



PHOTO BY TED LOBAUGH  
Saturday, May 7, 2016; UpCycle Farm, W. 85<sup>th</sup> & Detroit Avenue: Building Hope in the City volunteer, Angela Hammersmith (member of Vineyard Cleveland Church in Parma) is one of 43 volunteers helping UpCycle Farm farmer, Mariah Hayden, clean up the lot, set up a frame for a high tunnel/greenhouse, repair the roof of the chicken coop, and build new fencing.

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## Panel addresses ways to identify and stop human trafficking

by Chuck Hoven  
Thirty people attending a meeting at the Lorain Branch of the Cleveland Public Library at 8216 Lorain Avenue, on May 24<sup>th</sup>, learned about human trafficking in Cleveland and how to identify signs that human trafficking is taking place. A three-person panel -- Renee Jones of the Renee Jones Empowerment Center, Rev. Doug Horner of St. Paul's Community Church, and Cleveland Vice Detective John Graves -- shared their experiences

with human trafficking and what to look for in order to identify victims of this practice. "Thousands of Northeast, Ohio children, women and men are enslaved to commercial sex or forced labor," said Renee Jones of the Renee Jones Empowerment Center, located at 1340 W. 65<sup>th</sup>, provides "life coaching and aftercare services to those with the courage to break the human trafficking cycle." Jones described how young

women who run away from home can easily become a victim of human trafficking. She said usually within 48 hours of running away, another woman, a recruiter, would approach a young woman. The hungry and tired young woman is asked by the recruiter, "Can I help you?" The recruiter befriends the young person and then takes them to the pimp. Pimps online recruit other young women. They are led to believe they are in a relationship and then enslaved in the sex trade or other forced labor. Jones says recruiting can also take place in settings like juvenile court or strip clubs. In Cleveland, Jones says mostly pimps and gangs that force young women to work in the sex industry do recruiting. Jones says people being trafficked can be threatened with physical abuse such as pulling their hair out or burns as a way of pimps exercising control. Jones outlined some things to look for to help identify victims of human trafficking. She said persons being trafficked are subject to coercion and threats, intimidation, emotional abuse, isolation and economic abuse. Jones offered examples of physical abuse such as burns or pulling someone's hair out. She also talked about the use of isolation by not allowing someone to socialize with anyone else, making the person dependent on the pimp. Literature provided by the Renee Jones Empowerment Center lists signs of how individuals being trafficked can be identified: they suffer from relentless fear or are overly submissive; they carry no identification; they suffer from chronic or untreated health problems such as sexually transmitted diseases, post-traumatic stress disorder, physical injuries, psychological trauma and continued on page 6



PHOTO BY TED LOBAUGH  
Saturday, April 30, 2016; Station Hope, St. John's Episcopal Church, 2600 Church Avenue: Cleveland Public Theatre's Brick City Theatre and a cast of residents from Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority's Lakeview Terrace present, *Looking Back to Face Forward* -- "a short play that honors the stories of our past and explores how our memories and life experiences shape who we are and who we can become." Actor Dezhanay Simmons, portrays a character, Sankofa, who is teased as a "crazy old trash lady", but quiets critics as she shares her plans for the treasure she finds in the trash.



PHOTO BY TED LOBAUGH  
Saturday, May 14, 2016; Stockyard Bike-A-Thon, Clark School, 5550 Clark Avenue: Jacob Straton, age 4, is pleased with his new helmet. Children, age 10 and under, registering for the event received a free bicycle helmet.

## West Side Market faces danger of losing status as a "real market" as parking crisis continues

by Chuck Hoven  
West Side Market Tenants' Association President Vince Bertonaschi has one simple question he would like members of local block clubs to ask themselves concerning the West Side Market, "Do you want a real market, or a tourist attraction?" Bertonaschi posed that question while speaking on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Sachsenheim Hall to members and guests of the Ward 14 Democratic Club. He said he hopes to get the word out that there is a real danger of the West Side Market "becoming a flimflam tourist attraction, not a real market." "I want the block clubs to know, the market, as a real market, is in trouble. It is not all peachy. It is all because of parking," said Bertonaschi. He has given up on getting support from the staff of Ohio City Incorporated, the development corporation serving the neighborhood where the West Side Market is located, saying: "They don't care. They want it to be a tourist attraction." Historically, until recent years, the West Side Market Merchants

worked in partnership with the city of Cleveland to provide parking for market customers in the lot behind the West Side Market. Bertonaschi noted that in the 1950s with the increased use of the automobile, the West Side Market merchants realized they needed to provide parking. They helped the city of Cleveland to assemble enough land for a parking lot, acquiring two parcels which they then turned over to the city of Cleveland as part of the parking lot. **NEWS ANALYSIS** Over the years, the West Side Market Tenants' Association has taken on the responsibility of maintaining the parking area it leased from the City of Cleveland. Bertonaschi noted that just last year, the West Side Market Tenants' Association (WSMTA) paid \$76,000 for surfacing, striping and plowing of the parking lot. Those funds also paid for off duty police officers to provide security. As a courtesy to their customers, Bertonaschi said the WSMTA also provided a lock out kit and a jump kit for people who lock continued on page 3

## Ward 15 residents receive update on school construction plans

by Chuck Hoven  
Seventy people attending a Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) Master Plan Update Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Waterson-Lake School building learned of

plans that involve four school sites: Halle/H. Barbara Booker PreK-8; Waverly Prek-8; West Side High School at the old Max Hayes site; and Joseph M. Gallagher PreK-8. Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone and CMSD Chief Operating Officer Patrick Zohn greeted those in attendance and introduced contact people involved in the demolition and construction projects.

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PHOTO BY TED LOBAUGH  
Wednesday, May 4, 2016; May Crowning Ceremony, St. Rocco Church & School, 3205 Fulton Road: Students at St. Rocco School participate in a May Crowning Ceremony. Briana Pacheco, grade 2, carries the crown, while second grader Annalees Ciarallo, follows behind her to place the crown on the Blessed Mother Mary. Pastor Father James Mayer reads a prayer, while Brother Raymond Colombaro holds his hand to his heart in in silent prayer.





**PHOTO BY TED LOBAUGH**  
**Saturday, May 7, 2016; Drink Local, Drink Tap's 4 Miles 4 Water, Cleveland MetroParks, Edgewater Park, 6500 Memorial Shoreway in Cleveland: The main race, with distance of four miles, represents the average distance traveled around the world for drinking water. These young runners lead the pack in a shorter one-mile race.**

**ADULT EDUCATION**  
**FREE GED/SKILLS ENRICHMENT CLASSES** will be held at the Cleveland Public Library Fulton Branch at 3545 Fulton Rd, CPL Walz Branch at 7910 Detroit Ave. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 10 am, and at Seeds of Literacy at 3104 West 25<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at various times during the week. For more information, call 440/885-8797.

**GED TEST PREPARATION CLASSES** are held free at Lincoln West High School, Room 224, 3202 West 30<sup>th</sup> St. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 pm for parents and adults in the community. Become workforce ready, and learn new technology skills. Registration required. For more information, call 216/771-5077 or visit [www.merrick-house.org](http://www.merrick-house.org)

**ARTS AND CULTURE**  
**ART GALLERY AND NIGHTCLUB COLLABORATE TO DEVELOP NEW BUSINESS CREATIVE OUTLET.** The Grand Opening of Gallery 1299, the first innovative fine arts gallery in full collaboration with nightlife entertainment, will be June 10, 2016 with an opening reception at 9:00pm and After Party starting at 10:00pm. Both events will be housed within the levels of the art gallery and Anatomy located at 1299 West 9th Street. Gallery 1299, the Warehouse District Creative + Spirits Fine Arts Venue is now planning an ongoing schedule of exhibits and production editions of a wide format of events that focus on the benefit of the arts, artists, local businesses, sponsors, and the social community. For more information, contact: (216) 338-9806 or via email address [gallery1299@aol.com](mailto:gallery1299@aol.com).

**ART HOUSE** offers free All Ages Family Open Studio at 3119 Denison Ave. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 1 – 3 pm. Art House provides materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register and if you must cancel, let them know so they can make room



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aboutTremont.com for more specifics, an event map and gallery/store/restaurant hours.

**Weekly Edgewater LIVE Music** Thursday night happy hour concert series on the water, is returning at Edgewater Beach. The concerts at the Cleveland Metroparks beach will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. In addition to the weekly bands, the evening series will include food trucks, yoga, stand-up paddle boarding, corn hole, adult beverages at a cash bar and family activities – and of course, great beach and skyline views. The Edgewater LIVE Music Schedule is June 11: The Whiskey Kings, June 18: Billy Likes Soda, and June 25: Easy Glistening.

them as soon as possible. The School District offers free full-day kindergarten with early literacy and math instruction and computer technology, all supervised by highly qualified teachers. Students also can receive free hearing screenings, free vision exams and glasses and, at select schools, free dental services. Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 3 to attend kindergarten this year. Children who will turn 4 years old on or before Sept. 30 may be eligible for a free pre-kindergarten program. Parents must bring to registration the child's birth certificate, a complete and up-to-date immunization record, proof of address and, if applicable, guard-



**PHOTO BY MONICA LELUTIU**  
**Saturday, April 30, 2016; Michael J. Zone Recreation Center, Lorain Avenue at W. 65<sup>th</sup>: Michael J. Zone recreation center's friends group and youth volunteers got together and did a beautification project on the outside grounds. The tree, bushes and plants were donated by the Grace Brothers located on West 65<sup>th</sup>.**

**CHILDREN**  
**CARNEGIE WEST BRANCH OF THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY** is offering children's programming this summer focusing on the City of Cleveland Thursdays at 1:00 pm: June 9<sup>th</sup>, famous Clevelanders; June 16<sup>th</sup> on Cleveland sports; June 23<sup>rd</sup> on Cleveland food; & June 30 on Cleveland's public art. No registration required. Visit the library at 1900 Fulton Rd. or [ohiocity.org](http://ohiocity.org).  
**DEDICATION OF THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY AT BALTIC PARK.** Cudell Improvement invites the community to help dedicate the LFL on Saturday, June 4 at 1:30 PM at Baltic Park at West 110 and Baltic Rd. Attendees are asked to bring a children's book to donate. Event is on rain or shine.

**HOME IMPROVEMENT CLASSES** for children are offered at Home Depot at listed at <http://workshops.homedepot.com/workshops/kids-workshops>.

**KINDERGARTEN.** Cleveland Metropolitan School District encourages parents whose children will attend kindergarten in the fall to enroll

ianship documents. Parents whose children primarily speak languages other than English or who are 3 or older and have special needs should call one of these numbers for assessment and registration: Multilingual Multicultural Education Center (216-404-5159), Special Education (216-838-7733), Early Entrance (216-838-0131), Early Childhood (216-838-0110). Enrollment information may be found at <http://clevelandmetroschools.org/Page/395>. For further information, contact the Office of Student Enrollment at 216-838-3675.

**MOMMY AND ME PLAYGROUP** offers Circle Time, Playtime, Music and Movement, Craft Time, Tumble Time, Seasonal Field Trips and Speakers on Fridays at 10 am at the Salvation Army West Park at 12645 Lorain Ave. Certified Early Childhood Education Teacher on site. For more information, call Captain Candy Fritsch at 216/252-3593.  
**ROWING CAMP FOR 7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** is offered by Near West Recreation partnering with See You at the Top and the [Cleveland Rowing Foundation](http://ClevelandRowingFoundation.org). The

FREE two-week, half-a-day summer rowing camp is scheduled to take place Monday - Friday, July 11 – 22. Youth must be able to pass a standard swimming test to attend the camp. Attend an interest meeting on Thursday, June 2 at 6pm at the Cleveland Rowing Foundation. If you and your child are interested, it is vital you attend this meeting! For more information or to RSVP, call Keri Palma at 216-781-3222 x 108

**CITY PLANNING**  
**OHIO CITY REZONING** meeting: June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, W. 26th & Church Ave.

**CLEVELAND HISTORY**  
**WALKING TOURS OF DOWNTOWN** are free, guided and scheduled through September 18 this year for about one and a half hours: tours of the Gateway District are held every Saturday at 10 am at the Arcade (401 Euclid Ave.), of the Warehouse District every Wednesday at 6 pm in front of Constantino's Market (1278 West 9th St.), of the Playhouse Square on Thursdays at 6 pm in the State Theatre Lobby (1519 Euclid Ave.), Canal Basin Park in the Flats every Sunday at 10 am at the Flat Iron Café (1114 Center St.), and of the Civic Center every every Tuesday at 6 pm at Old Stone Church (91 Public Square). Reservations are appreciated, and groups of 10

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WEST SIDE MARKET

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themselves out of their cars or who need a jump.

Bertonaschi traces the problems of parking, to a vision of the neighborhood that involves large bars rather than specialty food sales. He recalled former Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman coming to him a number of years ago and asking about a vision for the neighborhood around the West Side Market. Bertonaschi shared his vision of a neighborhood filled with specialty and ethnic food retail shops – a destination for food shopping. Instead, he said, Cimperman and the staff of Ohio City Inc. “decided to go with a bunch of bars.”

Bertonaschi then described how the large bars began to impact parking for the West Side Market. He said when one of the bars, Market Garden, opened, its owner approached him and told him Market Garden would not open till 4 p.m. and asked if it was ok to park in the West Side Market parking lot in the evening. Bertonaschi said he gave his ok, but six months later, he said Market Garden was opening at 11 a.m. and still using the West Side Market parking lot. More and more large bar/restaurants opened – infringing more on the West Side Market parking lot.

Also, the City Council passed legislation creating a pedestrian, retail, overlay zone in the West Side Market District, requiring businesses to have 30% fewer parking places than would normally be required by city code. The reasoning is that in such zones people would walk, bicycle or take the bus to their destinations.

When employees or customers of the large bars began to leave their cars in the lot overnight, the West Side Market Tenants’s Association tried to exercise their right to control the lot. Instead, the City of Cleveland sided with the bar owners and decided not to renew the West Side Market Tenants’ Association lease of the parking lot. Bertonaschi attributed this to the influence of the wealthy bar owners over the politicians.

Additional actions by the City of Cleveland, which Bertonaschi sees as currying favor with the big bars at the expense of the West Side Market, are a Cleveland City Council ordinance calling for armed guards at the West Side Market parking lot, the addition of Sunday hours at the West Side Market, and the discussions surrounding charging for parking at the West Side Market.

In the case of the armed guards, Bertonaschi says the City of Cleveland has decided to add \$86,000 a year, beginning this June, to the rent paid by the West Side Market Tenants Association in order to pay for the additional security at the West Side Market. Bertonaschi said he asked City of Cleveland Director of Public Works Michael Cox, why other merchants in the area that were using the West Side Market parking lot were not asked to share in the cost? Bertonaschi said Cox told him “because I can’t add it on to anyone else’s rent.”

As for the Sunday hours, Bertonaschi says “The bars want us open on Sundays, because we bring the crowd.” However, he feels that the additional hours will eventually hurt the unique nature of the West Side Market.

Bertonaschi, who sells beef at his stand, Vince’s Meats, noted that prior to going to the Tuesday night meeting to talk with the Ward 14 Democratic Club, he had been in the West Side Market cooler since 7:30 a.m. breaking up quarters of beef. He noted that there are a number of other merchants like him who cut up their own meat -- cutting up beef, lamb, goat, pigs and fish. Bertonaschi obviously takes pride that he and his fellow merchants cut up their own meat and says his customers appreciate the freshness and quality of the meat.

Bertonaschi says the way he works is to bring his beef in on Monday and sell it out by Saturday night. He says extending

the hours of the market to more evenings and Sundays will “weed out” little guys like him. Referring to the process of lifting and breaking up the heavy quarters of beef, he says “you can’t have someone around to do this all the time.” He noted that when his stand is open, he is always at the market-- either in the stand or down in the cooler cutting up meat.

He predicted that continuing on the path that Ohio City Inc. and the City of Cleveland are pursuing will result in individual stand owners giving way to a few guys that own multiple stands so they can spread out the extra cost out for rent and labor. He said if owners of multiple stands want to open on Sunday, they can hire workers and stay at home. The smaller stands can’t afford to do that. He predicted that without the little guys the meat retail business at the West Side Market will become just like the large grocery stores. Instead of breaking up quarters of beef, Vince feared that large multiple stand owners would purchase already cut up meat in a box. This would change the nature of the West Side Market to being just like large grocery stores which he says take boxes of brown meat and regrind it to make it look fresh.

Bertonaschi said a fairer way of implementing Sunday hours at the West Side Market would have been to ask only the merchants who want to be

open on Sundays to pay extra rent for the extra day.

He also said the staff of Ohio City and City officials have brought up the idea of lower fees in the evening at discussions about the parking fee that the city of Cleveland wants to charge once the Market and Hicks Parking lots are refurbished. He said this would unfairly shift cost to customers of the West Side Market and again favor the bars. He said instead it should be cheaper to park in the day time when the West Side Market is open.

Vince Bertonaschi says in order for the West Side Market to avoid becoming a tourist attraction, you need adequate parking so market customers won’t get squeezed out of the parking area. For this he says the merchants in the market district need to get a parking garage. Otherwise patrons and workers of the large venues on the street will take up all the parking spots needed for West Side Market customers.

He says the West Side Market merchants now, often see couples walking through the market like they are on a date while on their way to or from other businesses in the neighborhood. With so many parking spots being taken for the bars, there are not enough spots left for those that want to shop at the West Side Market for food for their families.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The City’s Treatment to Market Vendors is a Disgrace!

To the editor:

Thank you for your article concerning the injustice of the City of Cleveland to the Merchants of the West Side Market.

The only time the City shows support for the Market is when they want to “Show Off” one of its Jewels for a Convention, etc.

Taking the parking lot from the Merchants and making them pay an extra \$86,000 for Security shows the blatant discrimination of the City toward the West Side Market. Although the City will soon charge for parking in the

“Market lot,” none of the City’s profit will benefit the Market which is still in need of the promised repairs. No other area businesses on West 25th pay a cent, but certainly use the lot daily. One former Public official told Market vendors that they had no right to complain since they didn’t live in Ohio City. However, these particular Merchants and their families have had their small business at the Market for 3 generations. Shame on the City’s treatment of the Market Vendors. It is, unfortunately, very typical!

Mary Rose Oakar, Resident, Ohio City

Sewing proposed as means to help those in recovery

To the editor:

Joe Bialek’s earnest letter in the May issue on the ever-timely problem of drug abuse brings to mind a Ted Talk by Johann Hari, which is quite insightful, (if a bit proud in title.)

Hari looks beyond the family to the larger social pressures that families contend with - a valuable and oft-ignored perspective. And he emphasizes the importance of re-entry opportunities, in effect - and we might ask if their de facto scarcity is a weak link that leaves many people in recovery circling again and again through the revolving door.

On that note I still hope to hear an encouraging word on a project I recommended to our ADAMHS board and elsewhere a few years ago: **SEWING HOPE - in drug and alcohol recovery programs -**

Dear Mr. Denihan,

Hoping your agency will help pilot this project in order to evaluate the merits of teaching people in recovery basic hand-sewing skills as a strategy for self-care and re-integration into the community.

Service is vital to recovery, but how many clients graduate their programs with suitable opportunities? This project affords them one that can last a lifetime.

Sewing, with just cloth, needle and thread, is well within most everyone’s ability; it denies the devil idle hands and instead exercises ‘wisdom of the hands,’ that well-grounded practice taught by America’s philosopher-carpenter, Doug Stowe.

A round table approach – participants sharing their stories, struggles and hopes, while learning to create something of value with their hands – can teach them to apply themselves to the 12 Steps with at least as much care and patience and eye for detail as their sewing requires.

Learning how to relate well with others is another key to lasting recovery -- but see how quickly our NA and AA meetings disperse at their close - as if all were fleeing one another.

Perhaps this approach, marked by a memorable service activity, and conducted at the slower tempo of an old-fashioned sewing



PHOTO BY TED LOBAUGH

Sunday, May 1, 2016; Immigrant Justice and Solidarity March: in a show of solidarity with immigrants, marchers for immigrant justice calling for just immigration reform to be brought to the forefront of the national agenda.

Call for self-image change, fails to address need for societal reform

To the editor:

In regard to the letter in your May issue, “Can we trace addiction to our image of ourselves?”, in which the writer refers to Transactional Analysis, although he nowhere mentions this name in his letter, this is what he is discussing.

Developed by John Bradshaw, Transactional Analysis (TA) is nothing more than recycled Freud, who has been largely discredited. TA’s “child,” “parent,” and “adult” in relation to the personality correspond to Freud’s “id,” “ego,” and “super-ego”. TA’s assertion that all psychological deficiencies are caused by dysfunctional families is obviously Freudian, although with less emphasis on sexual aspects. Nowhere in TA are the injustices and oppressions of society discussed, by which families and people

quilters’ guild to help implement her; enlisting the university or community college to measure her success.

Such optimism.

Hayes Rowan  
Ohio City, South of Lorain

in general are mainly influenced. As a famous philosopher once said, “We are the ensemble of our social relations.”

According to the simplistic thinking of TA everybody is born with “a life –script,” whether written for them or by them, that they follow in their life. So “write your own script,” “change your script,” you then change your life!

What Mr. Bradshaw misses is that families are an integral part of any society; they don’t exist in a vacuum. Poverty, unemployment, lack of adequate health care, inability to get an education, etc. all lead to dysfunctional people who are on drugs, who are alcoholics, who are criminals. So instead of writing scripts, anybody who has any knowledge of what is really going on and the actual conditions of our society and our world should be working to change all of this. And yes, we need more drug treatment centers, but the only way peoples’ lives are going to improve is by feeling and being a significant member of society, not by writing a so-called “life-script.”

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# Gallagher English Language Learners’ class receives praise for reading prowess

**by Chuck Hoven**  
Enthusiastic students in Mr. Robert Perkins’ Second Grade English Language Learners class at Gallagher School continued to read their books, adding to their total of books read, even as members of the West Cleveland Kiwanis Club were bringing in pizzas to celebrate their efforts. At the beginning of the class on May 13<sup>th</sup>, students in Perkins’ class had received credit for reading 1,437 books this school year. Mr. Perkins explained that the class uses a program called, “Accelerated Reader”. In order to gain credit for reading a book, students must complete a quiz on the computer



PHOTOS BY TED LOBAUGH  
Wednesday, May 11, 2016; Franklin Boulevard Reading Garden, Franklin Blvd. at W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street: Taking advantage of the new reading garden, a project of the Franklin Boulevard Block Club, Gallagher third grade student Melanie Feliciano reads aloud *The Doll People* by Ann Martin.

especially designed for that book and gain a score of at least 80%.  
While waiting for the pizzas to arrive, students continued to read and take the computer tests in the classroom where two students successfully added their names to the list of students that read 100 books or more. By the end of the class, the list of student having read 100 books or more this year included five students: Say Htoo, Kamila Maldonado, Jalsha Basnet, Katherine Gil, and Fabian Jimenez.  
Mr. Perkins explains that some of the students in the class had little knowledge of English when they started in the class. He says students in the class have come to Cleveland from a variety of places around the world including: Nepal, Tanzania, El Salvador, Thailand, Mexico, Somalia via Kenya, and Puerto Rico.  
Since the beginning of the school year, sixteen students from Agora College School of Leadership have been volunteering two days a week, helping the students with their reading, says Mr. Perkins. He says their help has been “invaluable.” He noted that, with sixteen college students, they work with most student readers one on one, having just a few of the better readers working with a college student in pairs. He says the one on one reading is something that he couldn’t provide the students on his own.  
Irma Huston, a West Cleveland Kiwanis Club member, who as a Bilingual Instructional Aide at Gallagher School, teaches English Language Learners and serves as coordinator for a multilingual – multicultural after school club for students. Huston says the Kiwanis Bringing Up Grades program is acknowledging the accomplishments of Mr. Perkins’ students. She said, “Because the students have read so many books, they will be at grade level or above next year.”  
In addition to Huston, a number of West Cleveland Kiwanis Club members attended the celebration providing students with awards and a pizza party for their efforts. Kiwanis

members in attendance included: Carolc Tuck, Galen Younkin, Cliff Larocque and Tim Moore.  
The West Cleveland Kiwanis Club is part of Division 14 of the Ohio District of the Kiwanis Club. According to the Kiwanis Club’s website, the Bringing Up Grades program is designed to “provide recognition to students who raise their grades into an acceptable range and maintain or continue to raise them from one grading period to the next.”  
Mr. Perkins says the help from the Agora College students and incentives provided by the Kiwanis club are helping students to read more books. He added that despite their challenge in learning English, the English Language Learners have to pass the same state of Ohio tests that other students have to pass.



PHOTO BY TED LOBAUGH  
Wednesday, May 11, 2016; Franklin Boulevard Reading Garden, Franklin Blvd. at W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street: Gallagher third grade student Saniyah Lee listens intently to Melanie Feliciano’s reading of *The Doll People*. Both students participate in a multilingual-multicultural after school program at Gallagher School. The program just received a donation of boxes of books from visiting students from Chagrin Falls Intermediate School. Irma Huston, the Gallagher staff coordinator of the after school program, said the donated books will allow students in the program to have more books to take home and read.

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# SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION

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## Halle/Booker

A representative of A.M. Higley Construction said that the former Halle School building will be demolished this summer. Work on the demolition should be finished by September 20, 2016. Construction of the new H. Barbara Booker School on the Halle site should begin in March of 2017 and be completed by June of 2018. The capacity of the new building will be 385 students. CMSD Chief Operating Officer Zohn said that CMSD has learned that it can comfortably fit 450 students in a building that under state rules has a capacity of 385.

The Halle site of the new H. Barbara Booker Campus is located between Halle Avenue and Camden Avenue between W. 82<sup>nd</sup> and W. 73<sup>rd</sup>. The new school will use the same footprint as the old Halle School with parking on both the east and west sides of the building. The main entrance will be on Halle Avenue with security and the main office right by the entrance. The new campus will feature a playground on the north side of the building on Halle and an outdoor learning area on the south side of the building on Camden. The building will allow access to the gym and community areas in the building for use for community meetings without having to open the main entrance and access to the classroom areas.

## Waverly

Superintendent of ICON Construction Steve Javorek, who will be working on both the Waverly and West Side High School projects, said his firm will soon begin with abatement at Waverly – removing lead, asbestos and any hazardous chemicals from the site. Once the abatement is finished, he expects demolition of the old Waverly building to begin in July and be finished by late September or early October of 2016. Construction of the new Waverly school begins in the Spring of 2017 and be finished in time for the start of the school year in August of 2018.

The new Waverly, located on between W. 54<sup>th</sup> and W. 57<sup>th</sup> between Bridge and Franklin, will house students from the combined Waverly and Watterson Lake Schools. The building will be designed to house 470 students. The building will have two classrooms per grade plus one Pre-Kindergarten classroom, one special education classroom, an art room, science room and media center. Zohn said the plan

is to then demolish the Watterson-Lake building on W. 74<sup>th</sup> just south of Detroit to leave a clean slate for Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization to use as a neighborhood development site. The old Watterson Lake Building just north of the current building has already been demolished.

## West Side High School

The new West Side High School, promised years ago when the closing of West Technical High School led to overcrowding at Lincoln West, Rhodes and John Marshall, is, finally, coming to fruition. The site of the new school will be the former Max Hayes campus at 4600 Detroit Avenue. ICON Construction's Superintendent Javorek says the abatement on the old Max Hayes school will begin in the third week of June of this year and be completed in September or October. Demolition will take place from October of 2016 to January of 2017.

Javorek promised his crew will make every effort to keep down the noise and dust during the process of demolition. He said an eight-foot security fence will be around the site and water cannons will be used to help diminish the dust. Javorek says construction on the new West Side High School will begin in August of 2017 and the school will be completed by December of 2019. CMSD's Chief Operating Officer Zohn said the planning for the West Side High School is still in the early stages of design. The academic piece needs more input before the design of the building can be completed.

Councilman Matt Zone said he and the CMSD administration are well aware of the West Tech Alumni

Association's desire to have the new school be named West Tech. However, he would not say whether or not that would happen.

## Gallagher

Councilman Zone announced that Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO) had acquired the white house just north of the new Franklin Reading Garden on the Southwest corner of W. 65<sup>th</sup> and Franklin. Zone said CMSD has purchased the lot from DSCDO. He said after a Landmarks Committee meeting on proposed demolition of the house, CMSD hopes to begin demolishing it in mid-June to make way for additional parking for teachers and staff at Gallagher.

CMSD Chief Operating Officer Zohn says he is waiting for a report from the State of Ohio to see how much money will be available for the renovation of Gallagher School at W. 65<sup>th</sup> and Franklin. He said originally the district slated up to \$8 million for improvements. He said increased enrollment in the building has made more funding available from the State of Ohio. Zohn hopes the state of Ohio will agree to provide enough additional renovation funding to allow for a \$18-20 million comprehensive renovation of the building.

Those attending the meeting also received contact information in case any problems or concerns come up during the process of demolition or construction on any of the schools. For problems with any of the projects residents can contact CMSD Deputy Chief of Capital Projects Gary Sautter at 216-838-0405 or [Gary.Sautter@clevelandmetroschools.org](mailto:Gary.Sautter@clevelandmetroschools.org); or Master Plan Consultant Patti Choby of the Cobalt Group at 216-849-6333 or [pchoby@cobaltgroupinc.com](mailto:pchoby@cobaltgroupinc.com).



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Saturday, May 7, 2016; Malachi Center Youth Club's Unity in the Community Celebration, 2416 Superior Viaduct: Jessica Vaughn and her children Miguel, age 9; Javier, age 8; Kaylia, age 3 and Jayden, age 4; are elated after winning two new bicycles.

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Project Manager Andy Hudak of A.M. Higley Construction is the direct contact for the Halle site. His phone number is 216-861-2050 ext. 149.

Superintendent Steve Javorek of ICON Construction is the direct contact for the Waverly and West

Side High School sites. His phone number is 440-463-1615.

DSCDO Director of Community Involvement Austin Boxler will be relaying information to block clubs on upcoming meetings concerning the schools. Boxler can be contacted at 216- 961-4242 ext. 243 or at [aboxler@dscdo.org](mailto:aboxler@dscdo.org).

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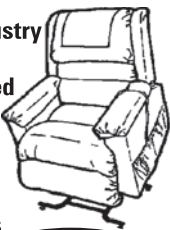
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Wednesday, May 11, 2016; John Marshall School of Engineering Project Inspire 2016, John Marshall High School, 3952 W. 140<sup>th</sup> Street: One of the highlights of this open house was a robotics demonstration by some of the Youth Technology Academy students that built the robot that won the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics World Championship in St. Louis this year. Standing with the robot are staff members of the Youth Technology Academy at Cuyahoga Community College, who coached students that came together from seven different Cleveland Metropolitan School District high schools to form the winning robotics team. The staff members (L\_R) are: Project Coordinator Kevin Sarran; Field Specialist Kéondrae Mell; Field Specialist Alex Perez; Youth Technology Academy teacher Armin Rashvand; and Cuyahoga Community College Technology Academies Executive Director George Bilokonsky.

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Jones said at a recent training of health care workers at MetroHealth Medical Center, when she went over these characteristics of human trafficking, a doctor told her about a guy that often brings in five or six women that are pregnant or diseased and translates and talks for them. The doctor said he never thought about the possibility that he was witnessing human trafficking until receiving the training.

Jones asked those present to “Look at things differently and pay attention.” She offered some questions to ask individuals to help determine if they are victims of human trafficking. She said before asking the questions it is important to separate the victim from the dominant human trafficker. Some of the

Jones urged those who suspect human trafficking is going on to call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or to make a referral to the Renee Jones Empowerment Center where appointments can be made by calling 216-651-9601.

Reverend Doug Horner of St. Paul's Community Church at W. 45<sup>th</sup> and Franklin talked about an incident at the church's outreach program where they were able to trick a pimp into sitting still while a lady went to the bathroom and was ushered out a different way to be taken to a safe spot. Horner said the outreach program at the church has seen women who are victims of human trafficking and women who are engaging in prostitution on their own. Many he says are engaged in drug use or have

In his 14½ years on the Vice Unit, Detective John Graves says he has seen generations of women in the same family – grandmother, daughter and granddaughter involved in the sex trade. He noted that listings of escorts have moved from Craigslist to backpage.com. He says of people that are victims of human trafficking: some are forced by women, some by men.

Graves also talked about young girls being tattooed with guy's names on their neck, side or thighs to show ownership. He talked about being aware of people going in and out of a house and other signs of trafficking. He urged residents not to jeopardize their safety by taking photos of activity. Instead he suggested calling the Vice Unit at 216-623-5213.

Graves said on Lorain Avenue you often see females working the street. They walk alone and are looking at

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, John Marshall High School's School of Engineering opened its doors with Project Inspire to showcase its program to the community. One of the highlights of Project Inspire, held at the high school on W. 140<sup>th</sup>, was a demonstration of the robot that Cleveland students built while competing in and winning the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics World Championship Winning Alliance in St. Louis on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

At the championship in St. Louis on the last weekend of April, the Cleveland team joined with three other teams to form the alliance that won the coveted FIRST Robotics Competition Championship Winning Alliance. The teams that Cleveland allied with were from Hermosa Beach, California; Tremont, Illinois; and Glenn Allen, Virginia of the Carver Subdivision.

About thirty students from seven Cleveland Metropolitan School District Schools went to Cuyahoga Community College's Youth Technology Academy, after school and on weekends, to work with mentors and teachers into preparing for the contest. High school students on the team came from John Marshall, MC2STEM, John Adams, Design Lab Early College, John Hay, New Tech West, and East Tech.

George Bilokonsky, Executive Director of the Technology Academies at Cuyahoga Community College, says more than 70,000 students, from 24 different countries, participated in the four months of preparation and competition leading up to the world championship. 640 teams made it to the world championship in St. Louis for the final four days of the competition, said Bilokonsky. The Cleveland Cuyahoga Community College Youth Technology Academy team was the first Ohio team to win the world championship in the 25 years of the contest, said Bilokonsky.

Bilokonsky says the number of experienced students on the varsity team this year helped to win the world championship. He said, with a 120-pound limit on the weight of the robot, students realized that if they could lighten the weight of the frame of their robot, they could include more in the guts of the machine. Students used a CAMaster to stamp out a pattern in the metal frame to make it lighter, he said.

The competition this year involved the theme of attacking a castle, said Bilokonsky. Students were asked to build a robot that could storm a castle. The robot would have to knock down and go over obstacles, use a catapult arm to throw boulders, and a grappling hook to scale walls.

Bilokonsky said that in the district and regional competitions leading up to the championship competition, the Cleveland team's robot was not yet capable of doing all of the tasks it needed to win the world championship. Bilokonsky said he gives the team credit for continuing to add capabilities to their robot as they went deeper into the competition. First, they concentrated on driving the robot. Then, they perfected the robot's ability to throw a ball. The Friday morning before the world championship competition the students were able to get the grappling hook up and working, said Bilokonsky.

The FIRST website, [firstinspires.org](http://firstinspires.org), describes the final round of the competition:

"The four-day event came down to a heart-pounding conclusion Saturday night in front of a roaring crowd of more than 40,000 when four teams from Hermosa Beach, California; Tremont, Illinois; Cleveland, Ohio; and Glen Allen, Virginia of the Carver Subdivision won the coveted FIRST Robotics Competition Championship Winning Alliance.

"In this year's game, FIRST STRONGHOLDSM, Alliances worked together to breach their opponents' fortifications, weaken their tower, and capture the opposing tower. Robots scored points by breaching opponents' defenses and tossing boulders through goals in the opposing tower. During the final 20 seconds of the match, robots were allowed to surround and scale the opposing tower to capture it."

cars. He said they are often dressed in cut up jeans and tennis shoes, or if they are suburbanites – they may be wearing a sundress. He said usually the pimp is across the street or somewhere nearby. Graves estimated that roughly ninety percent of the women engaged in prostitution are involved with drugs. Other reasons for going down this road include trauma, abuse, homelessness, parents kicked them out, pregnant at an early age or a bad home life, said Graves. He pointed out that young boys also are victims of sex trafficking.

Neighbors around the Lorain Branch library talked about witnessing prostitution and people shooting up drugs in the neighborhood alleys and by vacant houses. They talked about the Weed and Seed program that had once tried to address the problem in the neighborhood. It was suggested that a talk club be started. Rev. Horner talked about his experience on the street where he lives north of Detroit near Herman Avenue where residents got to know each other and collaborated to continuously call police when they witnessed drug dealing or prostitution.

Several people brought up the issue of possible increased human

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# Riverview Tower residents voice concerns about neighborhood problems

by Chuck Hoven

On May 12<sup>th</sup> Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack and Ohio City Incorporated (OCI) community organizer Destinee Henton met with residents of Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority's (CMHA) Riverview Towers at 1795 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. The meeting, hosted by the James Woods Center of the Rose Centers for Aging Well at Riverview Towers, provided residents an opportunity to raise issues of concern such as safety for pedestrians in the neighborhood, service of Regional Transit Authority buses, parking issues, and opportunities for seniors to get involved in the neighborhood.

Riverview resident Cynthia Triplett talked about the tendency in the United States to throw elders away. She talked about the neglect of the elderly, saying, "With politicians today, everything is geared to people under age 46."

As an example she talked about Cleveland politicians that had promised to fix the dangerous conditions for pedestrians on W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, but had not followed through. Triplett talked about how dangerous it is for people to cross W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street in front of Riverview. Speaking of the light in front of Riverview, she said, "Cars act like the light is not

here." She called for the walk sign at the light in front of Riverview to be on for a longer period of time to allow residents with walkers or wheelchairs to safely cross the street.

Triplett called for more ticketing of cars going through red lights on W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. She offered to organize residents at Riverview to write down license plate numbers of cars ignoring the traffic light. Riverview resident Dwight Hooks urged that the problem be taken care of immediately. OCI organizer Henton said her job is to address the concerns of the "underserved and underrepresented." She cited work already undertaken to try to get the Ohio Department of Transportation to improve the pedestrian infrastructure at W. 25<sup>th</sup> and Detroit Avenue.

Hooks urged that the Police Chief to be informed that the cars of customers of restaurants and bars are being parked in the CMHA Riverview Towers' parking lot. "They are taking over our parking lot at night and nothing is being done about it. They should not be allowed to come over here and park."

Several residents described how their parking places are, often, continued on page 8



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Thursday, May 12, 2016, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority's Riverview Towers, 1795 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street: Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack addresses concerns raised by Riverview Tower residents. The James Woods Center of the Rose Centers for Aging Well at Riverview Towers hosted the community meeting to give Riverview residents an opportunity to pose their concerns to Ohio City Incorporated community organizer Destinee Henton and Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack.

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taken by cars from the patrons of local businesses and they are forced to park on the street, where their cars are being ticketed. One African American Riverview resident believed that police were targeting residents for ticketing because of the color of their skin. One white Riverview resident refuted that assumption by saying that police have ticketed him as well.

Another resident said he spotted valet parking attendants from area businesses parking cars in the Riverview parking lot. He said he called CMHA police, and the “officers took control.”

Although they don’t want patrons of the bars and restaurants to be parking at Riverview, residents said they would like to be able to have their guests park in the lot without fear of having their cars towed. One resident said it was unfair not to have guest passes for their guests to park in the lot. They said their guests won’t visit them if their cars are going to be towed.

Another resident urged more police patrolling at night, citing a lot of car alarms going off. The bicycle box sitting in the street on W. 25<sup>th</sup> and Bridge was talked about as an obstacle that creates a dangerous situation because it obstructs the views of drivers trying to enter and exit the street.

Councilman McCormack, who arrived late at the meeting, introduced himself to residents. He offered a little bit of his background. He said he grew up on the Collinwood neighborhood of Cleveland. He attended college at Miami University of Ohio. Taught English in Spain. Worked on the Senate campaign for Sherrod Brown and worked for Ohio City Incorporated for the past three years as a community organizer. He said when Councilman Joe Cimperman left to take a job at Global Cleveland, he was appointed to take his place. He said on “April 4<sup>th</sup> City Council voted me in.”

McCormack urged residents to “reach out to me and call my office with any concerns.” He promised to take care of their concerns “or find someone who will.” He expressed concern about quality of life issues in the ward, and promised to be “fully accessible to everyone.” He described the boundaries of Ward 3 as including most of downtown from E. 12<sup>th</sup> going westward through Ohio City to roughly W. 50; most of Tremont; and south to an area by Clark Avenue.

After hearing some of the Riverview residents’ concerns about traffic on W. 25<sup>th</sup>, McCormack said “Maybe some enforcement,” would help. He also gave residents the phone number for the Cleveland Police Community Service unit:

Station Hope brings community together to enjoy a free evening of quality performances

In the City of Cleveland, where many residents are often left out of cultural activities because of the price of admission, Station Hope provides a free event with high quality art, dance, poetry, theater and music for all to enjoy. People from throughout Cleveland ventured to Church Avenue in Ohio City on April 30<sup>th</sup>, for the 2016 celebration of Station Hope. The event, presented by Cleveland Public Theatre, former Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman, and the City of Cleveland was billed as a “block party with a purpose; an arts event for the people; and a celebration of hope.” The event made possible through a wide variety of local and national funders, was that, and more.

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In its third year, Station Hope takes place at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 2600 Church Avenue. The church is an authenticated site of the Underground Railroad that helped move escaped slaves move from slavery in the southern states to freedom in Canada. Cleveland, just a short distance from Canada on the shores of Lake Erie, was called Station Hope.

The Station Hope celebration not only offers quality entertainment in a variety of poetry, dance, music, and theater performances, but also uses both community members and professional artists as performers. Many of the performances also sought to address some pertinent civil rights and social issues.

Station Hope offered five different staging areas each with continuously changing performances.

Performances in one of the venues, the Sanctuary of St. John’s Episcopal Church, offer an example of the inclusiveness and variety of the performers.

Two performances featured actors from Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) estates. In one performance youths who are residents of Authority’s Woodhill Homes and members of Cleveland Public Theatre’s Brick City Theatre put on a production titled, “Walk the Path” where, according to the program, they “declared their human right to live fearlessly; to be heard and respected by their community; and to walk with empowerment the path to their future.”

In another performance, youths and adult residents of Lakeview estates,

who are members of Cleveland Public Theatre’s Brick City Theatre, presented a production titled, “Looking Back to Face Forward” where they examined “how our memories and life experiences shape who we are and who we can become.” The actors portrayed people who are often misunderstood yet have their own plans, hopes and dreams.

The performances by community actors were mixed with those of professionals. Including the dance performance written, directed and designed by Terance Greene titled “Angels: A love that forgives” that offers an interpretation of an important turning point in the struggle for Civil Rights in the United States. In the performance four dancers first depict the horror of the bombing of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963 where four young girls were killed. In a second scene the dancers return as angels.

In another performance called, “Highway to Canaan”, members of the Opera by the Lake act and sing in a condensed version of the opera which tells the story of an 1851 escape to freedom via the Underground Railroad.

Those in attendance were also treated to an Inlet Dance Theatre production of Doppelganger (2001) by dancers Joshua Brown and Kevin Parker. The two dancers mirrored the movements of one another with a magnificent display of athleticism.



PHOTO BY TED LOBAUGH  
Saturday, April 30, 2016; Station Hope, St. John’s Episcopal Church, 2600 Church Avenue: Dancers perform, *Angels: A Love that Forgives*.

216-664-2691. McCormack said if residents see evidence of racial discrimination by Cleveland Police when giving tickets to call his office and report it.

Riverview resident Dwight Hooks talked to Councilman McCormack about his desire to see the talent of residents of Riverview being utilized better by the surrounding businesses and community organizations. He asked, “What can we do? What can we be involved in?” He talked about Station Hope involving people from the community in acting and theatre and called for more opportunities like that to utilize the talents of Riverview residents.

Some programs in the

neighborhood that are more inclusive were discussed including Near West Recreation which includes children from all over the Near West Side in programs such as T-Ball, Basketball, soccer, bowling and creative writing. OCI’s Henton talked about the exercise room at Riverview, which, she said, had received a Neighborhood Connections grant for more equipment. Henton also talked about opportunities to get involved with Lutheran Hospital’s annual fair and a neighborhood, walking club.

Cynthia Triplett called for an effort to help a local yoga studio to qualify for the Silver Sneakers program so residents could participate in yoga classes at a greatly reduced cost.

Residents called for more programs for seniors. One resident wanted more activities for seniors that are in wheelchairs and have difficulty using the exercise room at Riverview.

Riverview residents also brought up the potential impact of the Regional Transit Authority’s (RTA) proposed rate hikes and route cuts on their ability to get around. McCormack talked about his opposition to a proposal by RTA to cut Route 81 loops through Lakeview and Tremont Pointe. He said his office is working collaboratively with RTA to keep the two stops on the route for the 81 bus. He called this effort, “a moral issue.”

One resident asked McCormack to address a rumor that some individuals are pushing Ohio City Incorporated to “get rid of us.” In response to this, McCormack said, “I assure you. It is not going to happen.” He noted Riverview is owned by the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and there is strong backing for having a diverse neighborhood with a variety of housing.

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