



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON
Tuesday, March 17, 2015; St. Colman Church, 2027 W. 65th Street: A girl plays the tin whistle as she emerges from mass at St. Colman Church. West Side Irish American Club members traditionally attend mass at St. Colman Church prior to marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Cleveland.

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Cleveland Metropolitan School District updates plans for school construction

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) held a series of open houses, over the past month, to gather community input on its updated construction plan for Issue 4 funds passed by voters this past November. The school district anticipates the bond

issue will raise \$200 million and the state of Ohio has promised to match those funds on a \$2 to \$1 basis for new construction that meets state's criterion. The CMSD says it plans to replace 22 schools with new buildings over the next four years and plans to remodel 20-23 schools

over the next four or 5 years.

CMSD Chief Operating Officer Patrick Zohn says the plan to upgrade the Cleveland schools, which began in 2001, has already built 34 new schools and substantially rehabbed seven schools with a total of 23,000 new seats for students. The state projects that the CMSD's student population in 2019 will be 32,500 students. Zohn says the state will agree to match funding for new or substantially rehabbed schools for 9,500 more students. Zohn says that 2,500 of those seats are projected for high school students and 7,000 for elementary school students.

Zohn stressed the importance of getting the construction of new schools started by 2019 so the current population projections will be used and the district won't lose more seats due to possible lower population projections.

Clark Fulton & Stockyard Neighborhoods

One of the Open Houses, on March 5th at Clark School focused on the Construction Plan for the Clark Fulton and Stockyard neighborhoods.

CMSD Chief Operating Officer Patrick Zohn revealed that plans call for a new H. Barbara Booker School (now between W. 65 and W. 67th just South of Lorain Avenue) to be built on the current site of Halle School (between W. 73rd and W. 82nd – South of Clark Avenue). The new

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON
Tuesday, March 17, 2015; St. Colman Church, 2027 W. 65th Street: Young members of the West Side Irish American Club come down the steps of St. Colman after Mass – ready to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on a cold and windy day in Cleveland.

Women Speak Out for Peace and Justice honors two women for their commitment to human rights

by Chuck Hoven

On March 14th Women Speak Out for Peace and Justice celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at Kan Zaman Restaurant at W. 25th and Franklin Blvd. The celebration honored two women, Norma Freeman and Bea Silverberg, with the lone Biggs Human Rights Award.

The Kan Zaman Restaurant proved to be a fitting location for the ceremony as Norma Freeman and Bea Silverberg both chose to share a bit of the story of their lives and their efforts in the struggle for justice. The interior of the restaurant is shaped like a Bedouin tent and its name, in Arabic, means "Once Upon a Time" – the beginning phrase for storytellers.

Following an introduction by a Woman Speak Out member that described Norma Freeman as

born in Cleveland, a graduate of John Adams High School and Fisk University. Freeman is a resident of the Glenville neighborhood for the past 50 years, married with three boys. Freeman is co-editor with her husband Don of the magazine *Vibration*. She served as a health educator in Cleveland and was the first African American teacher at the Cleveland Health Museum. Norma was also involved in teaching and mentoring children at League Park Center where her husband, Don served as Director. Norma and her husband Don have been steady advocates for Cleveland's children at school board meetings and in educational reform groups for decades – and have continued that advocacy long after their own children graduated from the Cleveland Municipal School District. Norma Freeman also involved

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With the coming of spring, many area residents are beginning to think about what they will plant in their gardens this year. When looking for

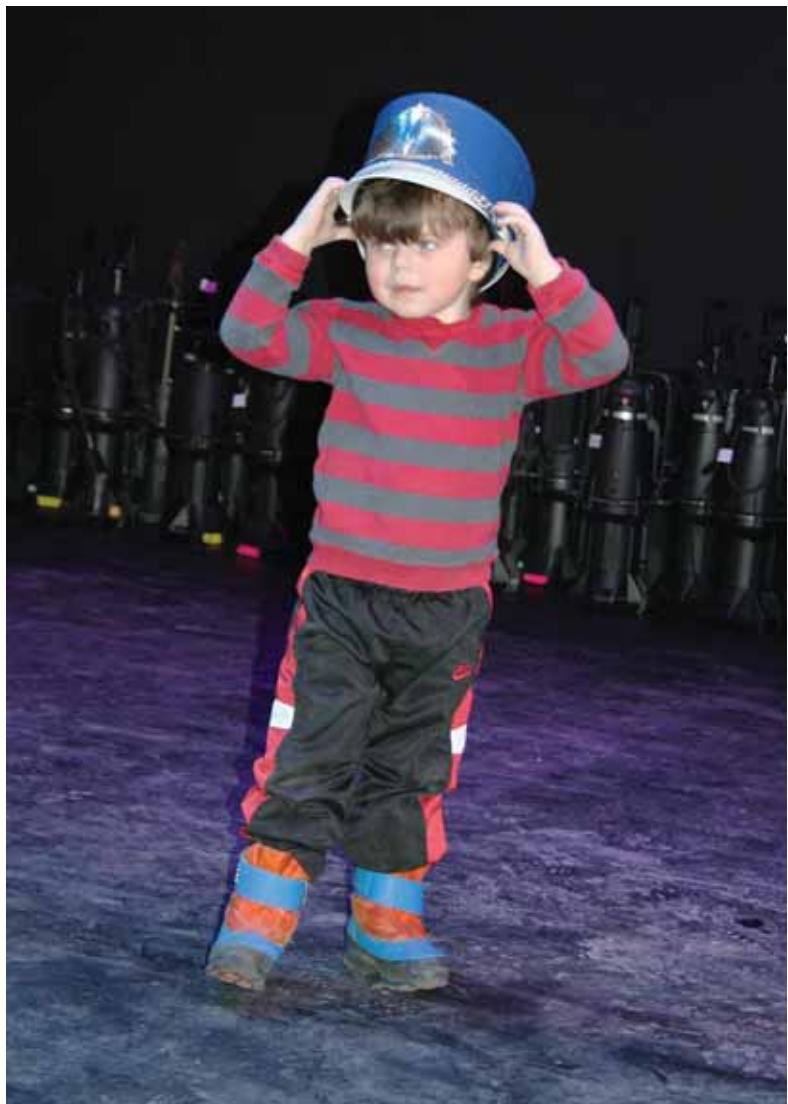


PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN
Saturday, February 28, 2015; Near West Theatre Community Open House, 6702 Detroit Avenue: Nicholas Maistros, age 3, equipped with a hat from the prop box, acts on the stage while speakers talk about what the new building will mean for Near West Theatre. Near West Theatre Executive Director Stephanie Morrison-Hrbek says now that Near West Theatre has a space of their own, she hopes to secure funding for new programs including programming for preschool age children.

Cleveland Seed Library and Cleveland Seed Bank offer valuable resources to neighborhood gardeners

by Chuck Hoven

seeds to plant, residents may want to try checking out some seeds at The Seed Library at the Cleveland Public Library. Participating library branches include the Lorain Branch

at 8216 Lorain Avenue; the Carnegie West Branch at 1900 Fulton Road; and the Science and Technology Department of the Main Library on

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PHOTO BY NEHEMIAH STARK
Saturday, March 14, Women Speak Out for Peace and Justice celebration of International Women's Day, Kan Zaman Restaurant, 1616 W. 25th Street: Women Speak Out for Peace and Justice honored (L-R) Bea Silverberg and Norma Freeman, this year's recipients of the lone Biggs Human Rights Award.



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ARAGON BALLROOM
HELP PLAN FOR THE ARAGON
BALLROOM SPACE at the second public meeting at Lincoln West High School on April 8th at 7 pm. To confirm, call Adam Stalder at 216/961-9073.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
THE 28TH ANNUAL CLIFTON ARTS
AND MUSIC FEST, scheduled for Saturday, June 20 from 10 am to 6 pm on Clifton Blvd., is seeking applications from visual artists and craftspeople. Applications for the Juried Show are available for downloading at <http://cudell.com.com/Artist-Application.pdf>. Additionally, acoustic performing entertainers are being sought.

THE 2015 OHIO ARTS
FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS
DIRECTORY is now available free of charge. It is a resource for individuals and organizations looking to exhibit artwork in festivals throughout Ohio—and for those who simply want to take part in the arts. To obtain a copy: Send an e-mail to OAC_PublicInformationOffice@oac.state.oh.us and use 2015 Directory in the e-mail subject line. Call 614/728-4463. Or download it from <http://www.oac.state.oh.us/search/OACFestival/SearchFestivals.aspx>

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SLOW ROLL CLEVELAND
OPENING DAY 2015 will be held on April 13 at Market Square Park in Ohio City. Assemble at 6:30 pm and begin the ride at 7 pm. Rides are usually 8-10 miles at a moderate pace. All age and experience levels welcomed. Minors ok with adult supervision. Bring a light and a lock. Helmets encouraged. After party at Nano Brew at 1825 West 25th St. Visit www.facebook.com/slowrollcleveland.

BUY A HOME
 Learn about how to **BUY YOUR OWN HOME** on Saturday, April 18 from 10 am to 12 noon at China Café at 11520 Clifton Blvd. Sponsored by First National Bank and Cudell Improvement. To RSVP and ask questions, call Jan or Anita at 216/228-4383.

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS
FREE IMMUNIZATIONS are available at Mc Cafferty Health Center at 4242 Lorain Ave. every Monday from 8 am until 11 am, and every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 4

pm to 7pm. For more information, visit www.clevelandhealth.org or call 216/664-3609.

COLLEGE NOW
ADULT LEARNER PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP 2015-2016 is available to adults 19 and older who have interrupted their education for one or more years, have a high school diploma or GED, and demonstrate financial need. Other restrictions apply. Visit www.collegenowgc.oreg to apply online. Go to "Scholarship Services." Or call Elton Lytle at 216/635-0166. Application deadline is April 24.

COMMUNITY SAFETY
OHIO CITY HOME SAFETY PROGRAM, sponsored by Ohio City Inc. and the Cleveland Police Second District, provides matching funds for home safety improvements in Ohio City. Ohio City Inc. is offering matching funds equivalent to 50% of the cost of home improvements directly related to safety, up to a maximum of \$250. For example, if you spend \$500 on these improvements, Ohio City Inc. will reimburse you \$250. No amount is too small. To begin the process, schedule a safety audit with Cleveland Police Officer by contacting Kerry McCormack at KMcCormack@ohioicity.org or 216/781-3222 ext. 103.

SECOND DISTRICT POLICE-CITIZEN COMMITTEE MEETINGS are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at the Applewood Center (in the gymnasium off Daisy Ave.) at 3538 West 25th St. (between the I-71 south on-ramp and Daisy Ave.). Work with other citizens and the Second District Police to provide a safe and secure community. Meet with the Second District Commander to resolve safety concerns and plan events all over the district. For more information, call 216/664-3293.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER is a one-stop center for victims and survivors of family and interpersonal violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and stalking. Its goal is to help clients feel safe and comfortable in a specially designed facility. Services are free and open to any Cuyahoga County resident. Open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at



The Community Board

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75 Erieview Plaza, 5th floor or call 216/443-7347. No appointment needed.

WORKSHOPS/TALLERES ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and MENTAL HEALTH/VIOLENCIA DOMESTICA and SALUD MENTAL on Saturday, April 18/ Sabado 18 de Abril from 8:30 am – 2 pm. Free/gratuito. Topics include: immigration/inmigracion, free legal consultation/consulta legal gratis, family violence prevention/prevencion de violencia domestica, mental health/salud mental, and faith and spirituality. Breakfast and lunch will be provided/Serviremos desayuno y almuerzo. Free transportation and day care will be provided if needed/Transportacion disponible para los que necesiten. To register, log onto <http://buildingstrongfamilies.eventbrite.com>. Questions? Contact Lucy Torrez at Torres@city.cleveland.oh.us or (216) 664-6248.

DRINKING WATER WEEK
AN OPEN HOUSE AND TOURS OF GARRETT MORGAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT will be held Saturday, May 9 from 10 am to 4 pm at 1245 West 45th Street. For more information, contact the Office of Special Events at 216/664-2444 ext. 5802 or visit clevelandwater.com to schedule a tour.

EASTER MEALS
ST. AUGUSTINE IS OFFERING SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES. A hot breakfast will be served Easter morning beginning at 8 am at the OLA/St. Joseph Center. This Center is in the St. Augustine Parish neighborhood at 2486 West 14th St. in Tremont. Hot dinners will be served from 11 am to 1 pm on Easter at St. Augustine Parish Halls at 2486 West 14th St., St Colman Parish at 2027 West 65th St., and Mary Queen of Peace at 4423 Pearl Rd.

ST. AUGUSTINE will provide transportation to pick people up to take them to the church and take them home, as well as deliver meals to homebound people who want to eat at home. Those wishing to register for a ride or home-delivered meal should call the church at 216/781-5880 between 9 am and 5 pm.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS AND DRIVERS needed for St. Augustine's Easter Holiday Meal Program. Call 216/781-5530.

EASTER MONDAY
DYNGUS DAYS CLEVELAND will be celebrated on Monday, April 6th. For information on activities in Detroit Shoreway, Tremont and Ohio City visit www.clevelanddyngus.com.

EDGEWATER PARK
CONTRIBUTE YOUR IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS to Edgewater Park. Log onto to <http://metropark-sedgewater.mindmixer.com> and let the Metroparks know what amenities like outdoor seating, food service options, beach equipment and summer sports equipment rentals you would like to see there.

ENVIRONMENT
BE A COMMUNITY CLIMATE AMBASSADOR. Learn about the technical aspects of weather and climate in a fun and informative way.

Learn what you and your neighbors can do to reduce flooding, improve neighborhood green spaces, reduce your energy bills, and help your neighbors in the event of a heat wave. Participants will be paid a \$500 stipend on completion of the program. The positions require a commitment of roughly 20 hours between April and August. For more information, call Adam Davenport at 216/961-4242 ext. 265, or submit an application in person to Detroit Shoreway or by email to ADavenport@dscdo.org

"FAMILIES THAT LEAD"

LEARN THE SKILLS TO BE A LEADER AND ADVOCATE FOR YOUR FAMILY at a program sponsored by The Neighborhood Leadership Institute. The free program "Families that Lead" is designed for parents and caregivers and will run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays, April 13 to June 8 at Lincoln-West high school. No sessions will be held on Memorial Day. Another series will run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, April 16 through June 4 at James Ford Rhodes high school. Download a brochure by visiting <http://neighborhoodleadership.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/FTLSpringProof.pdf>

For further information, call 216-658-1359.

FREE STORE

THE TWICE BLESSED FREE STORE offers free clothing, shoes, baby products, toys and books for children, pots, pans, plates, cups, utensils, blankets, and sheets on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm. It is housed in the Nehemiah Mission Building at 6515 Bridge Ave.. For more information, call 216/961-6968.

GARDENING

MASTER GARDENERS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY are seeking applications from non-profit, educational or public organizations interested in grant funding for garden or horticulture related projects. MGCC will award six (6) grants up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each to qualified applicants. Interested individuals/organizations can learn more about the grant program including all criteria for consideration and obtain an application by going to www.cuyahogamg.org. Deadline for application is April 30, 2015.

THE SEED LIBRARY, offered by the Cleveland Public Library and the Cleveland Seed Bank, is once again available to individuals who can stop at the Lorain Branch Library at 8216 Lorain Avenue or the Carnegie West Library at 1900 Fulton Rd and check out a seed packet and plant the seeds in their garden. After growing and enjoying the fruits, flowers or vegetables, seeds need to be saved from the best plant. Then next year, plant the saved seeds, share the saved seeds with friends/neighbors, or participate in a "seed swap."

A TREE WALK will be held on Clifton Boulevard on Saturday, May 2 at 10 AM that will help residents understand the care young trees need - whether street trees or those being planted in yards. Walkers will meet in front of Clifton Martini and

Wine Bar and the new Gabe's Deli at West 104 and Clifton Boulevard.

HOUSING

A HOME REMODELING FAIR is scheduled for April 11 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Cleveland Heights City Hall at 40 Severance Circle. Workshops include electrical systems in older homes, residential storm water management, and smart home technology. For more information, go to <http://www.hrrc-ch.org/events/special-events/>.

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LA PLACITA FESTIVAL

The near west side's first weekly open air **HISPANIC MARKET** is set to open in May. La Placita is seeking vendors and entertainers of all kinds specializing in Latino and Hispanic food, clothing, crafts, art, dance, music and much more. For more information, contact Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn Centre Economic Development Coordinator Maria Soucek at (216)961-9073, x202.

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Looking for space for your free community program? Call Blair Wise at 216/658-1360 to learn about available space at Lincoln West and terms of use.

NONVIOLENCE

CREATING COMMUNITIES OF PEACE, a 20-hour basic workshop, is scheduled from Friday to Sunday for 20 hours on May 28, 29 and 30 at River's Edge on Rocky River Dr. Free but registration is required: call Rahim at 216/215-1647 for more information or to register, or visit www.creatingcommunitiesforpeace.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

A STUDENT AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE sponsored by the The Social Justice Institute (SJI) at Case Western Reserve University is scheduled for April 11 from 9 am to 4:30 pm. The full-day conference will feature student activist, continued on page 6

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Detroit Shoreway residents vote to remove landmark status from historic Watterson Lake School building to make way for demolition

by Chuck Hoven

At a March 18th Community meeting held in Bethany Presbyterian Church, residents voted 22 to 3 to have historic Watterson Lake School Building on W. 74th and Detroit Avenue removed from its landmark status and demolished. The school, built in 1906 and designed by architect Frank S. Barnum, has been vacant since the 1980s. Students currently attend a newer Watterson Lake built in 1969 next to the old building. After the vote, Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone said he would immediately work to get on the agenda of the Landmarks Commission to pursue removing landmark status of the building so it can be demolished this summer.

In the discussion prior to the vote, Councilman Zone noted the meetings held over the years to attempt to save the building. He recalled attending a meeting in 1995 where restoration of the building was an issue. He said Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization presented the school district an analysis of the building in 1988.

Resident Sharon Dossa, who attended school in the old Watterson Lake building, recalled the school's former principal working to save the historic structure. Dossa said something of the school could have been saved years ago when the school was "not as visibly terrible as it is now." She said what happened to Watterson Lake was "demolition by neglect by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District."

Residents attending the meeting were given a list of the recent meetings of the West Clinton Block Club where residents sought answers from the school district about the condition of the building. In response to these efforts the school district produced a number of reports.

An October 2013 Sebesta & Associates airborne asbestos report "showed significant potential for exposure to airborne asbestos fibers and fungal spores in the 1906 building."

An April 2014 Masonry Prism Testing for Compressive Strength recommended demolition rather than trying to save the 1906 walls.

Councilman Zone said he also asked local developer Marous Brothers Construction for an opinion, and in February of this year they told him the building was unlikely to attract an adaptive use developer. He said other builders and an architect with expertise in historic preservation have given him similar feedback.

Councilman Zone said the Cleveland Metropolitan School District has agreed to cover the cost of demolishing the structure. Zone said the entire cost of the demolition would have to come from district funds – the state will not match the cost because there are currently no students in the building. A November 2013 Barber & Hoffman cost estimate determined the cost of demolition to be between \$400,000 and \$500,000. An additional \$250,000-\$300,000 would be added

to the cost to brace and preserve the façade. It was also noted some of the terra cotta work in the design of the façade fell off in 2013.

With Watterson Lake's 1969 building eventually slated to be closed by the school district after a new Waverly-Watterson Lake building is constructed on the current site of Waverly, Councilman Zone said a decision had to be made whether the old building should be torn down this summer during school recess or to wait and tear both buildings down at the same time.

Councilman Zone said the school district had agreed to see if it could separate the parcels and tear down just the old building and prepare the site for potential development. He said that demolishing the school now would allow the option of keeping some of the artifacts for incorporation into the new school planned for the Waverly site on W. 57th and allow for a small development site on Detroit Avenue. Councilman Zone assured residents that every precaution would be taken in demolishing the building to assure air quality safety in the nearby neighborhood.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON

Saturday, March 21, 2015; Watterson-Lake (old) School Building, W. 74th & Detroit Avenue: At a March 18th meeting area residents voted 22-3 to have Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone petition to remove this historic building's landmark status and make way for its demolition. After years of neglect, a report on the poor condition of the building's masonry convinced most of those attending the meeting that saving the structure was no longer feasible.

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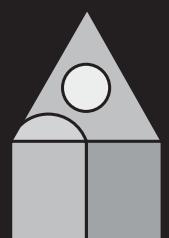
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Thursday, February 26, 2015; Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization 41st Annual Meeting, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Pope John Hall: Jeff Pesler holds his child, Aidy, as he accepts the Community Spirit Award from State Senator Michael J. Skindell (D-23) and State Representative Nickie J. Antonio (D-13). Pesler helped to improve the area's entertainment district and also is active in the West Clinton Block Club.

WOMEN SPEAK OUT

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herself in the struggle for racial justice and is currently involved in several groups seeking justice following the death of unarmed civilians due to police violence.

Norma Freeman thanked Women Speak Out for the lone Biggs Human

Rights Award saying that the award was especially meaningful because she knew lone Biggs and considered her a mentor.

Freeman then began to relate her story – choosing to start at a major turning point in her life that happened in 1957 when as a newly arrived 17 year old student at Fisk University a chance encounter with the schools' most famous graduate,

W. E. B. Du Bois, changed her life. Freeman remembers seeing W.E.B. Du Bois walking on campus and recognizing him from pictures she had seen. She went up to him and introduced herself. She remembers the 15-minute encounter with Du Bois in which he told her whatever you do in life make sure "you assist our people in their liberation."

Norma said when she and

Don Freeman's relationship was beginning to get serious, Don told her "Nothing on this planet will stand in the way of me working for the liberation of our people and for all oppressed people." Norma says that is when she fell in love with Don. She believes that without the encounter with W.E. B. Du Bois she would not have recognized the importance of what Don was saying.

Norma said in her life that followed with Don, they consciously chose to stay in Glenville, to send their children to public schools in Cleveland and to embrace the neighborhood children.

Norma marveled at the heroic lives people in her community in Cleveland's Glenville neighborhood live every day. She spoke of the alienation that educated people sometimes feel when they leave the city and warned of the life alienating values of our culture such as materialism, hedonism and egoism. She spoke of the difference between "Me and Mine vs. We and Us." She urged young people to embrace a philosophy of "We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers."

Speaking of the life she and Don live, Norma said, "We chose this path. The road that is least travelled, that is where I want to go." Again in closing she offered some advise to the young, "Lead the kind of life you choose."

A Women Speak Out member then introduced Bea Silverberg as a writer and historian who believes in peaceful means of settling conflicts. Silverberg was involved in the labor movement in Washington D.C. In 1945 she participated in a United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation mission to Yugoslavia. In 1948 she went on tour with Henry Wallace's

Progressive Party. In 1949 she married Lou Silverberg and moved to Ohio. During the 1950s she became involved in the civil rights and peace movements in Cleveland. She worked as a War on Poverty researcher at Case Western Reserve University. In 1966 she took a position as a social worker for a Head Start program on the Near West Side of Cleveland.

In 1974, Silverberg moved to Ashtabula and became involved in the Ashtabula Head Start Program. She was involved in starting a new agency called Home Safe that provided shelter and services for abused women. She also became involved in the Ashtabula Peace Council. In recent years Bea Silverberg has been involved in writing and art. Her books include a children's book about Jane Addams and in 2009 she had an art show featuring her ceramics work.

Bea Silverberg showed her love of history as she began her talk by relating the story of Jane Addams, a subject of one of her books. She said that 100 years ago, when World War I raged in Europe, women in the United States formed the Women's Peace Party. She said Jane Addams served as the president of the party from 1914-1915. During that period 43 women from the party crossed the Atlantic to meet with 300 European women at The Hague. She said the women went to leaders of countries on both sides of the conflict pleading for peace.

Silverberg also talked about her involvement in starting the Ashtabula Peace Council during a time period when people were worried about the world coming to an end due to nuclear war. The Ashtabula Peace Council, organized by four women, targeted a war production plant that was storing depleted uranium rods. They held a meeting in Jefferson, the Ashtabula County Seat, and organized a march of 500 people to the war production plant. At the time Ashtabula County was being sprinkled with radioactivity. The theme of their organizing was "there is no hiding place." Silverberg said families with baby carriages and dogs in tow joined the protest. She said, stories about the radioactivity poisoning fields, brooks and the atmosphere made headlines. The war production plant closed down.

Bea Silverberg said her message was that four women, each doing what they could in their own way, were instrumental in closing a plant that was damaging the community.

In closing, Silverberg cited the poetry of Mary Oliver urging those present not to just be visitors to the planet, but to work for peace, freedom and justice for all. She then added, "We should all be feminists."

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Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization's Strategic Vision calls for new name and expanded focus

by Chuck Hoven

In his remarks to those gathered for Detroit Shoreway's 41st annual meeting, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization Board of Directors Chair Joe Tegreene focused on the organization's new strategic plan. Tegreene told the crowd of over 150 people gathered at Our Lady of Mt Carmel's Pope John Hall that it was not enough to just celebrate the organizations' successes, but DSCDO must also look for ways it can improve.

To that end, Tegreene said a Strategic Vision Steering Committee was formed. The group, co-chaired by Joe Tegreene and Paul Ettorre re-examined the organization's charter and mission, and working with Strategy Design Partners looked at number of key focus areas for ways to improve the organization. The key areas looked at include: Mission, Values, Place Making, Economic Opportunity, Community Engagement, Governance and Staffing.

The resulting report: Detroit Shoreway Strategic Vision: 2015-2017 was available to those in attendance. Tegreene said information used to form the Strategic Vision was gathered from over 300 people who were directly interviewed, neighborhood focus groups and surveys. The report indicates efforts were made to be inclusive in the planning process and make sure input to the planning process came from "underrepresented and marginalized stakeholders."

Tegreene celebrated the successes of the Gordon Square Arts District and urged members to attend the Capitol Theatre when going to a movie rather than opting for Crocker Park. While Tegreene called on building on the success of the Gordon Square Arts District, he also responded to criticism that the DSCDO needed to focus more resources on areas outside of the Gordon Square Arts District. He specifically mentioned the area South of Franklin Boulevard where he said the organization needs to work to acquire properties to help assure useful development.

Tegreene also noted perceived safety concerns along the W. 80s and in areas South of Madison and along Lorain Avenue. He called for addressing these concerns and targeting certain areas for additional

resources and code enforcement.

Emphasizing the organizations' commitment to diversity and providing housing for a mixed income population of people of all walks of life, Tegreene emphasized the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood has boundaries from Lake Erie to I-90 and from W. 85 to W. 45. He noted the neighborhood is larger than just the Gordon Square Arts District with which it is often identified. He called on the organization not to ignore other sub districts within its boundaries such as the EcoVillage and the Lorain Avenue Antiques District and to do a better job of communicating with block clubs.

In addition to focusing more resources outside of the Gordon Square Arts District, Tegreene said, "we have to solve the name game." He noted, the name Detroit Shoreway "ignores vital areas South of Franklin." The Strategic Vision report calls on Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization members to be prepared to vote on a new name at its next annual meeting.

In the area of Economic Development, Tegreene said a key task was encouraging businesses to locate in the neighborhood. He said with the recent grand opening of Near West Theatre in the Gordon Square Arts District, parking was a serious problem that had to be addressed. He also called on the renewal of the tax for the Special Improvement District Tax that helped to support safety, cleanups and snow removal in the Gordon Square Arts District. Tegreene called for support for major improvements planned for Lorain Avenue—a major business district in their service area.

Tegreene noted the Strategic Plan calls for addressing the educational needs of the area's population. He called for building a strong foundation for families to move into the neighborhood. He stressed the importance having amenities and services for families with children, not just young professionals and empty nesters. He urged the organization to help link families to high quality educational opportunities. He also noted some services provided by DSCDO to low income families such as help for working families in securing Earned Income Tax Credit and a neighborhood Wellness Fair.

Tegreene said the organization

needed to focus on families with children and on the housing needs of seniors that wanted to stay in the neighborhood. He urged the organization to make sure "people of all ages feel welcome and supported."

The Strategic Plan, said Tegreene, calls for more diversity on the Board of Directors and better business models to focus resources throughout the neighborhood. He also noted the organization's relationship in overseeing the operations of Stockyard Clark Fulton Brooklyn Centre. He said that measures need to be taken to assure SCFBC is well integrated into the organization and getting the services they deserve.

Following Tegreene's speech he announced the results of the DSCDO Board of Directors election. Four current board members were re-elected: Paul Ettorre, Maryellen Staab, Dan McCormick and Mike O'Conner. One new member, Patty Jurca, was also elected.

The organization's annual report indicated income of \$2.497 million and expenditures of \$2.308 million.

The annual meeting also featured a number of awards acknowledging contributions to the neighborhood.

State Senator Michael Skindell and State Representative Nickie Antonio presented Community Spirit Awards.

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Thursday, February 26, 2015; Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization 41st Annual Meeting, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Pope John Hall: Stone Mad co-owners Eileen Sammon and Pete Leneghan accept the Sean Kilbane Award for their contribution to the entertainment offerings in the neighborhood. Happy Dog owner Sean Watterson presented the award in memory of the late Happy Dog co-owner Sean Kilbane.

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Tuesday, March 17, 2015; St. Colman Church, 2027 W. 65th Street: Young women from the West Side Irish American Club emerge from St. Colman Church after the morning Mass and carefully descend the steps as they prepare to head downtown for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



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Saturday, April 4:
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9:15 PM - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday - April 5:

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9:30 AM - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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DETROIT SHOREWAY STRATEGIC PLAN

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Jeff Pesler of Clinton Avenue received a Community Spirit award for his work on the Community Entertainment District as well as his involvement with the West Clinton Block Club.

Jodi Rae Santosusso of Daily Press received a Community Spirit Award for her businesses' contribution to the neighborhood.

Jack and Alanna Meyers-Kiousis received a Community Spirit award for their work at Herman Park as well as their involvement in the neighborhood Spelling Bee for area children.

Davey Connor received a Community Spirit award for his involvement in the Edgewater Hill Block Club as well as the neighborhood's Victory Garden.

Cuyahoga County Council President Dan Brady presented Neighborhood Improvement Awards. Awards were given to the Bruno Casiano Gallery at 5304 Detroit Avenue; homeowners Jamye Jamison and Jonathan Karpick of 6013 Franklin Blvd and Brian Todd

of 1849-51 W. 65th Street; and Needs Cleveland at 7710 Lorain Avenue.

Sean Watterson, Owner of the Happy Dog, presented the Sean Kilbane Award to the owners of Stone Mad for their contribution to entertainment in the neighborhood.

Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization Executive Director Jeff Ramsey presented the Sustainability Award to Brad Stemen and Jeffifer Hilmer for their involvement planning a gateway and garden to mark the Madison Avenue entrance to the W. 65th entrance to the Regional Transit Authority's Transit Station.

Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization Managing Director Jenny Spencer presented the Irene Catlin Award to Dan Carcioppolo for his commitment to improving quality of life in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood. Carcioppolo is co-chair of the Edgewater Hill Block Club as well as a member of a number of committees of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization.



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Thursday, February 26, 2015; Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization 41st Annual Meeting, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Pope John Hall: (L-R) Cuyahoga County Council President Dan Brady presents a Neighborhood Improvement Award to Phil Hicks and Macklin Barry of Needs Cleveland at 7710 Lorain Avenue. The organization, started by Bill and Alison Ripcho of Ripcho Studio, offers clothing and other donated household items to Cleveland residents in need.

SEED LIBRARY AND SEED BANK

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the Third Floor of the Louis Stokes Wing at 325 Superior Avenue.

The Seed Library is joint effort of the Cleveland Seed Bank and the Cleveland Public Library. Two Ohio City neighborhood residents, Marilyn McHugh and Chris Kennedy, founded the Cleveland Seed Bank. Their goal is to create a network of local gardeners that save and share their seeds. By doing so they hope to develop a local source for seeds that are well adapted to Cleveland's growing conditions.

Residents wishing to get seeds at the library can take out up to five packets of seeds each month. They simply fill out a card that indicates what seeds packets they are taking.

McHugh and Kennedy hold seed packaging parties where seeds saved from the previous years are neatly packaged and labeled by volunteers. Some of the labels contain information on how best to save seeds from the plants. Those borrowing the seeds are asked to save seeds from the best plant in order to grow them in their garden next year, to lend to a friend, or

to participate in a "seed swap." McHugh says they take the seeds they package to the Main Library downtown and they are then sent out to the participating branches through interlibrary mail. She says they try to send the seeds out when it is time for them to be planted.

The Cleveland Seed Bank has an online seed exchange that Kennedy likened to a Craig's List for seeds. Gardeners and urban farmers can go to the site to make arrangements to exchange seeds with others. Thus far the site has over 300 participants exchanging seeds. Kennedy and McHugh hope to recruit another one hundred seed savers to participate in the network this year.

McHugh and Kennedy said that when they first started the Cleveland Seed Bank in 2013, a local group called the Cleveland Gift Camp organized a weekend event where they build websites for nonprofit groups. They participated in an intensive website building weekend and the result is the Cleveland Seed Bank website: www.clevelandseedbank.org. Individuals can sign up on the website to be part

of the seed sharing network.

McHugh and Kennedy say the idea for the Seed Bank came from the couple's experience working in India with the Hummingbird Project, a non profit they started that is "dedicated to building regenerative ecological systems and empowering individuals in resource poor locals." In India they were confronted with farmers who had lost their seed supply overnight. They were concerned about the seed supply in Cleveland where they live and created the Cleveland Seed Bank as an initiative of the Hummingbird Project.

One of the concerns is keeping diverse strains of seeds alive as large seed companies have been dominating the seed industry and trying to create a monopoly on seed distribution. Kennedy says instead of getting mad and marching against Monsanto, the seed exchanges provide "an alternative model if you don't like the seed system."

McHugh and Kennedy also hold seed events and give talks to gardeners and other groups. McHugh says the workshops help seed savers to understand the

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CMSD SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PLAN UPDATE

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Booker is scheduled to open on the Halle School site in August of 2017.

Once Booker students have moved out of their current school, that school will be used as a swing site for Clark School students to move into while a new school is being built on the current site of Clark School (5550 Clark Avenue). That new 500-seat Clark School should open in August of 2018. Once the new Clark School is open, the school district's plans call for the current H. Barbara Booker School to be demolished and the site turned into a community green space.

On the Eastern end of Clark neighborhood, the district's current plan is to maintain Walton school as is. Future decisions about the school have been put off until 2018-19.

Lincoln West

The greatest amount of discussion occurred around the fate of Lincoln West High School. Zohn said a number of options are on the table for Lincoln West. He promised more meetings before a decision has to be made in eight or nine months. The options include: 1) Demolishing the existing school and building a new school on the site. 2) Demolishing the natatorium and academic wing and renovating the gym wing and partial basement underneath. 2A) Demolishing the natatorium and academic wing and renovating the gym wing and a full basement underneath. 3) Demolishing academic wing while renovating the gym wing and partial basement. Only the third option maintains the swimming pool – an expressed desire of the students – especially those on the school's swim team.

At the time of the meeting at Clark School, Zohn said he had just received a 138 page report from an architect that was asked to consider each of the above options in deciding how to best configure the building to serve 950 students. Zohn said he had not yet read the report.

Councilman Brian Cummins, in attendance at the Clark School Open House, said one of the issues under discussion concerning Lincoln West was where students could go during construction when the new school is being built. He said discussions also have involved how other schools in the neighborhood – Walton Luis Muñoz Marin and Scranton may come into play in that discussion. Cummins said he would like to find a solution that allows Lincoln West students to stay in the neighborhood during school construction or renovation.

Other High Schools

Zohn noted the planned opening in August of this year of the new Max Hayes at W. 65th and Walworth and the new John Marshall on W. 140th. The movement of students to these new schools will make space available for other moves by the district.

John Marshall students currently at Carl F. Shuler will move into the

new John Marshall in August. Plans call for Bard High School Early College Cleveland to vacate the Brooklawn building to move into the Shuler building.

While the Max Hayes students will move to their new building at W. 65th and Walworth, the New Tech West High School students also in the current Max Hayes will not be going to that location. Instead they will be moving to the Brooklawn building – south of Halloran Park off of W. 117th.

The old Max Hayes on Detroit Avenue will be demolished to make way for a new West Side High School, which the district says will be able to accommodate up to 600 students.

Other Schools

In the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone says the district plans to merge Watterson Lake (W. 74th between Franklin and Detroit) and Waverly (From W. 54th to W. 57, between Bridge and Franklin) into one school to be built on the current site of Waverly. As far as swing space goes, Zone hopes students will be able to stay in the neighborhood and go to Watterson Lake in the 2015-2016 school year, while construction of the new school is underway.

In the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood, Denison School will be torn down to make way for a new school sometime between 2017 and 2019. Students will swing to Charles Mooney during construction.

Plans call for Marion C. Seltzer in the Cudell neighborhood to build a new school in 2017-2018 as well. A community planning process will help determine a swing site and plans for the new school.

The Tremont Montessori School stakeholders are in discussion as to whether they want to have a new school built on the site, rehab the existing school or some combination of partial rehab and part new building.

A number of cases, the CMSD has opted for remodeling rather than building new. Work will begin this summer on Joseph M. Gallagher, Wilbur Wright, Luis Agassiz and Carl F. Shuler on the West Side. In the case of Wilbur Wright, after being rehabbed, the school located in the Westown neighborhood, will add students transitioning from McKinley school which will close after the transition is complete. Shuler, as mentioned above will be the new home of Bard High School.

Editor's Note: For more information visit: www.clevelandmetroschools.org/Page/7079



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Thursday, February 26, 2015; Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO) 41st Annual Meeting, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Pope John Hall: Brad Stemen accepts a Sustainability Award from DSCDO Executive Director Jeff Ramsey on behalf of himself and Jennifer Hilmer. Stemen and Hilmer are involved in an effort to create a gateway park and garden at the Madison Avenue entrance to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority W. 65th rapid transit station.

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Help neighborhood home owners ReClaim Pride this summer. World Changers has selected 5 homes to repair and we need your help to purchase materials. For more information contact Keisha at (216) 961-9073 x204. Make a donation or learn more at <https://www.ioby.org/project/reclaiming-home>

Mark your calendar - prepare to come to La Placita,*

our neighborhood's open-air market

that promotes and celebrates our rich culture.

• Music • Entertainment • Family Fun • Dominoes Tournament

La Placita will be held in the parking lot of

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