging products for sale. Esperanza Threads produces an array of organic and non-organic high quality products for sale. A visit to Esperanza Threads website, www.esperanzathreads.com,

[com](http://www.esperanzathreads.com), describes the organic cotton clothing it produces that will allow health conscious consumer to purchase chemical free clothing. Some products offered for sale online include baby items, adult t-shirts, ladies dress shirts, sweats, meditation robes and linens. Sister Mary Eileen says workers take pride in the high quality well made clothing they produce.
Esperanza Threads is currently working with the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization in hopes of having a space in a pop-up storefront to display its products during the months of November and December.
Esperanza Threads also contracts with various organizations to make products. On a recent visit to Esperanza Threads, Esperanza Threads employee and program graduate Ramona Priah sews Lavender Pillows that are sold through a catalog called Monastery Greetings. Priah says the lavender herbs sewed into the pillow, help people to relax and sleep. She testifies that she has tried the pillows and they work. On another visit, Priah is working with another graduate of the program, Pramila Subba, using a pattern to cut as many scarfs as the can from a piece of fabric leftover from another job. Other products made for various contracts include ponchos, blankets and tablecloths.
Priah, a long time Cleveland resident, and Subba, originally from Bhutan, resettled in Cleveland from a refugee camp in Nepal, are examples of some of the graduates from Esperanza Threads. Sister Mary Eileen estimates that 75% of those receiving training in the program are migrants or refugees. She says migrants and refugees participating in the program have come from a variety of nations including: Burma, Bhutan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo, Burundi, Liberia, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania and El Salvador.

Sister Mary Eileen says one of the goals of Esperanza Threads is to develop a sustainable base of income from sales and contracts to help support the organization's mission. She says currently sales and contracts account for about 75% of the organization's income. The remainder of its income comes from outside funding and donations. The organization plans a spaghetti diner fundraiser on Monday, November 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Editor's Note: For more information about Esperanza Threads, its programs, products or upcoming fundraiser, call 216-961-9009 or visit their website at www.esperanzathreads.com.



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CMSD plans new buildings for 21st Century education



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CMSD's new master facilities plan was drafted with that connection in mind.

The facilities plan, which the Board of Education approved in June, calls for building 20 to 22 schools and refurbishing 20 to 23 others.

Projects are contingent on voters approving a November ballot issue that authorizes \$200 million in bonds for construction and a half-mill property tax for maintenance. The state would add more than \$2 for every \$1 that the District contributes to construction.

The plan continues a badly needed modernization campaign that the District and state launched after the gym roof at the former East High collapsed 14 years ago.

Since then, CMSD has built 34 schools and fully renovated seven others. That includes new homes for John Marshall High School, Max S. Hayes High School and Cleveland School of the Arts that are under construction and scheduled to be ready next year.

Aligned with the District's portfolio strategy, the revised plan will ensure that excellent learning environments are within reach no matter where families live.

CMSD does not propose to add buildings. The construction projects would provide CMSD with the flexibility to continue creating new and innovative school models, like the new Bard High School

Early College Cleveland, Cleveland High School for Digital Arts, E³agle Academy and PACT (Problem-based Academy of Critical Thinking), all of which opened this year in existing facilities.

At the same time, the distribution of facilities projects would ensure that neighborhoods across the District have access to modern public schools.

The District is working to maintain the community's faith that CMSD has the right academic plan and the right facilities plan to fully transform its schools and neighborhoods. Another factor of

Issue 4 will allow for construction of 20 to 22 new schools, refurbishing of 20 to 23 schools and generation of \$2.5 million for building maintenance without raising taxes.

interest to residents is that school construction also would bring jobs to the community.

Toward that end, the Board of Education has adopted the city's Community Benefits Agreement for construction projects. The agreement will place priority on hiring city residents, minorities, women and small businesses.





PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON
Sunday, September 28, 2014; North Union Farmers' Market at Ohio City, United Building Parking Lot, 2012 W. 25th Street: Abby Woolf of Woolf Farms in East Rochester Ohio sells apples and cider.

MENTORING PROGRAM

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manager; Amber Scimone, an assistant manager; and Marlene Perez, a market human resources manager.

Haberer, who grew up in foster homes in the Buffalo, N.Y., area and then came to Cleveland as a

single mom with two children, told the Muñoz Marin students that she had to get over acute anger issues but that she had learned that she did not have to do it alone.

"And neither do you," she said. "You're already miles ahead of where I was at your age because you have people reaching out to help you now."

Principal Jeff Keruski gushed over the morning presentation and the how the program philosophy aligns with his own.

"Sure, we can use the money to buy some little things to offer as incentive," he said, "but I'm already inspired today just hearing the first interaction with our scholars. I believe in changing the hearts, souls and minds of everyone I meet, including our scholars, and this does just that."

MetroHealth offers internships, mentoring to Lincoln-West students

CMSD NEWS BUREAU The MetroHealth System will provide education, internships and mentoring to students from Lincoln-West High School in hopes of spurring the teenagers' interest in health careers.

Students will begin the two-year program as juniors. The first group of 28 spent a morning in early September at MetroHealth's hospital campus hearing words of welcome and touring the facilities.

MetroHealth's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Akram Boutros, told the students how an experience in adolescence changed his life and how the new program might alter theirs.

Boutros said he had been invited to join a gang at age 15, when he was hit and seriously injured by a truck while riding a bicycle. A man in the next bed at the hospital spoke about the importance of choices in life. Hours later, the man was dead,

but Boutros took his message to heart.

"I got to choose a different path; I think you guys are choosing a different path," he said. "People tell you, 'you can do anything'. You absolutely can."

Debbie Warman, MetroHealth's vice president of human resources, sits on the board of a new Friends of Lincoln-West group. The graduate of Cleveland Metropolitan School District's former West Tech High School said MetroHealth wants to attract students to the medical field while giving back to the community and building on a partnership that already includes providing primary and preventive health care to students in a mobile unit sent to Lincoln-West.

More than 70 juniors applied for the new program. A committee made selections based on a minimum attendance record of 90 percent, as well as recommendations from teachers and counselors.

"We didn't look at their Grade Point Averages (GPAs), though most of them do have good GPAs," said committee member Elizabeth Torres, who as the school's site coordinator organizes community "wraparound" services tailored to students' needs. "We picked kids we knew would stay with the program."

Principal Irene Javier said the program would expand in the future to 40 students per class.

The juniors will attend monthly lectures by MetroHealth doctors on health care topics and careers. The summer after junior year, the students will be offered three-week internships at MetroHealth.

As seniors, students will meet monthly with mentors at the hospital. Mentors will help the students sharpen emotional, practical and social interaction skills.

During the tour, the juniors visited parts of the hospital that included an operating room, the emergency room and an ambulance bay. Medical professionals spoke and answered questions about pay, hours and job satisfaction.

Raymond Salukombo stood close to each speaker and pressed for details. Walking one of the hospital corridors, he said was interested in continued on page 11

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Cleveland resident, Audrianna Farris, competes for title of Miss Ohio Teen USA

Cleveland West Side resident, Audrianna Farris, Miss Cleveland Teen USA, will compete for the title of Miss Ohio Teen USA. The competition is slated for November 8-9th in Portsmouth, Ohio. Over 100 Ohio teens representing communities throughout Ohio will participate in the competition.

The winner of the competition will hold the title Miss Ohio Teen USA 2015 and receive prizes, which include travel, wardrobe, and college scholarships. The winner will represent the State of Ohio in the Miss Teen USA competition in the summer of 2015.

Rooting for her granddaughter in the competition will be Sharon

Smith Farris, a resident of the West Boulevard neighborhood and an employee of Cogswell Hall on Franklin Boulevard.

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becoming a physician but is now intrigued by the possibility of serving as a paramedic aboard a helicopter.

Raymond said he applied for the MetroHealth program because it is not enough to hear about career opportunities. He wants to observe.

“When you see it, you know whether you like it,” he said. “There are so many jobs out there, it’s hard to know what you want to do.”

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FOOD PANTRY A **FOOD PANTRY** is sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Church for individuals and families living in 44109 or 44113 zip code areas on Mondays and Thursdays from 12:30 pm – 3 pm at 3114 Scranton Rd, You must have: proof of residency (such as a utility bill), identification cards, and children's social security cards or birth certificates. For more information, call 216/861-6297.

HEALTH CARE INTERNSHIPS **SUMMER PEDIATRIC RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM** is a 10-week program for college sophomores and juniors who are planning careers in health care professions, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy and research in Akron for 2015. Students begin the program in early-June and commit to working at least 24 hours per week at the hospital. A stipend is paid as a scholarship to each student's college or university. Participants are responsible for their own housing and accommodations. Applications, which must include two reference letters, are being accepted through Nov. 14. To apply, visit www.akronchildrens.org/sprs. A selective interview process will be conducted. Previous formal research experience is not required. Akron Children's Hospital is ranked a Best Children's Hospital by US News & World Report.

LGBT **MOMENTUM** will be presented by the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland at the Gordon Square Arcade at 6516 Detroit Ave. on Sunday, November 2 from 6 p.m -9 p.m. For more information call 216-651-5428.

MEDICARE **THE MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD** is from October 15 to December 7 and the State's nonprofit Ohio Senior

Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIIP) is available to assist Medicare recipients review their options and select Medicare coverage for 2015. Plan costs and benefits can change from year to year. A Check-up Days schedule and other Medicare information is available at www.insurance.ohio.gov, or by calling the OSHIIP hotline at 800/686-1578 or Medicare at 800/633-4227

MENTAL HEALTH AND ALCOHOL ABUSE **FREE ONLINE SCREENING** helps identify mental illness & alcohol addiction. The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County is promoting free video alcohol addiction and mental health screenings at <http://www.adamhsc.org>. The online screenings are anonymous, and allow individuals to identify warning signs and learn about local treatment resources.

RECYCLING **ON-GOING RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR SMALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, STYROFOAM, AND CAMPAIGN SIGNS** is sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Working and non-working small household appliances and personal electronic devices—as well as formed blocks of Styrofoam (no packing peanuts or food items), shrink wrap, plastic banding, election or campaign yard signs, and holiday lights --- can be dropped off in the District's lobby, located at 4750 East 131 Street in Garfield Heights. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. The District does not accept televisions or large appliances. Televisions (up to 32") can be recycled for free at any local Best Buy store. (Visit www.bestbuy.com/recycling.) For a complete list of items or more information, visit www.cuyahogawsd.org or call (216) 443-3749.

SEXUAL ABUSE/ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE **THE CLEVELAND RAPE CRISIS CENTER (CRCC)** offers free, comprehensive sexual violence services to women, children, men and the community, including a 24-hour hotline (216/619-6192), hospital advocacy, justice system advocacy, individual and group therapy, including talk and art therapies, and education and prevention programs. Call the hotline (above), call the offices at 216/619-6194, or visit www.clevelandrapecrisis.org. **NUUESTRA MISION.** Cleveland Rape Crisis Center se dedica a servir a los sobrevivientes de la violencia sexual y a los que los apoyan, con servicios gratuitos para aliviar a sanar y apoyar a los sobrevivientes, conjuntamente creamos el cambio social en la comunidad con la educación, el entrenamiento, y el activismo. **Si usted está en peligro o necesita una intervención de crisis, por favor:** Llame al 911; Llame a la línea del



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Saturday, September 27th, 2014; Monroe Street Cemetery, 3207 Monroe, the gateway arch at Monroe St. Cemetery: On Sunday September 21st Friends of Monroe Cemetery celebrated the restoration of the gatehouse at the cemetery.

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center: 216-619-6192. Los telefonistas solamente hablan ingles; Para servicios en español, llame a la línea nacional del “Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN), 1-800-656-HOPE (1-800-656-4673).

THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER'S purpose is to provide services to facilitate safe options and stability for domestic violence victims and their children, including justice system advocacy, police and hospital advocacy, safety plan assistance, support group, counseling services, 24 hour hotline (216/391-HELP), and shelter services. Domestic violence may include emotional and verbal abuse, physical or financial abuse, sexual abuse, controlling or intimidating behavior, isolation or manipulation. **THE CENTER'S LATINA PROJECT** of the offers culturally-sensitive services that take into consideration the realities of Latino life. Call 216/651-8484 or visit www.domesticviolencecenter.org.

ST. COLMAN'S CHURCH **INSTALLATION OF FR. CAROLI SHAO, AJ,** the new pastor at St. Colman's Church will be held Saturday, November 15th. at the 5 pm Mass by Bishop Lennon.

STATE BUDGET **JOIN A DISCUSSION TO DETERMINE WHAT YOU WANT IN THE OHIO STATE BUDGET.** The state budget affects child-care, cash and food assistance, elderly services, housing, public transportation, health and mental health, education, and disability programs. Sponsored by Northern Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality (NOBLE)., this meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 15 from 10 am to 2 pm. Registration begins at 9 am. It will be held at 3631 Perkins Ave., Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. To RSVP, contact Byron Solomon 216/651-2606 or www.nobleplatform2014.eventbrite.com.

VETERANS **THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION** assists Honorably Discharged Veterans and their minor children, spouses and widows who have met with an unexpected hardship resulting from lack of employment, illness or injury. Contact the Temporary Financial Assistance office at 216/698-2632, Veterans Memorial Affairs at 216/698-2655, or Veterans Service Department for assistance with the federal Veterans Administration

(VA) programs at 216/698-2393. You may also visit the Commission at 1849 Prospect Ave., across from the Wolstein Convocation Center from 8 am to 4 pm Monday-Friday.

VOTING **ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 4.** Early voting has already started For more information, visit The Board of Elections at <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/> **INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES AND ISSUES** Is available at an interactive 2014 General Election Voter Guide at cleveland.com/VoterGuide. The guide,

produced by the Northeast Ohio Media Group and the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, allows you to enter your address to see details about the candidates and issues specific to your ballot.

WATER **DRINK LOCAL, DRINK TAP** provides access to safe water in schools in east Africa, education through annual celebrations, events in schools and Making Waves Documentary, and volunteering events, fundraising, beach cleanups—in the Cleveland area. Visit www.DrinkLocalDrinkTap.org.

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St. Colman to celebrate installation of Rev. Caroli Shao as new pastor

St. Colman Parish will celebrate the installation of its new pastor, the Rev. Caroli Shao, at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 15. Bishop Richard Lennon will celebrate the Mass at St. Colman Church, 2057 W. 65th. The mass will be followed

by a reception in the parish hall. All are invited.
Father Caroli Shao will serve as pastor of both St. Colman and nearby St. Stephen parishes. He has already been installed as pastor of St. Stephen. Father Ben Koka,

Parochial Vicar, will be assisting Fr. Caroli Shao at both parishes.
Fr. Caroli Shao, age 49, was born on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania East Africa on May 4, 1965. He was ordained in the Order of the Apostles of Jesus in 1999.
Both Fr. Caroli Shao and Fr. Ben Koka are members of the Order of the Apostles of Jesus. The Apostles of Jesus is religious missionary order of priests and brothers founded in Uganda, East Africa, in 1968. The order soon spread to Kenya, Tanzania, the Sudan, and to other parts of Africa, Europe, Australia and the United States.
The Apostles of Jesus Missionary Priests and Brothers are currently serving around the world in various ministries. Currently in the United States alone, in over 20 states, there are 64 Apostles of Jesus missionaries assisting in helping where there are shortages of priests – nine of them in the Diocese of Cleveland serving in hospitals, schools, parishes, other social services and as the Pastor and Parochial Vicar of St. Colman and St. Stephen Parishes.

LORAIN AVENUE USED CAR DEALERSHIP

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the parcel in question was under different ownership than the car lot, it was discovered that the used car lot was operating illegally without a certificate of occupancy. McNair said OCI would notify Building and Housing and ask them to cite other illegally operating used car lots in the area as well.
McNair says the process to create the Pedestrian Retail Overlay on Lorain Avenue was a public process and the Perez brothers could have attended the public meetings.
Ohio City Board member Helen Smith said that board members had questioned staff and were confident that OCI staff had fairly and adequately notified businesses along Lorain Avenue of meetings on the proposed Pedestrian Retail Overlay District. She suggested the reason that the Perez brothers did not know of the public meetings was lack of communication by their landlord. She said the notices went to the property owners.
City of Cleveland Planning Commission Director Freddy Collier said city should be more aggressive in helping assure that businesses

have certificates of occupancy, licenses and permits needed to operate legally. He said, “We are not in the business of attacking small businesses.” He said he felt empathy with the car lot owners and their plight and thought the city could perhaps develop certain locations where used car lots could be located together.
City of Cleveland Neighborhood Planner Trevor Hunt noted the business was renting the property and did not own it. He said he would be happy to work with the business owners to help them relocate.
Following the meeting, Neighborhood Planner Trevor Hunt met with the Perez brothers and renewed his offer to help them find a new location within two miles of their current location. Hunt agreed that the “city’s processes and procedures need to be modernized.” He suggested that a computerized application process could help businesses check to see if they have a certificate of occupancy and all the permits they need. In the meantime, Hunt said, “business owners should come to City Hall and check and see if they have a Certificate of Occupancy.”

JOHNNY KILBANE

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Kilbane as a statesman. Kilbane served both in the Ohio Senate and in the Ohio House. He also was elected to the position of Cleveland Clerk of Courts where he served until his death in 1957.
Members and friends of the Irish American Archives Society of Cleveland joined with Detroit Shoreway residents and



PHOTO BY ED TISHEL
Sunday, September 28, 2014; The Irish American Archives Society’s dedication of the Johnny Kilbane Sculpture and Plaza, W. 74th and Fr. Frascati Drive, Battery Park: WHK Radio’s Gerry Quinn broadcasts his show live during the dedication ceremony festivities.

stakeholders to celebrate the unveiling of the sculpture and dedication of the plaza. Also in attendance were members of the International Mayo Society, in Cleveland for a convention.
The ceremony included a call to order with playing of the bagpipes. The singing of the Irish and American national anthems by Irish singer James Kilbane and an invocation by retired St. Malachi priest Fr. James O’Donnell. Having spent 42 years at St. Malachi Parish in the Angle, Fr. O’Donnell knew Johnny Kilbane and called him “an inspiration to many, especially those who have lost hope.” Fr. O’Donnell talked about The Angle as a tough neighborhood. He told how boxer Jimmy Dunn, who opened a boxing camp in Vermillion, had taken the young Johnny Kilbane under his wing to help nurture and hone his skills as a boxer. Fr. O’Donnell says he recently was looking at an old photo taken at 50th anniversary of St. Malachi Church and Johnny Kilbane was right there in the crowd.
Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone told of neighborhood historian Judge Ray Pianka falling in love with the story of “who Johnny

Kilbane was” and spearheading an effort to have Kilbane’s house on Herman designated as a Landmark in 2012, commemorating the 100th anniversary of Kilbane’s title win.
Margaret Lynch, Executive Director of the Irish American Archives Society, described the process of raising \$300,000 for the sculpture and the plaza and the selection of artist Rowan Gillespie to take on the task of creating a sculpture that would be able to meet the criterion of capturing the essence of Johnny Kilbane. Lynch thanked the many donors who helped to fund the project and the Marous Brothers who donated the space for the plaza on the grounds of Battery Park development.
Kevin O’ Toole, the great-grandson of Johnny Kilbane, thanked those involved in honoring his great grandfather. He especially commended Margaret Lynch and the Irish American Archives Society for their dedication to the creation of the sculpture and artist Rowan Gillespie for his wonderful work. Twenty-two members of the O’Toole family – descents of Johnny Kilbane – then gathered with artist Gillespie for the unveiling of the sculpture.

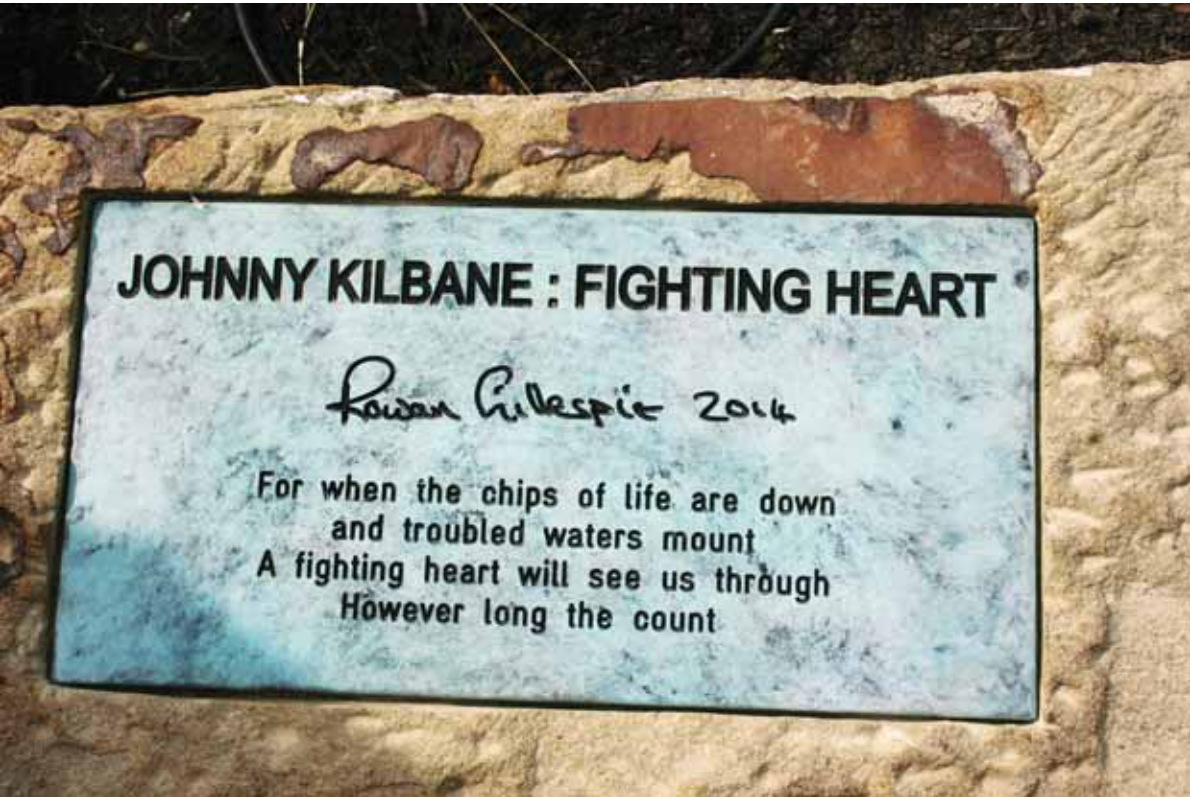


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Sunday, September 28, 2014; The Irish American Archives Society’s dedication of the Johnny Kilbane Sculpture and Plaza, W. 74th and Fr. Frascati Drive, Battery Park: The plaque by the sculpture at Battery Park reads: *JOHNNY KILBANE: FIGHTING HEART, Rowan Gillespie 2014, For when the chips are down and troubled waters mount A fighting heart will see us through However long the count.*

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