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**Thursday, January 26, 2017, Metro West Community Development Office's Annual Meeting, Stockyard Elementary School, 3200 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street: A dancer from the Hispanic Social Club at Thomas Jefferson Newcomers Academy performs for the crowd.**

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## Cudell Improvement celebrates 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

by Chuck Hoven

In his remarks at the beginning of the Cudell Improvement 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting on January 25, Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone told of the influence the late Judge Raymond Pianka had on his life. He said, "Ray was like a big brother to me." He noted that Ray served as

a City Council Aide to his father, Michael Zone, in 1972-73 before moving on to become the director of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization. So, Ray knew the young Matt Zone and kept an eye out for him when in the neighborhood. Zone recalls Pianka warning him to get home when Zone

was hanging out on the corner as a youth.

Zone updated those in attendance on the services for Ray Pianka to be held on Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. till noon at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Zone then talked a bit about his role as the new President of the National League of Cities and the challenges the organization faces in advocating for cities on the national stage. Zone noted that in the first year he was in City Council in 2002, the City of Cleveland received \$42 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home funds. Last year that amount was down to \$22 million. He had recently heard that President Donald Trump wants to do away with the CDBG altogether. Zone says he plans to go with a delegation of mayors to visit with the Heritage Foundation, a think tank that Trump relies heavily upon, to try to convince them of the importance of these programs.

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**Wednesday, January 25, 2017, Cudell Improvement Annual Meeting, Brennan's Catering and Banquet Center, 13000 Triskett Road: Cudell Improvement Executive Director Anita Brindza is awarded the Walter and Pauline Martens Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of service to Cudell Improvement.**



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**Saturday, January 21, 2017; Riverview Towers, 1795 W. 25<sup>th</sup>: Mike Ryan (L) and Rick Caster (R). Ryan and Caster, friends when they were teenagers growing up in Parma, had lost touch, and not seen each other for forty years before they both became residents of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority's Riverview Towers.**

## Metro West celebrates its annual meeting & introduces its new logo

by Chuck Hoven

The Metro West Community Development Office's annual meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> began with Managing Director Adam Stalder talking about the organization's new name and how happy he is not to have to say Stockyard, Clark Fulton, Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office anymore. The meeting ended with Stalder unveiling the organization's new logo which will soon appear on all their official correspondence.

Stalder said that over the past six years the organization has become one of the most successful community development organizations in the city of Cleveland. He praised his staff as a "most dedicated and caring group" that was "passionate" about what they do.

Stalder then highlighted a number of Metro West's accomplishments, outlined in their annual report. He said the housing team is now able to survey every house in the neigh-

borhood every four years. This has not only improved code enforcement and aided in the removal of nuisance properties, but also led to the transfer of ownership of 26 distressed properties, 40% of which were bought and rehabbed by owner occupants.

Stalder also mentioned a number of new economic development projects in the neighborhood. A collaborative effort between Metro-Health and Cleveland Clinic resulted in the groundbreaking for a \$4 million Fresenius Dialysis Center. Another \$4 million was spent in the completion of Horizon Education Center's Market Square facility on the old Forest City Foundry site on W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. The Lofts at Lion Mills represents a \$9 million investment being developed by Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization which will result in 36 affordable apartments.

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## Clark Avenue rehabilitation project will begin soon

by Chuck Hoven

At a January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at Clark Recreation Center, City of Cleveland officials revealed plans for the rehabilitation of Clark Avenue from where Clark meets Lorain Avenue eastward to W. 41<sup>st</sup> Street.

Plans call for the \$7.9 million project to be done in two phases. The western end of the project from Lorain to W. 65<sup>th</sup> will begin in February or March of this year and is expected to be completed by the end of 2017. When that work is complete, work will begin on the second phase from W. 65<sup>th</sup> to W. 41<sup>st</sup>. Work is expected

to be completed on that phase by the end of 2018.

The project also includes gas line improvements; replacement of waterlines with larger conduits; renovating and adding catch basins for drainage; and a variety of other infrastructure improvements – some of which are already underway. Sidewalks, curbs and driveway aprons will be repaired for trip hazards. American Disability Act compliant ramps will be placed at all intersections.

City of Cleveland Project Representative Robert Tripodi outlined

plans for a bike lane on the north side of Clark from W. 65<sup>th</sup> to W. 41<sup>st</sup> with parking only allowed on the south side of Clark. City officials said they believe that when Clark School is rebuilt, the campus will stretch from W. 53<sup>rd</sup> to W. 56<sup>th</sup> and will have an indent for parking.

Tripodi said there will be parking on both sides of Clark from W. 65 to W. 85 and parking on only the south side from W. 85<sup>th</sup> to Lorain Avenue. Clark Avenue from Lorain to W. 85<sup>th</sup> will remain one way going east.

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**Monday, January 23, 2017; West Side Market, W. 25<sup>th</sup> and Lorain Avenue: Vince Bertonaschi of Vince's Meats chats with a customer. After 30 years at the West Side Market, Bertonaschi closed his stand on January 28<sup>th</sup>. As President of the West Side Market Tenants Association, Bertonaschi fought to keep West Side Market parking lot under the control of the tenants. The city of Cleveland wrested control of the lot and area businesses monopolized many of the parking spots once reserved for West Side Market shoppers. More customers were lost during the reconstruction of the lot this past year. Bertonaschi's call for a rent reduction over the next three years to help merchants recover from the loss of customers went unheeded by the city. Instead, the city of Cleveland raised rents on the merchants, resulting in Bertonaschi's decision to close his stand.**



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Sunday, January 15, 2107, Cleveland Collection Gallery, 2529 Detroit Avenue: Near West Side resident, Al Wasco, originated the idea for the Black and Blue Side by Side. The photography display coordinated by photographer Billy Delfs featured 29 portraits of police officers standing side by side with an African American. Photographers participating in the project were: Billy Delfs, Darlene Beiter, Janet Century, and Steve Wagner. Wasco said the project had a modest goal "to bring people together – as two people."

**ARTS AND CULTURE**  
**SPACES Announces 2017 Exhibitions** On view January 27 – March 25. **R&D: Imani Roach (Philadelphia, PA), Havens.** Based on the recently digitized Jim Crow-era travel guides known as *The Negro Motorist Green Book*, Imani Roach will incorporate archival materials and the oral histories of elderly Clevelanders in a large-scale installation at SPACES, as well as historical markers at *Green Book* locations throughout the city. Roach will develop an updated travel guidebook for Cleveland, to be distributed in local schools, libraries, churches and other key community hubs.  
**SWAP: Anthony Warnick (Cleveland, OH), Except as a Punishment for Crime.** SWAP Artist-in-Residence Anthony Warnick will participate in the supply chain of products made by inmates, to expose how privately-run prisons gain enormous profits from reducing human beings to a revenue stream. The exhibition will take the form of documentation and performances that demand ethical inquiry while connecting the history of representation to the power of capital over labor.

**The Vault: Soda\_Jerk (New York, NY), Astro Black.** *Astro Black* will mark the first exhibition in Cleveland of Australian collective Soda\_Jerk. SPACES will feature four episodes of the *Astro Black* series, which draw out the nexus of science fiction and social politics in Afrofuturism through entirely sampled material. Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Sunday from 12 – 5 p.m. Thursday open until 8 p.m. Closed Monday. SPACES opens its new home on the ground floor of the historic Van Rooy Coffee building at 2900 Detroit Ave. Call 216/621-2314 or email [contact@spacesgallery.org](mailto:contact@spacesgallery.org).

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**  
**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY** hosts FREE performances, activities, and recommended reading for February, African American history month. On February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, CPL will welcome Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad, Director of the Schomburg Center for Research on Black Culture at the New York Public Library, to speak on the "The Criminal 'Injustice' System" at the Main Library in the Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium.

On February 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm, Anthony T. Browder will speak on "African Origins" in the Main Library. He is the author and co-author of a few publications on the African Diaspora, including works about ancient Egypt. Other programming highlights include: **African American Month Kick-Off** with musical performances on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Caribbean Musical Performances and Panel Discussion** on February 11<sup>th</sup>, **Valentine's Day for Book Lovers** on February 14<sup>th</sup>, **Exploration of rural Ohio's African American History through the Knox County Archives** on February 27<sup>th</sup>, and **Street Lit and African American Girls Discussion** on March 1. For more information, visit <http://cpl.org>, or for information on related books, log onto [https://search.clevnet.org/client/en\\_US/cpl-main/search/results?qu=african%20american%20history%20month](https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/results?qu=african%20american%20history%20month)  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRIVIA:** Children will learn, celebrate and commemorate the lives of influential African American on Monday, February 6 at 4:30 pm at the Lorain Branch of the Library at 8216 Lorain. Call 216/623-7011.



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**TOURS ABOUT AFRICAN AMERICANS IN CLEVELAND** can be found in a mobile app at <https://clevelandhistorical.org/tours/show/43#.Wl0iyBiZ0t9>. Information about **AFRICAN AMERICANS IN ROCK AND ROLL** is available at [http://library.rockhall.com/black\\_history\\_month/BHM/rock](http://library.rockhall.com/black_history_month/BHM/rock).

**CRIME**  
**COUNTY HOT LINE OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT "CRIME GUNS."** Cuyahoga County law enforcement and government officials have a hot line that is available for people to call to report the so-called crime guns to police. The hotline number is 216/241-TIPS. The caller's identity is never revealed and all calls are anonymous. The opportunity for a cash reward is traced via a numeric code given for each call.

**DETROIT SHOREWAY**  
**ANNUAL MEETING** for the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization is scheduled for Thursday, February 23 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School at 6928 Detroit Ave. in the Pope John Hall (behind the church). Dinner is from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Memberships can be purchased online at: [www.dscdo.org](http://www.dscdo.org), or at the door at the annual meeting. Memberships include the spaghetti dinner and eligibility to vote in the election of officers. RSVP recommended by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Residential membership costs \$10 for ages 18-55 and \$5 for ages 55+. Contact Austin Boxler at 216/961-4242, ext.243 or [aboxler@dscdo.org](mailto:aboxler@dscdo.org) for more information.

**ENVIRONMENT**  
**CLEVELAND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION NETWORK (CLEAN) MEETING:** Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m., 3623 West Blvd. Help us plan our 2017 agenda. Anyone who wants to work for a clean and just environment is welcome.

**FOOD**  
**EAT RIGHT:** Some fun classes to learn about nutrition, making healthy choices, and staying active through games, books and interactive lessons at 5 pm in Wednesdays February 2 and 9. Geared towards children, but adults are welcome. Each week there will be something different. At the Lorain Branch of the Cleveland Public Library at 8216 Lorain Ave. Call 216/623-7011 for more information.

**KIDS' CAFÉ:** FREE healthy, nutritious bagged meals for children thanks to a partnership with the Cleveland Food Bank. Monday through Friday after school at the Lorain Branch of the Library at 8216 Lorain Ave. Also at the Carnegie Branch at Bridge and Fulton at 3:30 pm.

**HEALTH ISSUES**  
**PROTECT YOUR HEART: KNOW YOUR NUMBERS.** A free program to help you identify your risk factors and learn the effects that high blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and being overweight can have on your quality of life. Wednesday, February 22 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Castele Center Auditorium at 1730 W. 25. Register at <http://www.ccf.org/HealthyHeartLutheran> or by calling 216/363-2019.

**LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA,** Greater Cleveland Chapter, will host its monthly call-in support group on Wednesday, February 8 from 7-8 p.m. Call 1-888-NOLUPUS or visit [www.LupusGreaterOhio.org](http://www.LupusGreaterOhio.org) to register and receive the call-in information. The support is an open environment that encourages discussion among lupus patients and their families.

**HEATING ASSISTANCE**  
**HEAP WINTER CRISIS PROGRAM** can help pay monthly gas and electric bills for families that are income eligible. The program also provides referrals and support for residents through HEAP, PIPP, the Home Weatherization Assistance Program and Water Affordability Program. Call 216-518-4014 from 6-8 pm for a next day appointment. You must make an appointment; they do not take walk-ins. At Lin Omni Center, 3167 Fulton, Suite 303, through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**Corrections**  
**Lady Luck's owner's name**  
 In the article, "Lady Luck creates its own atmosphere at W. 42<sup>nd</sup> and Lorain Avenue" in the January 2017 issue of the *Plain Press*, the name of the salon proprietor is wrong. It should be Rebecca Ford, not Rebecca Neumarker.

**Inaccuracies in articles on historic buildings**  
 Two articles about historic buildings in the January 2017 issue of the *Plain Press* contain some inaccuracies: "Cheerio Building rehab adds retail spaces and apartments to Gordon Square area" and "W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street Lofts rehabilitation adds 83 apartments and commercial space on Church Avenue between W. 25<sup>th</sup> and W. 28<sup>th</sup> streets." Please refer to architectural historian Craig Bobby's letter to the editor on page 3 for an outline of the errors. The corrected articles are on the *Plain Press* website at: [www.plainpress.org](http://www.plainpress.org).

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## Architectural historian, Craig Bobby, points out inaccuracies in articles on Cheerio building and W.25<sup>th</sup> Lofts project

### To the editor:

I am writing to you to inform you of some inaccuracies found in articles in the January 2017 issue of the *Plain Press*. All of these are articles pertain to local historic buildings.

### LETTER

In the article about the commercial building on Detroit at the corner of West 74<sup>th</sup>, which is referred to as the Cheerio Building in the article, it is stated that it was built "prior to the year 1874". In actuality, it was built in 1909. Its original owner was Alfred Arthur and the architectural firm responsible for its design was White & Shupe. These facts were reported in

a Cleveland newspaper at the time its construction began. The author of this article apparently did not have a proper understanding of the historic maps he consulted. Depicted at this general location on the two maps he cited (dated 1881 and 1874) was the private residence of someone named Ramsey, considerably set back from the street. Additionally, his statement that the structure was called "Marshall And Ramsey's Allt" is extremely misguided. "Allt" is an abbreviation for "Allotment" and it merely refers to the formal subdivision of land in that vicinity of which this specific property was part. The

names of all of the allotments are given on these maps.

In the article regarding the buildings involved in the recent West 25<sup>th</sup> Street Lofts project, the author claims that the historic former address of the former Odd Fellows Building was 1526 Pearl. In actuality, it was 315-321 Pearl. The historic former address of the former Baehr Brewery Building was 327-329 Pearl. The author also claimed that one of the buildings facing Church Avenue "was first constructed by Jacob Baehr". In actuality, nearly all of the buildings that are part

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## CUDELL MEETING

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with Cudell Executive Director Anita Brindza and the Cudell Improvement Board about diversifying its revenue to provide better services at lower cost. Zone promised that Cudell Improvement would continue to serve the neighborhood and become stronger.

Following Zone, Charles Slife, a Special Assistant for Regional Development in the Mayor's Office, offered an update on the development planned for W. 117<sup>th</sup> and Clifton. Slife said the Christian Scientist Church has, finally, been demolished. He expects the Carnegie Company, which owns the block on the Clifton side, to get started in the spring in building a store for Lucky's Market that will sell locally sourced and organic foods; a smaller building with a hair salon; and two fast casual restaurants. He said development of townhomes on the Lake Avenue side of the project would probably get underway later in 2017.

Following Slife's update, Cudell Improvement Executive Director Anita Brindza introduced the keynote speaker, the new Commander of the First Police District Daniel Fay. Commander Fay, who took command of the First District on December 12, 2016, took a moment to talk of the tragic death of First District Police Officer David Fahey killed while laying down a traffic cone on I-90 a couple of days before the Cudell Improvement meeting. Fay said that a Homeland Security officer in Lorain, Ohio took the initiative to check out a neighborhood of known "knuckleheads" and saw a car fitting

the description of the hit and run driver that killed Officer Fahey. The driver was then apprehended.

Commander Fay then shared some of his expectations and goals for the First District. Fay said that when he met with the First District Police Officers during his first roll call as commander, he reminded the officers that they engage the community every day and that he expects them to do so, professionally and respectfully. He told the officers, "If you do that, we all win. If you don't, you will have a problem with me, and downtown."

Commander Fay said his decisions as commander will always be "business, not personal; data driven and based on sound principals." Enforcement will be focused on neighborhoods where the need is greatest, he said. Commander Fay said he also needed the help of those living and working in the First District saying, "If you see something, say something." He urged individuals with quality of life issues to call his office to lodge a complaint. He promised all complaints would be investigated. Commander Fay said he does "management by walking around - getting out of the office and engaging. You are going to see me out and about. I need to model what I want our officers to do."

The commander talked about a new Neighborhood Impact Community Engagement (NICE) squad of officers that will work out of downtown to aid with community engagement. He also said he expected his officers to benefit from an additional 40-60 hours of training being offered, as part of the settlement with the United States Department of Justice. He also said

the settlement agreement should be bringing much needed equipment to the police force.

Commander Fay then presented an award to Community Policing Captain Keith Sulzer. Fay said Captain Sulzer and a group of 34 officers represented Cleveland well at the inauguration ceremony of the new president of the United States.

Captain Sulzer said he got a chance to see Commander Fay's style of leadership during the trip to Washington D.C. Sulzer said of Fay, "He is a great leader. He doesn't just make blind decisions. He talks to the men."

Captain Sulzer said of the new commander, "he gets community policing." Sulzer talked of the need for more positive interactions between police and the community. "Danny Fay is going to do that," said Sulzer.

Sulzer then talked about the Cleveland Police Foundation which supports programs such as Cops and Kids. He said the foundation has money to help people in need and in turn help improve relations between the police and the community. He offered some examples of the foundation getting a bicycle for kid, a crib for a mother without resources to buy one, and cash to help bury a baby that died. He urged people wanting to make donations to the fund to get ahold of him.

Sulzer then told the crowd how lucky they were to have a development corporation such as Cudell Improvement working in their neighborhood. He urged them to "embrace it, support it."



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Executive Director Brindza then introduced Linda Krasienko, President of A Place for Us Development. Brindza said Krasienko came to her 18 years ago with a proposal for a retirement community in the neighborhood.

"It took twenty years to have a dream come true," said Linda Krasienko about A Place for Us, the new retirement community at W. 116th and Madison. Krasienko invited the community to come and tour the new, fifty-five unit, facility. She said the State of Ohio contributed \$2 million in tax credits to help make the community parts of the building that will be used for in-house services.

Krasienko said that the idea for the retirement community came in the course of working at 23 different nursing homes. She had asked that if she ever needed a nursing facility, could she and her partner live together in the same room. The answer was always, "no", she said. Thus, the concept of A Place for Us came about.

Following the presentation about A Place for Us, Cudell Improvement President Daniel Berry and Executive Director Anita Brindza presented a number of awards.

The Excellence in Government Award went to City of Cleveland Chief Financial Officer Sharon Dumas. Councilman Matt Zone credited her with saving the City of Cleveland from having to make massive layoffs during the Great Recession.

The "Good Guy" Award went to Dennis Matson of Clifton Corporation for his willingness to go along with the recommendations of the Local Design Review committee in his work to rehabilitate a building at 11119 Clifton Boulevard.

The Service Award went to Greg Bucur for designing and building the Little Free Library in the Baltic Children's Park.

Storefront Awards were given to Peter Katsaros for the Lee Solding Building at 11633 Clifton Blvd and to Hiep Pham for the Clifton Mini Mart at 11022 Clifton Blvd.

In a surprise move, Walter Martin of Martens Funeral Home awarded the Walter and Pauline Martens Lifetime Achievement Award to Cudell Improvement Executive Director Anita Brindza for her more than 40 years of service to the organization and the neighborhood.

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# Front Steps joins with EDEN and PIRHL Developers to plan new facility

Front Steps Housing and Services hopes to be able to move to a new location soon. Front Steps, currently located in a former Travelodge motel at 1545 W. 25<sup>th</sup>, sits on a ridge over the Cuyahoga River that is unstable.

Front Steps Housing and Services has teamed up with Emerald Development and Economic Network, (EDEN Inc.), and PIRHL Developers to apply for funding for a new Permanent Supportive Housing facility to be located at 2554 W. 25<sup>th</sup> on part of the old Forest City Foundry site at W. 25<sup>th</sup> and Queen. The proposed site is just south of where the new Horizon Education Centers facility recently opened.

At a community meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, at the offices of Metro

West Community Development Organization, Kevin Brown of PIRHL Developers explained that Ohio City Inc.'s development plan for the hillside along the east side of W. 25<sup>th</sup> calls for making a green space from Riverview to Detroit Avenue. Brown and Front Steps Executive Director Sherri Brandon described how some of Front Steps property has already washed over the hillside toward the Cuyahoga River Valley below. They have lost part of their parking lot and part of their community garden.

The proposed new Permanent Supportive Housing facility will have 60 fully furnished one bedroom, one bath apartments. Front Steps will provide and coordinate onsite supportive services through ongoing

grant support and Medicaid billing. EDEN will be the property manager responsible for the day to day operations of the building, including 24/7 front desk security staffing. The facility will be constructed by PIRHL Developers in compliance with Enterprise Green Communities standards.

The new facility will be named St. Joseph Commons in honor of the members of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph which in 1986 founded Transitional Housing Inc., the organization which is now Front Steps.

Front Steps Executive Director Brandon says there are currently about 60 residents at Front Steps. About 90% of the residents are

women. She says over the last couple of years, the program started accepting men as it transitioned to becoming a Permanent Supportive Housing facility. She says residents pay 30% of their income in rent.

Elaine Gimmel, Chief Operating Officer at EDEN, Inc. described the security of the proposed facility which will have the requirement that all residents and visitors be buzzed in by security to enter the building.

Brown said the partners in the project plan to apply for the Ohio Trust Fund's Low Income Housing Tax Credits for this project in March of this year and expect to hear back by July. If the funding is approved, they hope to begin building in late winter or early spring of 2018 and

complete the project by late spring or early summer of 2018.

Brown says while there will be other sources of funding, the major source is from Low Income Housing Tax Credits. He says, if the proposal is not approved in this round of funding, they would have to apply again for the project to go forward.

Several other groups in the neighborhood are applying for this funding as well. An article in the January 22 *Plain Dealer*, titled "Groups, companies back funding", says a coalition effort is underway to encourage the Ohio Legislature to add another \$15 million per year to the Ohio Housing Trust Fund so more projects can be funded.



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## Neighborhood Family Practice now providing oral health services

Last summer, Neighborhood Family Practice (NFP) was one of 420 community health centers across the country to receive Federal funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to increase access to integrated oral health care (dental) services and improve oral health outcomes for patients.

Thanks to that funding, dental services are now available to existing NFP patients at the Neighborhood Family Practice Ridge Community Health Center (3569 Ridge Road, Cleveland). NFP's new dentist, Elsie Hinz, DDS conducted the health center's very first dental exams on sisters Anaya Domanski and Nalea Tylor on Thursday, January 12.

"In Cuyahoga County, more than a third of adult residents have not visited a dentist in the last year, and more than 10% of children under age 18 have never visited a dentist," says Jean Polster, RN, MS, president and chief executive officer of NFP. "In the past, NFP referred patients out for dental services,

which had very limited capacity. With the addition of Dr. Hinz, a dental hygienist and dental assistants, existing NFP patients who didn't have a source of dental care can now regularly see a dentist and receive dental services."

Addition of these oral health services expands the comprehensive range of services, which includes primary care, women's health and integrated behavioral health, al-

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## CLARK AVENUE

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The biggest objection to the plan came from merchants with businesses along Clark Avenue from W. 65<sup>th</sup> to W. 41<sup>st</sup>. They complained about the loss of parking to the bike lane. Tripodi noted that the bike lanes are part of a citywide network. In addition to serving as bike lanes, he said pedestrians use them in winter as a place to walk when sidewalks are not shoveled.

There was also concern about a sewer problem at W. 56<sup>th</sup> and Clark. City officials said the project calls for some cleaning and repairs of catch basins. However, if the sewer problem is located from the curb to the business, it is the responsibility of the property owner.

One business owner asked about the possibility of creating parking lots behind the businesses in areas where there are currently abandoned houses or vacant lots. Adam Stalder, Managing Director of Metro West Community Development Organization, said there are funds available from the Local Parking Needs Fund at the City of Cleveland's Economic Development Department to help create parking lots. The problem, he said, is to maintain the lots once they are built. He said if businesses are willing to maintain the lots, he is interested in working on projects with businesses on a case by case basis.

The rehabilitated Clark Avenue will have some dedicated turn lanes at intersections such as W. 41<sup>st</sup>, W. 44<sup>th</sup>, W. 65 and W. 85. During construction, traffic will be one lane eastbound only.

For problems or questions about the rehabilitation project contact Robert Tripodi, Project Representative at [rtruidu@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:rtruidu@city.cleveland.oh.us) or 216-857-0266.

## METRO WEST

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five-year strategic plan to create a cultural and economic center for the Hispanic Community in the Clark Fulton neighborhood. The City of Cleveland Planning Commission has approved the plan, said Stalder.

The annual report notes that in the Stockyard Neighborhood's International Village (also known as the Dream Neighborhood) a federal grant provided by Enterprise Community Partners helped the International Village Initiative to hire a full-time staff member. The goal is to attract partners to revitalize housing for both residents and newcomers.

Metro West Community Advisory Council Chair Gloria Ferris talked about Metro West as an organization known for its ability to think differently about how to build community. She said the organization

is applying for federal 501c3 status which will allow it to apply for more and different grants.

Keynote speaker City Planning Director Freddie Collier talked about social policies that provide advantage for some, and disadvantage for others. He talked about social determinants of health – environmental, social and economic conditions that influence the health of a community. He noted the stress from conditions such as lack of affordable housing, lack of access to transportation and employment opportunities. Collier called for more equity through focusing resources on inherently disadvantaged communities. Collier asked that "we collectively work together to establish a community that is equitable."

In the spirit of Collier's speech, Stalder announced that, in the upcoming year, Metro West plans to

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hold activities on the topic of racial equity and inclusion.

The meeting also featured awards presented by City Council representatives.

Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli presented Dane Reich of Southwest Citizens Area Council in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood with an award recognizing his 20 years of leadership in the organization.

Brancatelli also presented members of Big Creek Connects with an award for their work in conserving the environment within the Big

Creek watershed. In accepting the award on behalf of the group, Big Creek Connects Executive Director Bob Gardin, asked residents to urge the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland MetroParks to work to make a 6 ½ mile greenway which would connect the towpath trail to the zoo.

Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack gave a Neighborhood Housing Award to Carla Diamond for her investment in her home. He also awarded the 15 members of the Mercedarian Walkers a Community Spirit Award.

Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone awarded a Community Spirit Award to Stockyard Connections for their

sponsoring of community activities such as a Hay Ride and Trick or Treat.

Also in Ward 15, Barrio received a Neighborhood Investment award for turning a vacant warehouse into a commissary and bringing 25 jobs to the neighborhood.

Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins presented a Spirit Award to the Archwood UCC Food Sale for their bringing fresh food and adding to community with their twice monthly food sale in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood.

Councilman Cummins presented the Hispanic Business Center with the Community Partner of the Year Award. This past year the Hispanic

Business Center worked with the Hispanic Alliance, MetroHealth System, Metro West and community members to present a La Villa

Hispana 2017-20122 Action Plan to the community. The plan has been approved by the City of Cleveland Planning Department.



PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN  
Thursday, January 26, 2017, Metro West Community Development Office's Annual Meeting, Stockyard Elementary School, 3200 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street: Dancers from the Hispanic Social Club at Thomas Jefferson Newcomers Academy entertain the crowd.



PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN  
Thursday, January 26, 2017, Metro West Community Development Office's Annual Meeting, Stockyard Elementary School, 3200 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street: Adam Stalder, Managing Director of Metro West Community Development Office, displays the organization's new logo.

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**In Memory**

**Cleveland Housing Court Judge Raymond L. Pianka**

Cleveland Housing Court Judge Raymond Pianka, age 65, passed away on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Raymond Pianka grew up in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood and continued to live and be active in the community throughout his life. Pianka served as a City Council Aide to Councilman Michael Zone from 1972-73. Pianka joined neighborhood residents to help found Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization in 1974. He then served as its first Executive Director. He later went on to serve in Cleveland City Council (1985-1995) and to serve as Cleveland's Housing Court Judge (1995 to 2017).

At Cleveland Housing Court, where Pianka served since 1995, he worked hard to preserve Cleveland's Housing stock while shaping an experienced staff and developing programs and policies to help in that effort.

Pianka had a love for neighborhood history and preservation of historic buildings. He often told *Plain Press* staff members he would like to find some time to write some articles for the *Plain Press* about neighborhood history.

In a memorial to Ray Pianka, the Cleveland Restoration Society noted his love for historic buildings. They noted his leading a campaign

in 1978 to save the Gordon Square Arcade from demolition when part of the building fell onto W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street. Today the building is an anchor for the neighborhood.

The Cleveland Restoration Society also commended Pianka for his support of Cleveland Restoration Society's efforts to preserve historic buildings saying: "Judge Pianka believed that extraordinary efforts were justified for certain landmarks even if they did not meet the 'rational' test for economic viability. He believed in his heart that, in some instances, the measure of historic significance was simply more important."



Cleveland Housing Court Judge Raymond L. Pianka

**In Memory**

**The End of a Century: The Wife of Local Funeral Home Owner, Pauline Martens, passes away at age 100**

by Victoria Shea

It was like a scene from a movie: the landlord's son falls in love with the tenant's daughter. But for Pauline Martens, that was the start of her marriage to the late Walter Martens, Sr., the founder of the Walter

Martens & Sons Funeral Home on Denison Avenue.

It was also the start of the legacy that Pauline left behind when she passed away on January 12th at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake. She was 100.

"Mom died with her sons at her bedside," said her oldest son, Walter Jr., when asked about his mother's passing. "It was peaceful. One minute she was there, the next she was gone."

Pauline was born on December 16, 1916 on Columbus Road in Cleveland. She was the daughter of John Gyuru and Pauline Budjinsky Gyuru, both immigrants from Hungary. She also had a younger sister, Dorothy, who passed away at the age of four from double pneumonia.

"Mom never forgot her," Walter said. "One of her favorite stories was about dressing their cat as a baby and wheeling her about the neighborhood."

Like her husband, Pauline lived nearly her whole life on the West Side of Cleveland, and it was in the early 1930s that Pauline and her parents would rent the upstairs of 2210 West Blvd that was owned by her future in-laws, Rose Biebrhausen Martens and Edward Martens. She would meet and eventually date their oldest son Walter, who she would marry on Tuesday, June 23, 1936 at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church.

After her marriage, Pauline began waitressing at Martens Café on Lo-

rain Avenue and West 100<sup>th</sup> Street, where family legend has it that she was arrested for running bingo on a night when Walter, Sr. stayed home because of a cold.

In October of 1948, Pauline would be at her husband's side when he opened the Martens Funeral Home at 9811 Denison Avenue, where she would serve as secretary until her retirement in the late 1970s. Her sons remember her as their father's most loyal helper and supporter.

The Martens were also known for their trips and vacations they took over most of the country. They enjoyed New York and Chicago night clubs and stage shows in Las Vegas.

For the last thirty-nine years, Pauline lived in the home she built

with her husband at 2223 West Blvd. The house is across the street from the home where they first met in the 1930s.

Despite dealing with Alzheimer's disease, Pauline was able to enjoy life with her family, and celebrated her 100 birthday on December 16, 2016.

"Mom's family, religion and her country were always important to her," said Walter, Jr. "She never had a bad thing to say about anyone and always opened her home to all. She was always there to support us in anything."

Pauline is survived by her sons Walter, Jr., Edward and Michael; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Pauline Martens

**Ted Lobaugh : Plain Press photographer, distribution worker and neighborhood advocate passes away**

Ted Lobaugh III, age 32, *Plain Press* photographer and distribution worker passed away at the end of December. Ted volunteered taking photos over the past year at many events throughout the community – something he enjoyed immensely. Ted said he had always wanted to be a photographer since he was a child.

Ted also helped in distributing the *Plain Press* over the past two years. He was very dependable, always checking on when the paper would

be published and setting aside a week to distribute the papers. Staff at businesses and agencies throughout the *Plain Press* distribution area would remember Ted as the polite young man who dropped off the *Plain Press* each month.

Ted grew up in the neighborhood and lived on Clark Avenue. He regularly patrolled his immediate neighborhood. Over the past year he worked to get the city to address a dump site behind his apartment and a vacant abandoned house.

Ted is survived by his mother Jean (Lingenfelter) Lobaugh-Dixon and her husband Glenn Dixon, by his sister Angela Lobaugh, his half-sister Jeanne Dotson, and by his step brothers and sisters: Heather Sample, Angela, Matthew, Christopher, Jeremy and Mark Dixon. Ted was an uncle to Joseph, Yasin and Ziad and a loving nephew to many. Ted was preceded in death by his father Theodore Lobaugh, Jr.

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## Superelectric Pinball Parlor contributes to continuing history of Gordon Square Arcade

by Zhane Isom

Have you ever looked at art while playing a game of pinball at the same time? It does sound a little crazy and different, but that's what you can do when you visit Gordon Square Arcade's Superelectric Pinball Parlor.

The Superelectric Pinball Parlor opened a year ago, in the historic Gordon Square Arcade at the corner of W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street and Detroit Avenue. The goal of Superelectric Pinball Parlor is to create a forum where classic and new pinball machines and the artwork related to them can be enjoyed and shared with the whole community, said David Spasic, one of the owners.

Superelectric has acquired and restored more than 80 vintage games and will continue the process of preserving these pieces so people can see and enjoy them.

Owners Ben Haehn, David Spasic, and Nathan Murray came up with this idea of mixing the game of pinball with art several years ago.

"A few years ago, my father gave me a 1960s-era pinball machine called Cow Poke, which I remember playing as a kid," said Haehn.

Since then Haehn and the other owners started buying old pinball

machines and repaired them. Every Friday they opened their place located in the 78<sup>th</sup> Street studios, so people could play pinball and look at the art that belongs to it. "We thought it would be a great idea to let people come in once a week to enjoy art and play pinball at the same time," said Spasic.

The owners saw how popular the art and pinball machines were getting so they found a first-floor space in Gordon Square Arcade.

"We saw how big we were becoming and we needed more space and more open days so everyone can come on their own time and enjoy playing pinball," Spasic said.

Once they moved inside the arcade, they started buying more unique pinball machines and bringing in more art. "Some of these machines and art are over 50-years-old; you won't see them anywhere else but here," Haehn said.

The owners are trying to bring back a classic game with art and style. "It's a great way to explore art and the fun of a classic [game] such as pinball that a lot of people forgot about," Haehn said.

One of their newest pinball machines is called the "Ghost Busters," which arrived this year. "We decided



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Saturday, January 21, 2017; W. 65<sup>th</sup> and Detroit Avenue: The Gordon Square Arcade

to add a new pinball machine since most of ours are over 50-years-old," Haehn said. Most of the younger children that come in to play find the Ghost Busters pinball machine the best one. "I like coming in here during the weekend to play Ghost

Busters because the machine is easier to use," said 17-year-old Lavone Brooks, a Cleveland resident.

The owners are making plans now to put in a kitchen and apply for a liquor license. "If, and when a liquor license is acquired, alcohol will be served later in the day," Spasic said. However, even with alcohol available, the owners want to keep the space more family oriented.

The Gordon Square Arcade opened to the public on April 8, 1921, long before the oldest pinball machines in the parlor. The building acted as a reflection of the neigh-

borhoods growth into a commercial center, including a hotel, a market,

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## La Villa Hispana Action Plan unveiled at Community Engagement Town Hall

Over 100 people gathered in the former Blessed Sacrament Church at the Family Ministry Center 3389 Fulton Road on January 19<sup>th</sup> to participate in a La Villa Hispana Community Engagement Town Hall.

Each attendee was given a copy of "Cleveland's La Villa Hispana: The Intersection of Culture and Commerce 2017-2022 Action Plan." The 30-page action plan provides a five-year projection involving three strategic areas of development: Community Engagement, Economic Development, and Arts &

Culture.

Eight components deemed essential for the implementation of the three strategic areas are listed: Support new and existing businesses; Improve streetscape and aesthetics; Promote arts and culture; Ensure safety; Develop catalytic real estate projects; Market La Villa Hispana; Grassroots community engagement and Resident economic empowerment.

The plan outlines a long term (5 year) and a short term (1 year) action plan for each of the three strategies. The plan

also identifies a target area for La Villa Hispana that stretched from W. 25<sup>th</sup> to Fulton and from I-90 on the North to Meyer Avenue on the South. The area includes commercial areas along both Clark Avenue and W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. The plan calls for development of both El Mercado, a Latino Public Market/Food Hall and La Plaza, a multipurpose public space for public gatherings and events. The proposed sites for both these developments are in the area of W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Holmden Avenue – just South of CSL Plasma.

One of the early goals of the project is to change the streetscape with use of art, murals, flags and other measures to give the entire area the look and feel of La Villa Hispana. Residents in attendance at the meeting broke into groups to contribute their ideas as to what they would like to see in the La Villa Hispana. In closing the meeting, Maribel Hofmann, a member of the La Villa Hispana Steering Committee, reminded residents that in bringing the plan to fruition "the most important component is you."

Organizations collaborating to lead the effort to create La Villa Hispana are: The Hispanic Business Center and Northeast Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Alliance, MetroHealth System, and Metro West Community Development Office.

Information about how to get involved in the planning process and committee meeting dates can be obtained from Jenice Contreras Executive Director of the Hispanic Business Center/Northeast Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at [jcontreras@hbcenter.org](mailto:jcontreras@hbcenter.org) or by calling 216-281-4422.

## Raise Up Cleveland announces start of statewide effort to raise minimum wage

Members of Raise Up Cleveland came to the Cleveland City Council meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> to announce they will take their campaign to raise the minimum wage statewide. The also came to voice their displeasure at the move by Cleveland City Council's leadership and Mayor Frank Jackson's administration to thwart their effort to place a local initiative on the Cleveland Ballot to raise the minimum wage. Their cry was "We will remember in November."

The group had gathered enough signatures to place a gradual increase in the local minimum wage to \$15 per hour on the May 2017 ballot. The proposal called for a \$12 per hour minimum wage beginning in January of 2018 and a dollar per year increase thereafter until reaching \$15 per hour. However, Cleveland City Council President Kevin Kelley and Mayor Frank Jackson lobbied the State Legislature to nix the effort. The State Legislature passed legislation that indicates

that individual cities can't raise their minimum wage, it can only be done statewide.

Several Council Representatives spoke up on behalf of the group and chastised the Council leadership for opposing efforts by the group to place the initiative on the local ballot.

Ward 2 Councilman Zack Reed complained that members of this Council went to Columbus to thwart the efforts to get the "poorest of the poor" a raise up from just over eight dollars per hour.

Ward 10 Councilman Jeff Johnson thought it was ironic that after fighting in court to maintain home rule to keep the state from messing with the local Fannie Lewis Law, that the Mayor and Council Leadership would oppose home rule when it comes to raising the minimum wage. He said now because of this statewide legislation lobbied for by Cleveland all the cities in the state are prevented from raising their minimum wage.

Johnson noted that Raise Up Cleveland had followed all the rules to get the signatures they needed to put the issue on the ballot, only to be thwarted by what he called a "slick backroom deal." Johnson urged members of Raise up Cleveland to stick with their effort to raise the minimum wage, "You will win in the end," he said.

At the end of the City Council meeting, members of Raise Up Cleveland exchanged contact infor-

mation with another group there to protest the closing of public square to buses. One member of Raise Up Cleveland spoke of her concern for safety at 6:30 a.m. on her way to work walking a greater distance to transfer from one bus to another at Public Square. Another man said, "I've been in Cleveland for 34 years and the City of Cleveland has always slighted the poorest of the poor."

## Lincoln West Basketball team wins three in a row

Lincoln West Boys Basketball team is on a three-game winning streak. It started with coming back from 25 points down at halftime vs Collinwood winning the game in overtime 85-84. The Lincoln West Wolverines then followed that up with a 61-43 win over West Side rival Rhodes. Then on January 28<sup>th</sup>, the team defeated defending Division 4 champs #11 Cornerstone Christian Academy 86-76.

## Clevelanders for Public Transit petitions Cleveland City Council to force reopening of Superior Avenue to buses

A group of Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) riders attended the Cleveland City Council meeting all during January to convince Cleveland City Council that Public Transit belongs in Public Square. The group, Clevelanders for Public Transit plans to continue to attend Cleveland City Council meetings on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to lobby for the reopening of Superior Avenue for use of buses.

Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack was very aware of the issue the transit riders were proposing. He said "We built the square with transit in the middle of it. That is our decision right there. I'm looking into how to enforce it," he said.

However, Ward 17 Councilman Martin Keane, Chair of Cleveland City Council's Transportation Committee, when asked about enforcing City Council's plan for the Down-

town Transit Zone, seemed not to know about the proposal from the transit advocates.

For more information about the ordinance and the group and how to get involved go online to: [clefortransit.org](http://clefortransit.org).

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of this project which face Church Avenue were built for the Riester & Thesmacher Company, after they acquired these properties at different times during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Phoenix Ice Company did some building at the West 28<sup>th</sup> Street end of the property.

Also, there are inaccurate statements within the caption under the historic photograph of the Odd Fellows Building that accompanies the West 25<sup>th</sup> Street Lofts article. Firstly, as already explained, "1526 Pearl" is an address that never existed, and, besides that, this would be a reference to the Baehr Brewery Building, since the Odd Fellows Building's address on West 25<sup>th</sup> is 1504-1512. Secondly, who is cited as having "found" the photograph is

correct, but it was not found in the *Cleveland Leader*. The photograph was taken in 1951, as the cars visible in the photograph should suggest; the *Cleveland Leader* went out of business in 1917. In actuality, this photograph was taken for a later newspaper called the *Cleveland News*. Thirdly, the statement that this photograph was "courtesy of the *Cleveland Press* Collection at the Cleveland State University Library" is also incorrect. They recently confirmed that they do not have this or any other *Cleveland News* photo. The photograph is at the main branch of the Cleveland Public Library. Most of these errors are actually included on a document belonging to the Cleveland Landmarks Commission, which is likely the original source. This document should never have been circulated. The primary staff person involved with that commission recently stated

that he assumed the image was a Press image, so that is most likely the original source for that error. Overall, though, the caption cred its two different newspapers for the same one image, which never makes sense.

Another statement in the West 25<sup>th</sup> Street Lofts article says that the project is "across the street from St. Paul's Episcopal Church". The street that is being referred to is Church Avenue, but the church being referred to is St. John's Episcopal Church. It has always been known by only this name.

Lastly, the statements that the Cleveland & Sandusky Brewing Company acquired the Baehr Brewery in 1901, and that the former entity "stayed open less than ten years", are both incorrect. The Cleveland & Sandusky Brewing Company acquired the Baehr Brewery in 1898, as several County Recorder records document, plus the former entity lasted all the way to sometime in the 1960s.

-- Craig Bobby

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a pool, a billiard room, 31 stores, a barber shop, and a restaurant at various times.

At one time, Gordon Square Arcade was known for its gambling. An appliance store was the lookout for a Billiard Hall located on the first floor of the arcade. When the police would raid the arcade, someone would ring a bell to warn gamblers --allowing them to leave out the back of the building in time.

The arcade was shut down in 1978 but it escaped the wrecking ball through the efforts of citizen groups and the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization.

The arcade is now full of different stores, restaurants, and more. "The past couple of months we have had nearly every vacant space inside the arcade full of activity, which is really exciting," said Chad Jones, director of marketing for the arcade.

## ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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ready available to NFP patients at the Ridge Road Community Health Center. Oral health services are also critically important to the growing refugee population served by NFP.

"At full capacity, which will take about two years, our dental program will serve approximately 1,650 patients via more than 3,000 visits," says Polster. "A growing body of research shows that poor oral health leads to many other poor health outcomes in pregnancy and chronic diseases. We are thrilled to expand access to this needed service."

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