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Tuesday, March 22, 2016, Ohio City Incorporated Annual Meeting, Urban Community School, 4909 Lorain Avenue: Donald Hughes receives the Hospitality Leader Award for his work as a Market District Ambassador.

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Mental Health Response Advisory Committee seeks community input on police response to crisis situations

by Chuck Hoven

Participants in a meeting of the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC) offered their input to on how to improve the interactions between police and community members when police are called to respond to "crisis situations". At the March 23 meeting held at Stella Maris on Washington

Avenue, MHRAC member Common Pleas Court Judge Hollie Gallagher defined "crisis situations" as incidents "involving mental illness, addiction, substance abuse, developmental disability, or some other overwhelming personal crisis."

MHRAC invited people who have had first hand experience interacting with Cleveland Police in

"crisis situations" to share what has happened when police responded to a 911 call, and share what the interactions with police, and those in crisis, were like in those situations. Participants were asked to make policy recommendations to help put in place police policies and practices to help to improve outcomes in future interactions between police and people experiencing crisis in the city of Cleveland.

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee member Ed Stockhausen of the Mental Health and Addiction Advocacy Coalition welcomed those attending the meeting. Stockhausen noted that this was the third public session held to gain public input. In addition to the public meetings, Stockhausen urged participants to fill out a survey the group created to gather additional input. He promised that the committee would use the input from the meetings and surveys to help them compile their recommendations.

A representative of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) board explained to participants that the United States Justice Department, empowered by Violent Crime and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, entered into a settlement agreement (the consent decree) with the City of

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON

Thursday, March 17, 2016; St. Patrick Church, W. 38th & Bridge Avenue: Bagpipe players Ben Dockstader (L) and Jeff Santry (R) of the Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes and Drums play outside St. Patrick's Church after mass.



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Saturday, March 19, 2016; Near West Family Network Easter Egg Hunt, Fairview Park, W. 38th just South of Franklin: Vivian Connelley, age 2, takes her Easter basket with her as she slides down the sliding board.

City of Cleveland presents plans for West Side Market

by Chuck Hoven

On March 2nd at Urban Community School, City of Cleveland officials joined with Ohio City Incorporated staff and Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman to make a presentation to the community on upcoming changes at the West Side Market. Planned changes include changes to the parking lots, new lighting, landscaping, and the addition of Sunday hours at the West Side Market.

Jim McKnight, a landscape architect working for Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's Office of Capital Projects, outlined the changes planned for the Hicks and West Side Market parking lots. McKnight joined with Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman to explain the upcoming changes to those present. They said the capacity of the parking area would increase by 128 spaces from 498 to 626 parking spaces.

Cimperman said some of those spaces would come from closing W.

24th Street between the Hicks lot and the West Side Market Lot. McKnight said the redesign of the West Side Market lot – making the tree islands smaller and making the entrance on the Lorain Avenue side more perpendicular to the street would contribute to the additional parking spaces as well.

McKnight said that grants from the Environmental Protection Agency and the North East Ohio Regional Sewer District would pay for adding some green infrastructure to the parking lots. This would include a Bio Swale on the west side of the Hicks Lot and pervious pavers in the market lot.

McKnight said that the lots would remain open during construction to the extent possible. The Hicks lot is scheduled for paving and restriping that will take between two and two and a half months. It should be completed by June 1st. The Lorain Avenue entrance to the West Side Market lot will be reconfigured

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Cleveland Community Police Commission examines use of force policy

The Cleveland Community Police Commission held a Town Hall meeting on March 9th at Halloran Skating Rink to discuss use of force by the Cleveland Police Department. Guest presenters included Attorney Terry Gilbert and Latonya Goldsby of Black Lives Matter. The commission had invited a representative of the

Cleveland Division of Police to give a presentation as well, but no representative showed up.

Gilbert, a criminal defense and Civil Rights Lawyer, said he has represented victims in a number of cases involving police use of force. Having seen the tragic consequences of people abused

by police, Gilbert called an act of violence by police officers "one of the most horrible things that can happen to a citizen." He said it is his experience that police officers often escape accountability for their actions with cases involving police use of force sometimes taking three

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Saturday, March 19, 2016; Les Délices' Ohio City Residency Performance Presentation, Carnegie West Library, W. 38th and Fulton: Les Délices, an Ohio City based group dedicated to expanding audiences for live chamber music on period instruments, offered a weekend filled with free performances for area residents to enjoy. (L-R): Julie Andrijeski on the violin; Chris Bagan, Harpsicord; David Ellis, Viola DiGamba; and Les Délices founder baroque oboist Debra Nagy on the oboe.

ARTS AND CULTURE

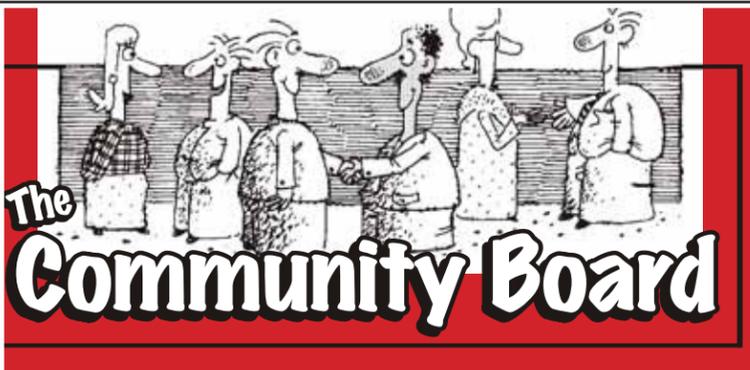
PLAY LAB AND SPRING WORKSHOPS will be held Friday through Sunday, April 15 -17 at the Creative Space at Waterloo Arts at 397 East 156th St. Staged readings, a Saturday morning workshop for children, Saturday afternoon workshop for adults, post show discussions and receptions. Learn more and register at www.playwrightslocal.org. Presented by Playwrights Local 4181.

STATION HOPE: Now in its third year, CPT's Station Hope is a free, multi-arts event that celebrates hope, Cleveland's social justice history and explores contemporary issues. Station Hope 2016 is Saturday, April 30th from 6:00pm-10:00pm and will take place at historic St. John's Episcopal Church, the first authenticated Underground Railroad location in the City of Cleveland.

CIDER AND SONGS, EASTER EDITION: an opportunity to get together and connect with others in community while singing. April 5 at 7 p.m. at Griffin Cider House, 12401 Madison Ave. Free and open to all who want to join in song and community. The event is planned by Cleveland Young Clergy, a group of young ministers across different faith traditions working together in the Cleveland area.

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Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School: Live music, chef demonstrations, and family activities add spice to shopping for local produce. Old Trail School, on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call 330-657-2752 or visit cvcountryside.org.

Celebrate the National Park Service Centennial with Powered by PechaKucha, featuring a variety of speakers who will give presentations on the history, wildlife, and geography of CVNP. Free admission. Conservancy Canteen food and beverages available for purchase. Happy Days Lodge, on Friday, April 8 at 7 p.m. To register, visit conservancyforcvnp.org/events.

Bird Watching – Sky Dancers. Join Volunteer Naturalist Dwight Chaser in search of the American woodcock. NPS Park Headquarters, Friday, April 8 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information call 330-657-2752.

Habitat Restoration on Wednesdays, April 20 and April 2. Join park staff in restoring CVNP's ecosystem by removing invasive plants and collecting native seeds. One-time and returning volunteers welcome. Location provided upon registration. 1 - 4. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2299.

Volunteer Orientation Learn about CVNP's mission, vision, and partners, as well as the park's expectations and standards. For new and prospective volunteers. Location provided upon registration. Thursday, April 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Register online at nps.gov/cuva under Volunteer/Training and Enrichment, or call 330-657-2299.

Public Contact: Jennie Vasarhelyi, 440-546-5995, 440-343-7352(cell), jennie_vasarhelyi@nps.gov, www.nps.gov/cuva

National Park Seeking Volunteers to work with Area Youth *Get Up Get Out and Go! Volunteers interested in working with Cleveland and Akron youth are needed to assist with biking adventures along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, hiking around the Ledges, fishing in local ponds, and playing games



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Thursday, March 17, 2016; St. Patrick Church, W. 38th & Bridge Avenue: St. Patrick's parishioner and volunteer for the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Patrick Emrich, brings cupcakes to the after mass luncheon. Emrich, born on St. Patrick's Day, is celebrating his 68th birthday.

in one of our many open fields. Programs are offered weekdays and weekends, day and evening. Contact Pamela Machuga at pam_machuga@nps.gov or 440-343-7035 to set up an interview. *All Aboard for Summer Camp! Tell stories, play games, and sing songs while helping children learn about animals and history. Volunteers interested in working with groups of children aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad are needed to assist with and lead summer programming on weekdays. Contact Christopher Ziska at chris_ziska@nps.gov, or 330-657-2796 extension 129 to set up an interview.

ENVIRONMENT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EARTHFEST 2016. Earth Day Coalition is seeking volunteers for annual EarthFest celebration, which will be held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, on Sunday, April 17 from 10 am - 5 pm. This year, EarthFest will celebrate the "Year of Clean Transportation." Volunteers are needed all weekend for the registration stations, truck loading and unloading, greeting, Saturday and Sunday set-up, and much more. We ask all potential new volunteers to please attend one of our Volunteer Orientation sessions to learn all about the jobs available (and their days and times) and submit your choices as to which you prefer. Please RSVP for one of the 2 remaining Orientations by calling 216/281-6468 ext. 221, or emailing Dolores Watson at dwatson@earthdaycoalition.org. All Volunteer Orientations will be held in Ohio City on Cleveland's near west side. Driving and parking directions will be emailed to those who RSVP and give an email address. 1) Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 10:30 - 11:30 am @ Carnegie West Library Auditorium. This Library Orientation venue is ADA accessible. 2) Wednesday,

April 6, 2016 from 6:30 - 8 pm @ St. Patrick's Oak Room. **STUDENTS GRADES K-12** may enter artwork, essays and poetry. For more information, call 216/281-6468 or visit www.earthdaycoalition.org.

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MHRAC SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT

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Cleveland which includes changing policies and procedures when Cleveland Police respond to crisis situations.

Gabriella Celeste of the Schubert Center for Child Studies at Case Western Reserve University expressed concern about informing police that there is a mental health crisis when they are responding to a call. She suggested that whenever a call comes in, that dispatchers ask "Is there a mental health issue involved?"

A former dispatcher participating in the discussion suggested that all dispatchers should receive Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. She also suggested that all personnel involved at each step, from the 911 operator, to the dispatcher, to the police officer responding to the call, should be able to identify that they are responding to a mental health crisis. She also said that dispatchers should know which officers are CIT trained in order to direct calls properly.

A City of Cleveland representative responded that half of the City of Cleveland's 80 dispatchers have already received CIT training.

A representative of the ADAMHS Board offered an overview of the 40-hour classroom CIT training. It includes providing information on available community resources, an overview of signs and symptoms of mental illness, substance abuse and opiate addiction, communication strategies and de-escalation strategies. A police officer, who completed CIT training also indicated that officers also receive a list of drugs that persons with mental illness may be taking.

While there were a number of calls for all police officers to receive CIT training, Judge Gallagher said the best outcomes are achieved when "people involved volunteer." She said then you get "people with an inclination toward this kind of work."

Several people said they are fearful of calling the police because of what might happen. One person said, "the person calling for a problem ends up being taken to jail, because police not understand the nature of the crisis." Another person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder said he is pre-judged because of his past behavior. He said when he called 911 because his mother was having a stroke he was asked multiple questions that had more to do with his previous behavior than the issue at hand. A committee member suggested that callers be reassured that "help is on the way, before additional questions are asked."

A related incident came from veteran who said even though charges were dropped having to do with his past behavior, the incidents keep coming up on the screen when he calls police. He said he suffers from PTSD and because of what is showing up on the dispatcher's screen, he finds himself surrounded by police when calling for help. He said because of his PTSD he is uncomfortable in crowds and the multiple police cars responding triggers a "fight or flight" response, creating a dangerous situation. He suggested that the CIT

training include a portion on the needs of veterans.

A participant in the Stella Maris drug treatment program shared his experience of trying to resuscitate an overdosing friend because they were "scared to call police and get arrested or have the person overdosing getting arrested."

A police officer, who said he had served on the Heroin Task Force, said police distinguish between fatal and non fatal overdoses. He said in non fatal overdoses, less than 1% of the persons involved are prosecuted. He urged calling 911 in the case of an overdose. He related his experience seeing the drug Narcon (Naloxone) administered. The drug helps restore breathing to those overdosing. "It is mindboggling - how it works," said the officer. He also said that currently police officers do not administer Narcon, just Emergency Medical Service responders administer the drug. Several people called for police officers to be trained to administer the drug and have it available, as they are often the first responders to the scene of an overdose.

Participants at the meeting also shared some positive responses by Cleveland Police to crisis situations. One woman credited police with saving her life. Members of the Depression, Bipolar Wellness Alliance said police responding to 911 calls about suicidal members "made us feel safer." They praised police officers for calling them back the next day to tell them that the person that threatened suicide is receiving help.

Several persons related incidents of being handcuffed, treated roughly or ending up in jail when police responded to a call for help with a mental health crisis. One woman asked, "Why are the cuffs necessary?" She suggested she would rather be put in an old fashioned straight jacket than in handcuffs.

Another person suggested that putting handcuffs on a person with PTSD can trigger a violent response.

A member of the Depression Bipolar Wellness Alliance told of a member who was cuffed, beaten, thrown to the ground and had a foot placed on his neck when police responded to a call for help based on one of his delusion that "Chinese had placed a bomb in his car." They asked how officers could be trained to de-escalate rather than escalate such a situation and link a person to care rather than jail.

Another policy recommendation that came out of the discussion was that CIT officers need to have a more readily visible identification marker than a small pin on their uniform that says "CIT". Suggestions included a brightly colored arm band or different color uniform that people in the city would be alerted means the officer is a member of the Crisis Intervention Team.

An ADAMHS staff member described a new program that will pilot in the Second Police District where mental health professionals from Frontline will accompany police officers when they respond to calls having to do with a mental health crisis.

There was also a discussion about dispatchers and police involving family members in their quest for more information about a person in a mental health crisis. Asking questions such as what medications the person has been prescribed and knowledge by CIT officers of why those medications may be prescribed for example could aid in the method of response taken by the officer, one participant suggested. A CIT officer said relying on family and friends for information is a big part of their training.

Another woman related a positive experience with a Cleveland Police Officer, who rather than arresting her when she was driving while in a manic state, asked for her husband's phone number. The officer called the husband, who was able to get a friend to go meet his wife at the scene and drive her home. The woman suggested that when possible, officers get information from the person experiencing a mental health crisis that will allow them to contact family members or friends to help deescalate the situation.

In wrapping up the meeting, members of the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee said they will work on creating their draft of policy recommendations and procedures for Cleveland Police responding to crisis situations. They plan to have meetings in May to get public comment on the draft recommendations. They hope to submit a final report to the federal court by August. The new policy recommendations are expected to be in



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Thursday, March 17, 2016; Irish Heritage Day, Cleveland Public Library Eastman Branch, 11602 Lorain Avenue: Colin Donahue plays the bagpipe at his neighborhood library and answers questions from residents about the instrument and his kilt. Donahue says he got started playing the bagpipe when he was a child. His parents saw an ad about lessons being given at the West Side Irish American Club and asked if he was interested.

place by August 22nd.

Committee members urged persons who have had direct experience interacting with Cleveland Police because of a crisis situation involving "mental illness, addiction, substance abuse, developmental disability, or some other overwhelming personal crisis" to fill out the committee's public survey online at: <http://bit.ly/>

CLECrisisResponseSurvey. Committee members said they will continue to check for input from additional surveys as they engage in writing their draft recommendations during the month of April.

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Tuesday, March 22, 2016, Ohio City Incorporated (OCI) Annual Meeting, Urban Community School, 4909 Lorain Avenue: (L-R): Cleveland Public Theatre Executive Artistic Director Raymond Bobgan, OCI Board President Erika McLaughlin, St. John Episcopal Church's Station Hope Project Director Timothy Holcomb, and OCI Executive Director Tom McNair. Cleveland Public Theatre and St. John's Episcopal Church were awarded the Arts and Culture Award for the Station Hope celebration.

Proposed zoning changes for Ohio City neighborhood to be unveiled at May 4th meeting at Urban Community School

Ohio City Inc. (OCI) announced on its website that a proposal for a comprehensive rezoning of the entire Ohio City neighborhood will be released to the public and discussed a community meeting on May 4th at Urban Community School, 4909 Lorain Avenue from 6-8 p.m. Ohio City promises to release copies of the proposal to block club leaders, neighborhood stakeholders and post it on its website prior to the meeting.

At a March 2nd meeting to discuss the proposed zoning changes, Trevor Hunt, a neighborhood planner for the City of Cleveland Planning Commission, said the current zoning code would not allow most of the houses in Ohio City to be rebuilt without applying for variances. He said the current zoning code is more in line with suburban development or neighborhoods like West Park with houses set back from the street and yards with garages. He said that for

most Ohio City homes, "If you want to build on lots they are on now, with the current setbacks, you can't do that." He said the proposed zoning changes would allow for the current uses to be legal for people that want to build houses similar to those that are already in the neighborhood.

The plan also calls for changes along the Ohio City commercial corridors with restrictions on certain types of businesses.

Hunt explained that current zoning goes from most least restrictive industrial zoning, to commercial, to residential, to the most restrictive which is for parks and recreation. For residential housing restrictions are based on use, area and height. He said for example a certain type of residential zoning may restrict the square footage of a house to 2 times or 3 times the square footage of the lot it is on, depending on the way it is zoned.

Several residents expressed concern about the plan.

A resident feared the goal of the zoning changes was to fill every square inch of empty space in the neighborhood with housing. He feared the zoning could lead to

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Ohio City annual meeting

At the Ohio City Incorporated annual meeting on March 22 at Urban Community School, the organization offered an update on its efforts in the neighborhood and presented a number of awards for those making special contributions to the neighborhood. The event was sponsored by Dave's Markets and the keynote speaker was Jennifer Coleman of the George Gund Foundation.

Sponsors of the event, Dan Saltzman of Dave's Markets and his son Aaron, provided the community with an update on a major upgrade underway at their Ohio City market. The upgrade includes the remodeling of the Produce, Bakery and Meat department. The store will offer quick meal alternatives. It will have a sushi chef on staff, made to order sandwiches at City Subs, it will offer soups, and chicken and beef kabobs.

Plans call for the deli area to feature fresh salads as well as an array of cheeses with an opportunity for customers to sample various cheeses.

On the south side of Dave's, an extension is being built for a Liquor Store.

Keynote Speaker Jennifer Coleman, Senior Program Officer of Arts at the

George Gund Foundation, spoke of the critical role of arts and culture in contributing to the vibrancy and development of a city. She noted that the arts can be a source of gentrification and displacement or a stabilizing force that knits a neighborhood together. She noted the potential of the Snively Group's development at the corner of W. 25th and Detroit which, in addition to mixed income apartments, will include a west side presence of the Music School Settlement. Coleman said this has the potential to help link the public housing to the north at Lakeview to the arts programing. She challenged the community to help forge this connection. She also challenged the Ohio City neighborhood, as it becomes more densely developed, to be a springboard for the conversation on how to use the arts and the increasing density of the neighborhood as a force to knit the neighborhood together rather than as a vehicle for displacement and gentrification.

Ohio City Executive Director Tom McNair highlighted some of the

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organization's recent accomplishments and outlined some plans in the works. He noted the dramatic growth of Near West Recreation which started four years ago with 68 kids, this year had a thousand children participate in the basketball league. McNair said the program, which partners with Tremont West Development Corporation, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization, Stockyard Clark Fulton Brooklyn Centre Community Development Program Office, the Cleveland Transformation Alliance, Ohio Savings Bank and many parents, volunteers and kids, offers a variety of recreational programs including soccer, baseball, bowling and a creative writers club.

McNair said when the neighborhood was surveyed residents said their number one priority was safety. To that end, OCI partnered with the Second Police District to offer residents free safety audits. Residents were offered matching grants to help implement security recommendations from the audits which resulted in \$4,500 in investments in 18 Ohio City homes, said McNair.

In addition, McNair said the Ohio City Safety Camera Program launched with a \$2,000 grant from Neighborhood Connections secured by the Bridge Carroll Block Club, raised \$20,000 from neighborhood institutions for a safety camera initiative that will include nine zones in the neighborhood.

The special improvement tax, created to fund the Market District Improvement District in 2012, opened the doors for investments in a several block area surrounding the West Side Market, said McNair. He noted that commercial vacancies in the area have decreased dramatically in the past few years. He said discussion is underway to expand the special improvement district. He hopes expansion of the district would increase the budget from \$140,000 to \$240,000 per year and allow the addition of late night safety ambassadors as well as the snow blowing of the sidewalks in the winter.

McNair mentioned the approval by the City Planning Commission of two-way separated bike lanes on Lorain Avenue. He said OCI hopes to raise \$2.4 million to get the project funded this year.

Outlining OCI's real estate development strategy, McNair said the goal is to increase density with apartments along the major corridors of Detroit Avenue, W. 25th and Lorain Avenue. He cited examples such as the 62-unit Mariner's Watch and the Edge 32 Apartments on Detroit Avenue, the W. 25th Lofts at W. 25th and Church Avenue and the proposed Snavelly Group's development at the corner of W. 25th and Detroit Avenue. The plan also calls for infill of neighborhood streets with single-family homes. He noted the goal is to make 10% of the new apartments and homes affordable housing. He also noted a new program to offer pre-approved homes to be built on vacant lots with a choice of façade for middle income families wishing to move into the Ohio City neighborhood.

McNair also painted a picture with a large green space within easy access of the Ohio City neighborhood. He said, Ohio City Inc. is working with a number of partners to help create a 16-acre waterfront park at Irish Town Bend.

Awards

Ohio City Board President Erika McLaughlin joined with McNair to give awards to a number of individuals and organizations for their contributions to the neighborhood.

Donald Hughes, a Market District Ambassador since 2012, was awarded the Hospitality Leader Award. Hughes and his team work in the market district to clean up litter, remove graffiti, provide safety escorts and assist motorists and pedestrians.

Tom Gillespie received the Commercial Preservation Award for his efforts in restoring the Ohio City Post Office Building on Jay Avenue.

The Residential Preservation Award was accepted by Marge Misak on behalf of Neighborhood Housing Services for their work in restoring a house at 1788 W 45th Street. Misak said that three refugee families and one single parent family have found a home in the restored house. She thanked the neighborhood for being so welcoming to the new families.

Providence House was awarded the Community Service Award for the creation of Elizabeth House, a 24-hour

medical wellness nursery.

The Single Family New Construction award was given to Pat and Melissa Sullivan for construction of their new home at 2927 Jay Avenue. The couple, who became enamored with the neighborhood when their sons were attending St. Ignatius High School, built a house on a vacant lot that blends in with the architecture in the neighborhood.

The Outstanding Small Business Award went to the Jukebox on W. 29th in Hingetown and its owner Alex Budin. The Jukebox was praised as a neighborhood institution where everyone feels comfortable and for their involvement in the community.

Patty & Steve Roberts were honored with the resident leader award. Patty is coordinator for the Bridge Carroll Jay Block Club. Steve is also active in the block club. He also tends the flower beds at the entrance of the West Side Market. Both participate the annual Ohio City Clean Up Day. Steve volunteers as a soccer coach and is working to help bring Make Music Cleveland programming to the neighborhood this summer. In accepting the award Steve reminded residents to participate in the neighborhood Cleanup on Saturday April 30th noting there will be two dumpsters at St. Patrick's Church. Steve also asked people to note that Make Music Day will be on June 21st.

St. John's Episcopal Church and Cleveland Public Theatre were awarded the Arts and Culture Award for their production of Station Hope. Project Hope celebrates the history of St. John's as a stop on the underground railroad for individuals and families fleeing slavery making their way north to freedom in Canada. The project features music, dance, theatre, storytelling, music and art. In accepting the award Cleveland Public Theatre's Raymond Bobgan said he was especially proud of the Road to Hope performance at Lakeview Terrace which gave residents of Lakeview Terrace a sneak peak of what to expect at Station Hope. Bobgan referenced keynote speaker Jennifer Coleman's remarks about using the arts to stabilize neighborhoods rather than contribute to gentrification saying, "The arts can be an



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Tuesday, March 22, 2016, Ohio City Incorporated (OCI) Annual Meeting, Urban Community School, 4909 Lorain Avenue: Providence House Chief Executive Officer Natalie Leek-Nelson (Center) accepts a Community Service Award on behalf of Providence House for its Elizabeth House Project, a 24-hour medical wellness nursery. Presenting the award are OCI Board President Erika McLaughlin (left) and OCI Executive Director Tom McNair (Right).

incredible path that we can use to come together..."

Fred and Laura Bidwell received the Presidential Award for their contribution to helping Ohio City to grow as an arts community with the creation of a neighborhood venue for displaying art at the Transformer Station. Fred Bidwell was also a member of the Action Committee for Arts and Culture to promote Issue 8, the arts and culture levy. The couple recently purchased the Van Rooy Coffee building on Detroit Avenue at W. 29. They plan to live on the top floor and rent the first and second floors to retail tenants and cultural

organizations.

Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman was awarded the Legacy Award for his nearly 19 years of service as a representative in Cleveland City Council. Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone introduced Cimperman and offered praise to his colleague for a number of initiatives such as arts legislation that required the set aside of 1.5% for the arts from large development projects, and reminded residents "we have chickens and bees in our community, thanks to Joe."

Cimperman, who plans to step down from Cleveland City Council and take a

job as president of Global Cleveland, said he plans to stay in the neighborhood. "Why would you leave the best place that welcomes you?" he asked.

In wrapping up the meeting Ohio City staff noted that beginning on April 3rd the West Side Market would be open on Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. A member of the South of Lorain Block Club said she will be visiting all block clubs to invite members to contribute to a donation to the Neighborhood Housing Services housing for refugees on W. 45th & Franklin. The donations will serve as a tribute to Councilman Joe Cimperman upon his leaving Cleveland City Council.

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Saturday, March 19, 2016; W. 25th and Swift: A new building is going up on the north side of the site of the former Forest City Foundry. The building will house Horizon Education Centers' Market Square Horizon Center. Horizon Education Centers already has a presence in nearby locations offering an after school program at Paul Dunbar School in Ohio City and a Child Care program at Pilgrim Church in Tremont.

Two developments underway on Breakwater in Gordon Square area

The Edison at Gordon Square will feature 306 apartment homes between W. 58th and W. 65th on the north side of Breakwater. The NPR Group of Garfield Heights says the project is scheduled to open in 2017.

Just west of the Edison at Gordon Square, the NPR Group plans to build Breakwater Bluffs, 24 townhouses. Work has started on this project on the lot just northwest of the Parkview Nite Club at W. 58th and Breakwater.

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to six years to go through the justice system.

Gilbert said that in the past efforts to monitor use of force have been woefully inadequate. While thousands of complaints have been filed, very few result in discipline. He said a Police Review Board set up in Cleveland in 1984 has not worked, because it has no power.

Gilbert offered a number of suggestions to help reduce the number of cases of improper use of force by Cleveland Police officers: 1) Make sure police officers receive adequate training to avoid situations where police officers overreact and place themselves in a situation where use of force is more likely to occur. 2) Mental Health training – initiate protocol for response to mental health crisis situations. 3) Early warning system to flag officers that show they have a history of improper use of force. 4) More accountability at the upper echelon of the Police Department. Better report writing. Give Inspector General more access to reports and make sure they are reviewed. 5) Referral of cases of police use of force to Grand Jury in a timely matter. 6) Create an independent unit of professional police investigators not subject to any influence to investigate cases of use of force.

Gilbert concluded saying, "Without a police department that has accountability,

you will not have a safe city."

LaTonya Goldsby, said she became involved in learning about issues related to police use of force when her 12-year old cousin, Tamir Rice was shot and killed by a police officer in 2012. She said the path to getting involved has been very difficult, "There is no instruction on how to change the system," she said.

Goldsby addressed a couple of issues concerning police use of force. One was the violation by police officers of protocols and procedures. She said if one looks at the video of police responding to the call about her cousin, Tamir Rice, police drove their vehicle directly to Tamir, violating protocol and procedures. The second issues she addressed was the failure by police officers to administer first aid following the shooting.

Following the guest presenters, residents and stakeholders in attendance offered their suggestions as to policies and procedures to regulate use of force by Cleveland Police officers. Members of the Cleveland Community Police Commission promised to incorporate ideas brought up at the meeting into their recommendations for comprehensive police reform in Cleveland. Those wishing to provide additional community input on this topic can go the the Cleveland Community Police Commission website to fill out a questionnaire on police use of force at www.cleccp.org.



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Saturday, March 19, 2016; 11610 Madison Avenue: NRP Contractors are building a 54 units of one and two-bedroom senior housing called A Place for Us Housing. The new development is located directly across from the W. 117th Rapid Station. According to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency website (ohiohome.org) the \$9.1 million dollar project received \$1.56 million in tax credit equity. The proposal calls for A Place for Us to offer "specific services that will provide needed support for aging members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community."

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more townhouses, which he called a "foreign concept."

Another resident called for the effort to preserve the traditional nature of the neighborhood to include "allowing people of modest means to live here." She feared the zoning changes would allow lavish housing to be built that would be unaffordable to working class people.

Ohio City Executive Director Tom McNair talked about a number of affordable single family housing being planned for Ohio City in the area South of Lorain Avenue. He also noted a goal of 10% of new housing being affordable. One resident thought 10% affordable housing was too small a goal.

Several residents called for OCI and the City of Cleveland Planning Commission to take more time to review the proposal with residents. One resident said two months is not enough time. He called for at least six months of discussion.

For more information about the proposed zoning changes visit the Ohio City Inc. website at: www.ohiocity.org.

James Woods Center of the Rose Centers for Aging Well offers lunches and other services to Riverview Tower residents

The James Woods Center of the Rose Centers for Aging Well, located in the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority's (CMHA) Riverview Tower at 1795 W. 25th, offers lunches five days a week to residents of Riverview who are over sixty years of age, or who are under sixty but qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Residents at Riverview can sign up to reserve a lunch at the center or by calling 781-7236. They can eat the lunch at the center or have it delivered to their apartment.

Jerry Purcell, Director of the James Woods Center of the Rose Centers for Aging Well, says the center serves about 45-50 lunches five days a week to Riverview residents. On a monthly basis it also provides food boxes from the Food Bank to eighty-two different individuals. Any individual over 60 in Cuyahoga County qualifies for the food box. However, residents outside of Riverview must come and pick up the box each month.

In addition to serving meals, the Rose Centers for Aging Well Woods Center has a licensed

Social Worker on staff and offers on site and off site activities. CMHA offers transportation for the off site activities, said Purcell.

The Rose Centers for Aging Well Woods Center was formerly called the James Woods Golden Age Center. The new name is a result of a September 2014 merger of the Golden Age Centers of Greater Cleveland with the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging.

The merger also resulted in a name change for the Gunning Park Golden Age Center, now called the Rose Centers for Aging Well Gunning Park Center. Purcell says that the Gunning Park Center, located in the Gunning Recreation Center at 16700 Puritas Road, offers Community Transit Service to area residents, age 60 and over, who reserve lunch at the center. The Gunning Park Center offers monthly food bank food boxes as well. The Gunning Park Center can be reached by calling 267-9945.

Both Rose Centers for Aging Well locations are open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.



PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN
Saturday, March 19, 2016; Near West Family Network Easter Egg Hunt, Fairview Park, W. 38th just South of Franklin: The Easter Bunny visits with families attending the Easter Egg Hunt.

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JUSTICE
OHIO AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT invites the public to showing and discussion of the movie "Wahoo Nothing's Sacred" from 3-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 2nd at the Fulton Branch Library, 3545 Fulton Road. A copy of the movie will be given to all participants. Also join the Ohio American Indian Movement on Opening Day, April 4th at 2 PM on the corner of east Ninth street and Bolivar to protest the Cleveland Indians' Trademark. In 2016 "People Not Mascots", Robert Roche, and many tribal enrolled Natives filed a lawsuit to cancel the Cleveland Indians Trademark. We need your support to make this protest a success, the more people we have the more likely our message will reach the masses. For more information call 216-533-9443

CLEVELAND CONSENT DECREE COMMUNITY FORUM about safety and policing will be held Thursday, April 14 from 4 to 6 pm at the Rockport Branch of the Cleveland Public Library at 4421 West 140th St.. Experts will be on hand to educate and inform citizens about the US Department of Justice Report, the Consent Decree and the ongoing process to reform policing in the city. For more information, call the library at 216/623-7053, or the American Civil Liberties Union at 216/623-2921.

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RACE, FOOD AND JUSTICE CONFERENCE: Analyzing the Urban Food Movement through a Social Justice Lens will be sponsored by Environmental Health Watch, Rid-All Green Partnership, and Case Western Reserve University's Social Justice Institute. It will be held in the University Circle area from Thursday, April 21 through Saturday, April 23. Limited number of scholarships are available for free Urban Agriculture Training all Farm. This conference is free and open to the community. For more information and to register, log onto <https://case.edu/socialjustice/>

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LIBRARY EVENTS
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POLITICS
WARD 14 DEMOCRATIC CLUB will meet at Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Denison, on Tuesday, April 18th at 6 p.m. Guest speaker *Plain Press* Managing Editor Chuck Hoven will speak on the history and mission of the *Plain Press*.

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RTA PUBLIC MEETINGS ON FARE HIKES AND ROUTE CHANGES will be held on Monday, April 4 from 6 to 8 pm at Tremont Pointe at 2556 West 6th in the Warehouse District and on Tuesday, April 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Gunning Recreation Center at 16700 Puritas Ave.

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THE CLEVELAND DEPARTMENT OF AGING will present the 27th Annual Senior Day on Friday, May 27 at Cleveland Public Hall at 500 Lakeside Ave. in downtown Cleveland. Information Fair starts at 10 am, Program at 11 am, Lunch at noon, and Entertainment at 12:30 pm. All seniors are invited to attend this Free event. For more information, call 216/664-2833 or visit www.cleveland-oh.gov/aging

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Saturday, March 19, 2016; Near West Family Network Easter Egg Hunt, Fairview Park, W. 38th just South of Franklin: Cora Connelley, age 1, is not sure what to do on her first Easter Egg Hunt.

WEST SIDE MARKET
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between June 1 and August 15. Previous pavers will be placed in the West Side Market Lot between August 15 and November 1st.

McNight mentioned a few other features including a new entry plaza outside the entrance to the Fruit and Vegetable stands and replacement of some lighting. He said at the eastern end of the West Side Market lot there will be an opening to connect to a possible future bike trail. A trail has been proposed that would connect W. 22nd to Columbus Road, but funds for the trail were not included in the budget for the parking lot.

Cimperman said when the lot is completed, the City will begin charging for parking. He said details have not been worked out as to how much free time will be allowed before the parking fee is charged. He said discussions have been held on up to two hours of free parking, but no final decision has been made.

A parishioner of St. Emeric Parish brought up the agreement between St. Emeric's Church and the City of Cleveland made when St. Emeric Church relinquished some of its land for part of the West Side Market Parking lot. The agreement calls for free use of the market parking lot for the parish. The

parishioner said that St. Emeric needs access to the parking lot "virtually every day." He said in addition to mass on Sundays there are weddings, funerals, scout meetings and a number of things going on at the parish. He urged city officials to get together with the parish leadership to look over the agreement and work out the details.

The parishioner also took issue with the proposed relocation of the West Side Market dumpster to be in the rear area of the parking lot adjacent to St. Emeric. He didn't see the utility of having the dumpster so far away from the market stands and said potential problems for the church included rodents, trash flying and the odor if it is not maintained perfectly. Mayor Jackson's Chief of Staff Ken Silliman said, changing the planned relocation of the dumpster "is not an option." He promised that each Saturday, at the close of business, the dumpster and the area around it would be "completely cleaned out" so it will not be a Sunday issue.

West Side Market Tenants Association President Vince Bertolaschi questioned why the City of Cleveland was having a public meeting to discuss the West Side Market when they had not met with the merchants in the last five months. He noted that the West Side Market Merchants had also purchased land that

ended up as part of the Market Parking Lot. If St. Emeric's parishioners were to receive special compensation for their contribution of land to the Market Parking Lot, shouldn't the market merchants also receive special compensation?, he asked.

Silliman said it is Mayor Jackson's understanding that the City of Cleveland owns the West Side Market Parking Lot today. We are not focused on who sold what to whom in the past, he said. He said the West Side Market Parking lot is a city asset owned by the city of Cleveland. He said he would be willing to look at documents to substantiate any claims the merchants may have.

Closer questioning of Silliman about how proceeds collected from parking at the West Side Market Parking lot would be used, revealed that the City of Cleveland has pledged the proceeds of all the parking lots its owns as security for bonds for three Gateway parking garages. Silliman said the city borrowed about \$70 million in the 1990s for the three garages. He was unsure how much is still owed, but he estimated it is between \$50 and \$60 million. He said because of free spaces given the Cavs and Indians in leases in the 1990s, the revenue from those garages is not sufficient to pay off the bonds. When asked why the city didn't renegotiate those leases, Silliman said, "We've been as aggressive with sports leases as any city in the country."

Silliman explained that while revenue from the West Side Market lot would have to go to pay off the bonds on the downtown parking garages, revenue from the Hicks lot, which was built using federal Community Development Block

Grant funds, was exempt from that obligation. Silliman said the net revenue from the Hicks lot would be used to make capital improvements at the West Side Market.

Councilman Cimperman said the funds from parking fees in the Hicks lot would provide the "opportunity to fix things that have been broken for a long time." He also said the funds would allow for better lighting, better cameras and better security and make the market parking area cleaner and safer.

Silliman also spoke briefly about the plans to open the West Side Market on Sundays beginning on April 3rd from noon to 6 p.m. Silliman said opening the market on Sundays was the topic of a report in 2010 from Councilman Cimperman and Ohio City Incorporated which said market customers wanted the option of shopping on Sundays. Silliman said he and Director of Public Works Michael Cox met in December of last year they decided to add Sunday hours as an option for merchants who want to open on Sunday. He said merchants would be required to open four days a week. So merchants could open on Sunday as an alternative to Monday or in addition to it. He said merchants won't be penalized for not opening on Sunday, but would be required to open on Monday, if they don't open on Sunday.

A representative of Skylight Financial wondered about securing additional parking in the West Side Market District as his company plans to increase the number of employees at their office in the United Building. In response, Ohio City Inc. (OCI) Director Tom McNair talked about the difficulty of finding an appropriate place for a parking lot in

the neighborhood and an economically feasible way to do it. McNair said it was too costly to build a parking garage at a cost of about \$20,000 per parking space.

McNair said the parking fee at the West Side Market would be extremely low. He said permit parking for residents has been discussed to assure parking spots for residents. He also noted a special program with the Regional Transit Authority for employees of businesses in the Market District. He said the program offers to match \$20 from an employer to discount monthly passes for area employees. If the employer chips in \$20, a monthly pass (currently \$85) would cost the employee only \$45.00.

McNair said there have also been discussions with St. Ignatius, Lutheran Hospital and Voss Industries about use of their parking lots when they are not being fully utilized. McNair said there is already an agreement with Lutheran Hospital for Market District employees to be able to use their parking lot on Saturdays. He said OCI pays for a blanket insurance policy that includes the Lutheran parking lot. He said the lot is not that far from the businesses in the Market District. He called failure to make use of the lot "a perception issue."

Councilman Cimperman said there have been some inquiries about using part of the Ohio City Farm for additional parking. He said he and CMHA have issued a firm "no" to that possibility.

Kerry McCormack, Director of Community Affairs for OCI, said there will also be West Side Market bicycle parking added at the West Side Market on Lorain Avenue and at the North Side of the Produce Stands by the Hicks Parking Lot.



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Saturday, March 19, 2016; Near West Family Network Easter Egg Hunt, Fairview Park, W. 38th just South of Franklin: A group of children count their bounty of candy filled eggs.

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Lincoln West senior named Youth of Year at Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland

Zayllianny Mojica, 17, a senior at Lincoln West High School, was named the 2015 Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland at a ceremony in early March.

Zayllianny, who has been a Club member since the age of 12, received a \$5,000 college scholarship from Cleveland Indians Charities and moved on to a statewide competition. She was selected over four other candidates at BGCC's 10th annual Youth of the Year and Recognition Breakfast held at the Broadway Club.

At her Club, Zayllianny is involved in the Capstone program, in which she reads to children and thereby helps them develop reading skills. In the fall, she will be attending Cleveland State University, where she will major in social work.

Zayllianny also works at Dave's Market in Ohio City.

In an emotional acceptance speech, Zayllianny talked about her family's struggles and how she found hope in Cleveland. "Becoming a member of the Boys & Girls Club was the best thing that ever happened to me and my family," she said.

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