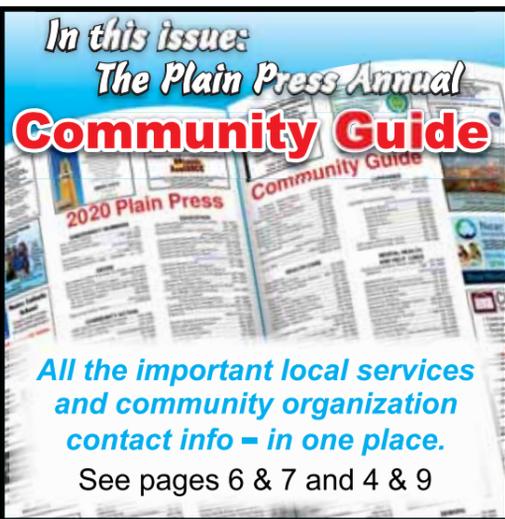


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Residents discuss development's benefits & risks at MetroHealth community meeting

by Bruce Checefsky

Ward 14 Councilwoman Jasmin Santana circled the rotunda of the South Branch Library on January

27, 2020 hugging her constituents as the MetroHealth community meeting was about to get under way. When she stepped up to the

microphone, her face was flushed, and hair tousled. She looked around the room and thanked everyone for being there. The forty or so residents from Ward 14 and surrounding area sat back and listened as Santana introduced Greg Zucca, Director of Economic & Community Transformation at The MetroHealth System.

NEWS ANALYSIS

"It's truly a historic moment for Ward 14," Councilwoman Santana said. "We're getting so much investment in the neighborhood. We want to make sure residents are involved and the investments are allocated to projects that reflect the neighborhood needs."

"There's a lot of rumors going around with MetroHealth and concerns about developers buying houses and buildings. I strongly encourage you to ask questions," she added.

Zucca began the meeting with a 'high level overview' update of the \$1.2 billion campus transformation plan along with an overview on how MetroHealth plans to leverage and incentivize the plan to create development and wealth throughout the community.

Specifically, he talked about two development projects that will break ground in 2020, including a 72-unit affordable housing project with a 5,000-square foot work force development center on the first floor where the Tri-C Access Center will be located for their educational and training programs. The second project, located on a 1.5-acre vacant greenfield lot on West 25th Street across the Outpatient Pavilion, is a mixed-use project for MetroHealth medical residents. MetroHealth has about 400 medical residents a year from throughout the region.

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February 21, 2020; Old Fashion Hot Dogs, 4008 Lorain Avenue: Tom and Loretta Sorma, owners of Old Fashion Hot Dogs since 1987, behind the counter where they have served up many hot dogs with the works over the years. The building that houses their business was sold in October of last year to make way for a new apartment building. Loretta says they will be closing the business on March 29th. Tom says they plan to retire. Prior to their purchase of the business, Emanuel "Mike" and Irene Vasiliou, ran the business which was then called the Hot Dog Inn. Hot dogs have been sold at this location since 1928.

A wide variety of venues found a home on Denison Avenue over the years

by Matthew Johns

A wealthy businessman's house, a massive roller rink and Transylvanian cultural center may seem like an odd combination, but they all found their place along a small strip of a road on Cleveland's west side at some point over the past 200 years.

The aforementioned road -- Denison Avenue -- stretches from the Cuyahoga River on the east to Lorain Avenue on Cleveland's west side. The portion of the road between Fulton Avenue and Lorain was named Denison Avenue before 1884, and during this same time, the eastern part of the road was named Newburgh Street. Some records show the Newburgh portion of the road being named Ridge Road -- a present adjacent road -- until the mid-1800s.

The road's origins date back to 1811 when it was first laid out. It is unknown for which Denison family member the road was named.

The eastern end of Denison runs into the Harvard-Denison Bridge as it crosses the Cuyahoga River and becomes Harvard Avenue. This is

an industrial area, home at one time or another of aluminum and chemical plants, including the Aluminum Co. of America (ALCOA) and the Harshaw Chemical Co. Several large factories and other buildings, which overlook the steelyards in Newburgh Heights, still dominate the area.

Travelers coming west over the Harvard-Denison Bridge at night since October of 2014 are greeted with lights emanating from St. Barbara's Catholic Church at 1505 Denison Avenue. A letter written to the *Plain Press* by Brooklyn Centre resident John Baran published in the November 2014 *Plain Press* notes the lighting was part of the Sacred Landmarks Steeple Lighting Program. In the letter, Baran says, "The four sides of the St. Barbara Church Bell Tower, along with the Statue of St. Barbara located at the front exterior of the Church, and the "St. Barbara" Grill Work over the main front exterior entrance of the Church doors, both facing Denison Avenue, have now been illuminated and

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE SADLON

February 18, 2020; Old Fashion Hot Dogs, 4008 Lorain Avenue: Plans are underway to raze the building that houses Old Fashion Hot Dogs to make way for a new building on the corner of Lorain Avenue and Randall. According to a July 7, 2019 article by San Bullard in *Crain's Cleveland Business* the plans by real estate developer Chad Kertesz call for 40 apartments with retail space on the first floor. The article titled "Apartment projects would renovate two city corners" notes that Kertesz already owns the building next door at 4004 Lorain Avenue. According to the Cuyahoga County Auditor's records the building at 4008 Lorain was purchased from Raul Torres for \$185,000 on October 23, 2019 by My Place Lorain LLC.

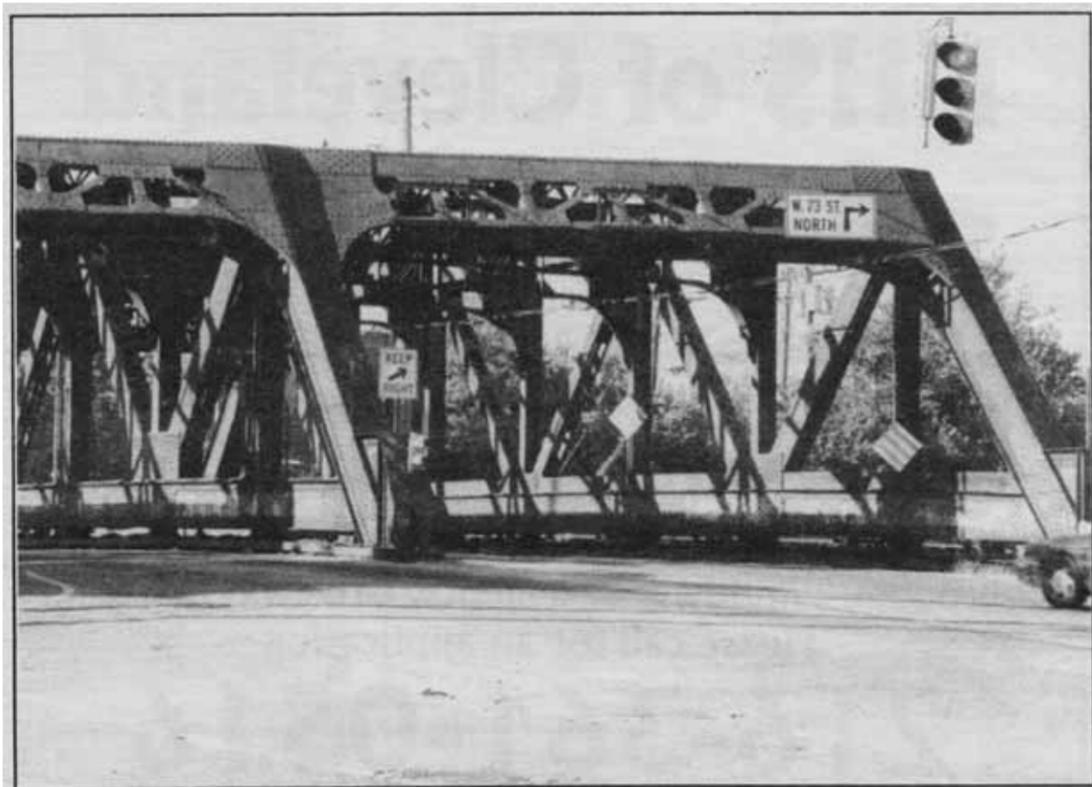


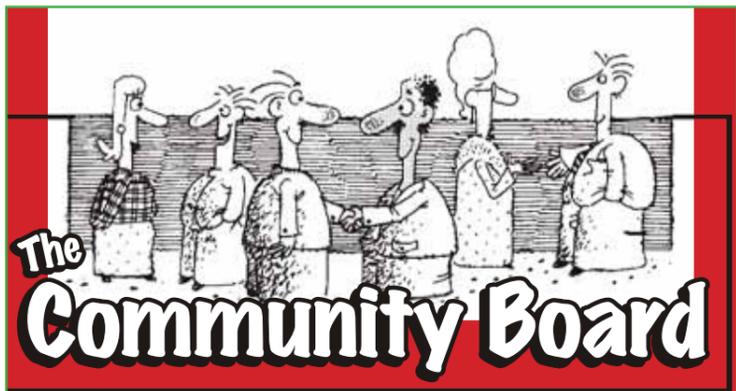
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Tuesday, October 7, 2003; Denison Avenue Bridge, at Denison Avenue between Ridge and W. 73rd. This photo from the *Plain Press* archives was taken after the announcement that the landmark bridge with three large metal trusses would be demolished in 2004 to make way for a new bridge.



PHOTO BY STEVE WAGNER

Cleveland Public Theatre presents the world premiere of the production *Breakout Session (or Frogorse)* by Nikkole Salter, directed by Beth Wood. The play, inspired by Cleveland's Consent Decree with the U.S. Department of Justice will run through March 14th. Pictured (from left): Jess Moore, Enrique Miguel, Nicole Sumlin*. *Actor appears courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.



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ARTS/MUSIC/THEATRE
RACIAL EQUITY & INCLUSION FILM SERIES AT CAPITOL THEATRE: Series begins with *Queen & Slim* (2019), Wednesday, March 11th – A couple's first date takes an unexpected turn when a police officer pulls them over. Starring Daniel Kaluuya and Jodie Turner-Smith; directed by Melina Matsoukas and partially filmed in Cleveland. Admission to each film is free, with a \$5 suggested

donation, so that cost is not a barrier to entry. Each screening will take place at 6:30pm at the Capitol Theatre with thoughtful discussions to follow at XYZ The Tavern less than one block away, with free food and a cash bar.
FREE SCREENING OF THE FILM DARK WATERS: Urban Community School Gathering Place, 4909 Lorain Avenue, March 25th at 6:30 p.m. "DARK WATERS tells the shocking and heroic

story of an attorney who risks his career and family to uncover a dark secret hidden by one of the world's largest corporations and to bring justice to a community dangerously exposed for decades to deadly chemicals." Starring Academy Award nominee Mark Ruffalo and Academy Award winners Tim Robbins and Anne Hathaway. Guests include Cleveland Actor Jeff Grover, who starred in the film, and Urban Community Middle School's Environmental Warriors.

FREE WRITING PROGRAM FOR BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH AND INFANT MORTALITY: Black women facing the maternal health and infant mortality crisis in Cleveland will have the opportunity to tell their own stories in a free writing program beginning in March 2020. Literary Cleveland is partnering with AACE to offer a free eight-week writing workshop which will provide black women the space to tell their stories on their own terms. Interested participants can visit <https://www.litcleveland.org/events-programs/beauty-for-ashes> or call 440-494-6290 for more information.

ACTIVISM
DEFINING THE GREEN NEW DEAL: Creating Equitable Green Jobs Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 7pm, West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River. The GND calls for the creation of jobs retrofitting our buildings for energy efficiency, building a smart grid, manufacturing electric cars, increasing public transportation and more. How will the GND affect fossil fuel workers? Poverty wage workers? The Unemployed? Free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30pm for light refreshments and tabling information from area environmental groups.

AmeRican: CELEBRATING PUERTO RICAN RESISTANCE & RESILIENCE: Wednesday, March 18, 1-8 p.m. at Case Western Reserve University, Linsalata

Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 17th

The Primary Election will take place on March 17, 2020. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Registered voters can also choose to vote early in person at the Board of Elections at 2925 Euclid Avenue. Hours for early voting are on week-
Ward 11 gets new City Council Representative

In February 2020 Brian Mooney was appointed to Cleveland City Council to represent Ward 11 which includes parts of the Edgewater, Cudell, West Boulevard, Jefferson and Bellaire-Puritas neighborhoods. He replaces Dona Brady who resigned her position.

Mooney will be serving out the remainder of Dona Brady's term which expires on January 1, 2022. If he wishes to try to remain in Cleveland City Council, he will have to run for election in November of 2021.

Cleveland Public Power fails to consistently offer payment plan as an option by Jacie Jones

This article is the third in a series based on issues that came out of the Cleveland End Poverty Now Coalition's October 17th public hearing about utility shutoffs through Cleveland Public Power (CPP).

The first article focused on the issues that customers face when applying for assistance to avoid shutoffs. The second highlighted the lack of due process and proper notification. This article focuses on the absence of affordable payment plans. Future articles will discuss electricity being turned off for people with medical issues and an over 50% surcharge on customers' bills called the "Energy Adjustment Charge" which has yet to be adequately explained by CPP.

The Cleveland Public Power website includes a section on "payment assistance", which states: "Are you worried about your bill? Have you received a disconnection notice? Has your electricity been disconnected? Do you need a payment plan? Let us help. Our Customer Care representatives are ready to assist you."

Despite their website, CPP does not consistently offer payment plans for people behind on their bills. While some customers report being offered payment plan options, just as many say they are

Alumni Center, 11310 Juniper Rd. Join the Social Justice Institute for a critical conversation about the history of social movements in Puerto Rico and the diaspora, the intersection of arts and activism, the question of building community power, and the need for political advocacy and education. Speakers include: Keynote Speaker Juan Gonzalez, Iris Morales, Raquel Ortiz, Marvin Garcia and Erica Gonzalez. Free and open to the community. Includes dinner and a cultural musical performance. Free transportation to CWRU from Esperanza at W. 25th and Clark Avenue available. RSVP to socialjustice@case.edu.

ANNUAL MEETINGS
METRO WEST ANNUAL MEETING: Join the Metro West Community Development Organization for an evening of celebration that will highlight and showcase residents, businesses, organizations, and individuals who added to the vibrancy of the Stockyard, Clark-Fulton, and Brooklyn Center neighborhoods throughout 2019! Thursday, March 5, 2020 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at The Family Ministry Center, 3389 Fulton Road.

CUDELL IMPROVEMENT ANNUAL MEETING: Saturday, March 14, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Brennan's Banquet Center. This celebration of the Cudell & Edgewater neighborhoods is FREE and open to all! Enjoy the taco bar, award and board election results, and keynote speaker Eric Gordon, CEO of Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Donations will be collected for Marion C. Seltzer School: school uniform items (khaki/navy/black pants, solid color polo/button down shirt), book bags, hats, gloves, travel-sized personal items (toothpaste, deodorant), or individually wrapped food items (such as cereal bars)

OHIO CITY INCORPORATED ANNUAL MEETING: Thursday, March 19, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Urban Community School, 4909 Lorain Ave. Reflect on the progress of the past year and recognize outstanding community leaders across the neighborhood. Free and open to all.
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days through March 6th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday March 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekdays from March 9 – March 13 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday March 14 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday March 15 from 1-5 p.m.; and Monday March 16 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

To view your ballot ahead of time, go to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website at beo.cuyahogacounty.us. Select the election date, City of Cleveland, your ward, your precinct and choose a political party.

The primary ballot includes candidates for president, judicial positions, County prosecutor, City of Cleveland Charter Amendments and the Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services Tax Levy.

The ballot is published in English and Spanish.

told to pay their balance in full immediately or their power will be shut off. People who are behind on their bills are often forced to borrow money to keep their heat and lights on, only making a difficult financial situation even more precarious.

Kimberly Armbruster, a CPP customer, states; "In July of 2019 my power was disconnected... I went down to CPP on Lakeside Avenue to work out a payment plan. I was told by a Cleveland Public Power supervisor that CPP had no payment plans and that I would need to pay in full to have it restored".

It's clear CPP isn't offering consistent payment plans. Accessible and affordable payment plans are a necessity, often the only realistic solution possible for people to pay their balance back.

Payment plans are outlined by the Cleveland Codified Ordinances. They state "The Division shall make arrangements with the customer for the payment of delinquent bills in installments, taking into consideration the amount of money owed, the customer's ability to pay, the customer's payment history, the time that the debt has been outstanding, the reasons why the debt has been outstanding and any other relevant factor."

Having a publicly owned power company like CPP can be an important asset to our community, but CPP must stay true to their mission of public ownership and accountability. One consequential step Cleveland Public Power must take is providing transparent, accessible, and affordable payment plans on an income-based sliding scale. Payment plans are a key service that can make the difference between having heat and lights or cold and darkness.

If you or someone you know has been shut off or is at risk of being shut off, we want to hear from you. Contact us at jacie@organizeohio.org or call (216) 651-2606.

Editor's Note: The author of this article, Jacie Jones, is an organizer with Organize! Ohio.

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Reaching Lincoln Heights proposal outlines a land use plan for Lincoln Heights neighborhood

by Bruce Checfsky

During the third and final community meeting held at South Branch Public Library for the Reaching Lincoln Heights proposal, Cory Riordan, Executive Director of Tremont West Development Corporation, reminded the twenty or so neighborhood attendees that the project which began 18 to 24 months ago was coming to a conclusion. Reaching Lincoln Heights, part of the Lincoln Heights Land Use Plan, was initiated by Tremont West Development Corporation (TWDC) and funded by casino revenues allocated to the project by Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack. Seventh Hill consultants have been reportedly paid \$10,000 for the study which is expected to be completed this spring.

The Ohio City based consulting firm, Seventh Hill, was founded by David Jurca, former associate director at Kent State University's Cleveland Urban Design Collective (CUDC). Robert Brown, an independent City Planning Consultant and former Director of the Cleveland City Planning Commission, along with Clifford B. Herring, a former Economist and practicing architect, are project partners of the Seventh Hill design team.

Jurca opened the January meeting with a summary of community feedback which included five main project goals created by a steering committee composed of neighbors, business and property owners, and a City of Cleveland representative. Among the goals included were: an opportunity to invite all voices from the community to share their expertise; establish a community vision for the types of land uses for development in the area; initiate a strategy for parking needs and improve mobility connections; and prioritize goals for large scale and smaller development sites. Data for the study was collected through several public meetings along with on-the-ground night walks and visiting parcel by parcel to understand the scope of the neighborhood.

"We don't want this to become like every other neighborhood," Jurca said. "We want Lincoln Heights to retain its distinctive qualities."

A key feature of the Reaching Lincoln Heights proposal is the Lincoln Developers Fund, a recommendation initiated by Lincoln Heights Block Club Chairperson Henry Senyak, which is a fee or levy placed upon new development projects that receive a 15-year tax abatement from the City of Cleveland. In an email sent to Riordan and Jurca a week prior to the public meeting, Senyak explained the need for creating such a fund: "Many Block Club members also feel that the clear definition of the yearly contributions into the Lincoln Developers Fund can mend several of the burnt bridges between our membership, property owners, developers, and TWDC."

Senyak, who has been a central figure in making sure longtime residents are heard and their financial situations considered at a time when large scale development projects multiply in the neighborhood, believes a Lincoln Developers Fund could help with home repairs and other expenses residents on fixed incomes might have trouble paying for. The fund is not meant to pay in full for projects but rather augment any costs associated with home maintenance for existing residents. Developers would pay into the fund an amount determined by the size of the development.

All funds will be held by Tremont West Development Corporation. A committee composed of TWDC Staff, Block Club Chairperson, and a Developers representative will define the direction of the funds, and review applications made

by property owners within the Lincoln Heights Block Club for eligibility, according to the proposal. Eligible candidates would require a financial hardship to do minor repairs or to comply with City of Cleveland Violation Notices. There will be a maximum allotment of \$7,500 each year of its existence. Individual applicants could receive a maximum of \$1,500.00 per property based on a determination of need.

"There's a real potential for a big stink," said Georgiann Franko, a longtime resident and homeowner of Lincoln Heights. "The community development corporation has their committee when it comes to distribution of the money. They alone shouldn't decide how it gets used."

Adam Waldbaum, owner and president of SoLo Development, with residential and commercial properties in the Duck Island and Tremont neighborhoods, supports any initiative that helps to keep people in their homes. He believes that investors and developers should act responsibly when acquiring properties for redevelopment, adding that the strength of a community is in its multigenerational, economic and racial diversity.

Waldbaum supports putting money back into the community in the form of a per-unit fee similar to Lincoln Developers Fund but believes that the local community development corporation is the wrong place to deposit and distribute the funds.

"Just look at what Tremont West Development Corporation did to the Lincoln Heights Block Club," he said. "The block club didn't agree with TWDC policies, so they were dropped. TWDC has not been an honest or good friend to those people."

Sustainable Community Associates, a community development firm responsible for Tremont's Fairmont Creamery, Wagner Awning, The Tappan, and The Lincoln (currently under construction), reportedly supports, in principal, a developers fund.

"I am happy with the progress that has been made and Seventh Hill's ability to take community feedback and create a thoughtful plan," Riordan said in response to a *Plain Press* request for comment. "The Reaching Lincoln Heights plan draft incorporates many of the diverse community perspectives and presents it in a way that is easy to understand without compromising on key points, objectives, small details and intricacies that make Lincoln Heights a unique and special part of the Tremont neighborhood."

Three weeks later, Seventh Hill presented a final version to the Lincoln Heights Block Club at their monthly meeting on February 10th in the basement of St. Augustine Church in Tremont. There were very few changes to the original proposal, according to Jurca, who began the night by thanking local residents for participating and contributing to the vision outlined in their proposal.

"Not every neighborhood in the City of Cleveland is this engaged in the work. It really makes a difference at the end



PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN

February 21, 2020; The Tappan Building, Scranton Avenue between Auburn and Branch: The website TheTappan.com describes the building going up in the area served by the Lincoln Heights Block Club as a \$22 million new development which will house 95 apartments and a locally owned bakery. The project is being developed by Sustainable Community Associates. It sits across the street from the Wagner Awning Building, another recent development by Sustainable Community Associates. Residents of the Block Club are working with developers in the neighborhood and Tremont West Development Corporation in hopes of setting up a developer funded pool of money to help existing residents in the area around the new developments with home repairs.

of the day to have people that attend meetings and share their ideas honestly," Jurca said. "It's been a great experience to work with all of you."

Parking options for the growing neighborhood were discussed including the use of parking apps to manage and identify available spaces at specific times of the day or night. Their recommendations suggest working within a shared parking agreement in three major zones along West 25th Street near Porco Lounge and Tiki Room where new development is likely to start soon; Willey Avenue and Scranton Road where conversations about parking have already taken place between the Animal Protection League, Liminis Theatre and The Lincoln; and Barber Avenue and Scranton Road near The Tappan where shared parking could be coordinated with Scranton School in the future.

Gateways to the neighborhood were suggested as signature entries with public art improvements and additional lighting to address safety concerns along West 25th Street and Wade Avenue, and to reinforce the identity of the neighborhood through new art and informative signage.

The annotated plan includes 23 different locations identified for new building development, green space, or street improvements. It calls for renovation of existing buildings along West 25th Street near Porco Lounge into studios or apartments. The plan proposes adding a new taller mixed-use building with ground level retail and neighborhood amenities to attract people, in tandem with another new apartment building across the street

to create and reinforce a gateway into the neighborhood. The plan recommends creating greater density with additional apartment buildings closer to West 25th Street next to the existing St. Joseph's Commons to provide a sense of scale into the neighborhood. SAS automotive site will eventually be developed into a large apartment building that could add to the comprehensive strategy of designating entries into the diverse community.

Apartment buildings should be designed to fit the neighborhood, according to Jurca, and not be imposing or feeling out of place, with special consideration given to building materials and size of windows and openings, shade from trees, and public bench features.

Another important site is the area near the Animal Protection League, which offers an opportunity to connect Brevier Avenue to West 19th Street with an open green space as a buffer between existing residents and new development. Sprawling views of the Cleveland skyline combined with a new apartment building and townhomes which when built far enough apart so that residents aren't looking into the backyards of other

residents, could enhance the need for a public park. Construction styles should include more traditional designs in keeping with the single-family homes of the neighborhood and as development expands along West 25th Street, more expressive design of the commercial district.

The intersection of Willey Avenue and Train Avenue is considered a no man's land according to the feedback from residents. People don't feel safe walking from Scranton Avenue and Columbus Road to the West 25th-Ohio City RTA Red Line station or to the West Side Market particularly at night. Seventh Hill's proposal includes a new housing development closer to Columbus Road, with Willey Avenue streetscape improvement and a new mixed-use building on the corner of Train Avenue and Willey Avenue. New gateway signage along the route could make it feel cohesive and unified.

Jurca and his team recommended extending the streetscape, public and green space along Willey Avenue, crossing Train Avenue, passing the APL,

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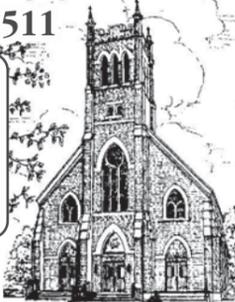
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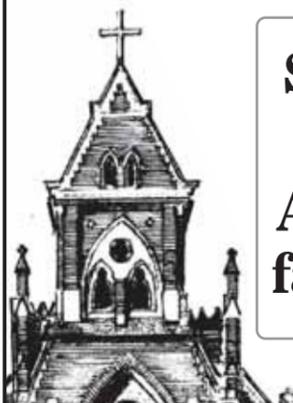
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are visible during the night hours.” This stretch of Denison east of Pearl Road also includes the former East Denison School at 1700 Denison, which is now a Horizon Science Academy charter school. The park behind the school has now been restored after being closed due to discovery of toxins in the soil from a previous use as a dumpsite. The June 2014 issue of the Plain Press covered a meeting about the pending environmental clean-up of the 12-acre park in an article titled “Environmental cleanup planned for W. C. Reed Playfields.”

Going west Denison Avenue crosses Pearl Road, a road which residents in the not too distant past petitioned the City of Cleveland to change its name from W. 25th Street back to an earlier name for the street, Pearl Road.

After crossing Pearl Road, the newer Denison School is on the north side of the Street at W. 33rd and just across Denison is Art House. The nonprofit arts organization, recently demolished two houses on its property and held a public meeting to solicit input on plans for the future of its campus.

Running through the Stockyard neighborhood, Denison Avenue has seen a wide variety of commercial and residential use, and still does today. Certain stretches of Denison take different shapes, from rows of houses, to retail shops, to bars, to industrial areas.

While many of the now-historical entities that could not withstand the test of time have vanished and turned into more mainstream chain stores, their structures remain, and tell the story of the area, starting in the mid-1800s.

A bar that stands out in-part because of its distinguishable name is the Ugly Broad Tavern. The pub-

style bar features an outdoor patio and pool tables, as well as several events, such as bull riding, poker runs and yard sales.

At the corner of Denison and Fulton Road is the site of the former Brookside Stadium, which was a natural amphitheater stadium that held events such as baseball, softball, football and other sporting events. The stadium was established in the mid-1890's, and held events through 1915.

In 2007, the field was used as staging ground for the construction of the Fulton Road bridge. The damage caused by the construction left the historic field virtually unusable, and it is left as an open field today. However, benches and some fencing still are present at the location.

At W. 61st and Denison is an entrance ramp for I-71 that is exceptionally long as original plans to extend the freeway from that location to the Shoreway were blocked. In 2015, Friends of Big Creek promoted a plan to relocate this entrance to Ridge Road and create a park that would connect Big Creek Reservation to Brookside Park. An article in the September 2015 issue of the Plain Press titled “Park and multipurpose trail proposed for Big Creek Valley in Stockyard neighborhood,” describes the plan.

Nestled between industrial and residential strongholds is Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispania of Cleveland, a Hispanic church located at 6800 Denison Avenue that sits on over five acres of land across the street from Sachsenheim Hall. The building was purchased by the church in 2002, and was formerly a roller rink and Cleveland Union Stockyards Co. building.

The church's building, which is more than 41,000 square feet in size, was constructed in 1929 and served as the Equestrium, a place that held livestock shows, riding contests and other happenings in the Stockyards. It was sold and



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February 18, 2020; Denison Avenue United Church of Christ, Denison Avenue at W. 99th Street: Denison Avenue United Church of Christ has recently partnered with the Metanoia Project to offer shelter to those in need during cold winter nights. Pastor Nozomi Ikuta says, “We are working hard not only to meet basic code requirements, but to make site improvements appropriate for accommodating and creating programs for so many guests.” James Kilbane, an award-winning radio, television and recording artist from Achill Island, County Mayo, will perform a solo concert of Irish and country gospel music at Denison United Church of Christ at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 2020, as part of the church's St. Patrick's weekend celebration. Kilbane, an award-winning recording artist from Achill Island, County Mayo, Ireland, is dedicating the concert to benefit the Denison United Church of Christ and the Metanoia Project. Tickets are priced on a sliding scale beginning at \$15.00 and are available online at <https://denisonucc.bpt.me/> or in-person at Denison Ave. UCC, Avon Lake UCC, Good Neighbor Thrift Shop, West Park UCC, First Church in Oberlin, Curbside Coffee, Upcycles Bike Shop.

became Rollercode, a roller rink, in 1940, which led to \$14,000 in renovations to the flooring and seating. The skating surface was said to be the size of a football field and it entertained as many as 2,400 people in a single day.

In 1968, Rollercode closed and was converted into a Fazio's supermarket. The market was opened for

an unknown length of time.

Proceeding west on Denison you cross the railroad tracks on a bridge that replaced what was a long-time

landmark on Denison – a bridge with three large metal trusses. A photo of the bridge in the November 2003

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Tree Stewards share plans for increasing Cleveland's tree canopy

by Chuck Hoven

Deloris Watson of the West Side Tree Stewards and Dan Leamon of the Tremont Tree Stewards were among the graduates of the Sherwick Tree Steward Training Program being honored at an appreciation ceremony held by Holden Forests and Gardens and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. The February 6th ceremony, at the Cleveland Botanical Garden in the University Circle neighborhood, offered an opportunity for Tree Stewards to tell about their efforts to help restore Cleveland's tree canopy and share their plans for the upcoming year.

Staff members and volunteers from Holden Forests and Gardens, and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy also shared information about the progress of the Cleveland Tree Plan and efforts to help increase the local tree canopy.

Watson said this past year, the West Side Tree Stewards planted trees on Pear Avenue and a few on Madison Avenue. She said Craig Hoffman and six members of the West Side Tree Stewards helped with the effort. She said, Hoffman engaged neighbors, asking their help in identifying places to plant trees. Watson said volunteers from Calvary Church on W. 65th Street helped with the planting.

This coming year, Watson said West Side Tree Stewards plan to use the West 65th Rapid Station in the EcoVillage as a starting point and fan out South, East and West from there to find locations to plant trees. She said she would be contacting other tree stewards for help in planting once the group has a planting date and places to plant.

Dan Leamon of the Tremont Tree Stewards spoke of the efforts of his group to care for trees in Lincoln Park and near the Christmas Story House on W. 11th this past year. Leamon showed those in attendance the tree watering cart he built to carry water to young trees planted in the middle of Lincoln Park. Leamon said he hopes that the Western Reserve Land Conservancy can partner with the City of Cleveland to plant trees in the coming year.

"If the city is interested in planting trees, let's make it happen," he said. Leamon noted the 16-foot-wide tree lawns in parts of the Tremont neighborhood that would make prime locations for planting trees.

Courtney Blashka of Holden Forests and Gardens, speaking to the graduates of the Sherwick Tree Steward Training Program, said the program is designed to connect people to trees and "inspire you to take action to make your community more livable."

Jill Koski, President and Chief Executive Officer of Holden Forests and Gardens thanked partners in the Cleveland Tree Coalition for their efforts to help get "us back to be the Forest City we used to be." Partners engaged in the Cleveland Tree Plan include the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Holden Arboretum, LAND Studio

and Western Reserve Land Conservancy.

Koski pointed to the recently published Cuyahoga County Urban Tree Canopy Assessment which showed that Cuyahoga County lost about 6% of its tree canopy from 2011 to 2017 and the City of Cleveland lost about 5% of its tree canopy between 2011 and 2017.

The Cuyahoga County Urban Tree Canopy Assessment notes that despite gaining over 1,200 acres of new tree canopy, the City of Cleveland had a net loss of 1,600 acres of canopy from 2011 to 2017. The city of Cleveland now has a tree canopy measured at 17.9%, well below the Cuyahoga County average of 34.7% for existing tree canopy. The assessment report defines tree canopy as "the layer of leaves, branches and stems of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above."

The assessment notes that nearly all Cleveland neighborhoods lost tree canopy between 2011 and 2017 with the highest losses in the Detroit-Shoreway and Edgewater neighborhood at 14% loss of canopy and University Circle neighborhood at 13% loss of canopy.

The goal of the Cleveland Tree Plan, Koski said is to increase the City of Cleveland's tree canopy to 30% by the year 2040. Most neighborhoods in and around the *Plain Press* coverage area have a long way to go to reach that goal. The Bellaire -Puritas, Tremont, Cudell, Detroit Shoreway, Stockyards, Jefferson, Clark Fulton and West Boulevard neighborhoods all have tree canopy that lies between 10 and 20% coverage. The Ohio City neighborhood is at 20% coverage. The Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, and Edgewater neighborhoods have

tree canopy that ranges from 20 to 30%. The Kamm's neighborhood has a tree canopy at just above 30%.

Koski stressed that the Cleveland Tree Plan will depend upon not only planting on public land, but also planting trees on private properties. The Cuyahoga County Tree Canopy Assessment notes that "Possible Tree Planting Area is dominated by residential land use, accounting for 44.6% of all possible Tree Planting Area in the County."

The Cleveland Tree Plan notes the many benefits of increasing the tree canopy in the city of Cleveland. Benefits of increased tree canopy noted in the plan include: flooding and water pollution reduction, erosion prevention, energy savings, lessening the impact of high heat days, carbon reduction, cleaner air, better health, higher property values, more successful business districts, habitat for wildlife, stronger and more vibrant communities, safer streets, and buffers for noise and pollution.

The Cleveland Tree Plan notes that Cleveland once known as the Forest City has fallen behind other cities in the amount of Tree Canopy. As noted above Cleveland currently has a tree canopy of 17.9% with a goal of 30% Tree Canopy by 2040. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania listed its tree canopy at 40% in the year 2011 with a goal of increasing it to 60% by the year 2031. Cincinnati, Ohio, is working to increase its 2011 tree canopy of 38%. Louisville, Kentucky is hoping to increase its 2013 tree canopy of 37% to 40%. Washington, D.C., with a 35% tree canopy in 2009, is working toward a 40% tree canopy by 2029. Boston listed its tree canopy at 29% in 2006 and had a ten-year goal to increase that to 49% by 2016. Even New York City listed a greater tree canopy than Cleveland with a 24% canopy in 2006 with a goal of increasing that to 30% by 2036.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Lizzie Sords of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy noted that an April 25th gathering at Zone Recreation Center will kick off this year's efforts to grow Cleveland's Tree Canopy. The day will include information of funding available through the City of Cleveland for tree planting on tree lawns throughout the city, instruction on tree plantings, and tree give-a-ways.



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February 6, 2020; Western Reserve Land Conservancy's and Holden Forest and Gardens' Sherwick Tree Steward Graduate Appreciation Event, Cleveland Botanical Garden, 11030 East Boulevard: Deloris Watson and Craig Hoffman of the West Side Tree Stewards share their plans to plant trees in the EcoVillage area of the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood.

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Owners of the former Pizza Pan and Nuckley building sites near the corner of Willey Avenue and Scranton Road are developing various residential and commercial options that could add vibrancy to the neighborhood. The Lincoln Heights Block Club expects to review design proposals from both entities sometime in the spring.

Eye catching public art and bright lighting intervention with additional signage on the bridge underpass at Kenilworth Ave could build on the concept of developing strategic gateways to the neighborhood, Jurca pointed out. To the south of Lincoln Heights, opportunities in the future exist for a new residential development on the site of Scranton School combined with a public park to reinforce community goals. New town home development further south across the Scranton Road bridge and I-90 would add to the gateway experience.

The Seventh Hill final proposal will be submitted to Tremont West Development Corporation before heading to the City of Cleveland Planning Commission next month. While residential and commercial real estate developers have not committed to building any new construction based on their recommendations within the plan area, Jurca feels confident the proposal offers a path forward to the creating of a notable, densely populated

and enriched community.

"We're going to work on this proposal to make it easier to read," Jurca said while wrapping up his presentation.

Mary O. Skoropys, a retired Cleveland Police Department Lieutenant and resident of Lincoln Heights raised her hand to ask a question. "How does this affect all the people who own their property, with all this new development, and their taxes that keep going up?"

Senyak stepped in to explain that the Lincoln Developers Fund, which was mentioned earlier in Jurca's presentation as a potential source of relief for property owners, was meant to help defray the cost of repairs to residents' properties and not for tax increases to help longtime residents stay in the community.

"We assume property taxes increase with new development," Senyak said. "We already lost eleven people from the neighborhood."

Skoropys continued, "We went to a hearing and we were told that because of the improvements in the neighborhood our taxes went up."

"We're both retired police officers," her husband, Walter Skoropys added. "You can't beat the system."

Following a discussion on the impact of new development on the community and escalating property taxes for existing home owners, a motion to vote was called, seconded, and the proposal was approved by an overwhelming majority of residents.

Tremont West Development Corporation is expected to post the 100-page final version of Reaching Lincoln Heights on their website in the near future.

When asked about the proposal process, Jurca replied by email, "I admire the boldness of the Lincoln Heights community to take on the complex challenge of housing affordability," he said. "I was encouraged to hear how many long-time residents and recent residents wanted more opportunities to meet each other."

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February 18, 2020; Former Royal Castle restaurant at 7201 Denison (corner of Ridge and Denison).

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issue of the *Plain Press* says the old bridge was slated to close in January

of 2004. Just before one crosses the bridge a shopping area lies to the South at the corner of Ridge and Denison where the huge Zayre

department store once thrived along with Carousel Lanes bowling alley and a Royal Castle Restaurant. The site now houses Dave's Supermarket along with Neighborhood Family Practice and a strip of storefronts where the bowling alley used to be. The former Royal Castle Restaurant Building, with its the original, characteristic architecture, still sits empty



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Just west of the bridge, you will find one of the most out-standing landmarks on Denison Avenue is the Alexander Kimberley House. Located at 7403 Denison Ave., built in 1866, the house was home to Alexander Kimberley, who was an English immigrant and businessman.

Kimberley's presence stretched beyond Denison Avenue, as he owned property in Ohio City and other nearby areas.

For Kimberley, his success was a matter of being in the right place at the right time. Cleveland's population boomed between 1845 and 1860 thanks to industrialization, and Kimberley's three Cleveland saloons – one on Superior Street, one on Public Square and one on Merwin Street on the east bank of the Flats – provided places for workers to go after their shifts.

Since his death, Kimberley's once humble abode is now used for commercial purposes, and is currently housing the Rincon Criollo Take 2, a second location of the popular Puerto Rican restaurant. While the house may not stand out as it once did, its aging bones at the intersection of W. 73rd Street still have interesting features as it looks on to Denison.

Walter Martens, Licensed Funeral Director at Walter Martens and Sons Funeral Home – located at 9811 Denison Ave., said while there may be fewer total businesses along the road now, the businesses that are there still maintain strong business traffic.

According to Martens, the West Boulevard and Stockyards neighborhoods along Denison used to be heavily dependent on public transportation, which meant there was little need for parking. Since that is no longer the case, some entities have suffered due to lack of parking.

Martens' funeral home, which is historically significant in its own right, opened in 1948. The building, which is more than 100 years old, was a house before the funeral home was established by Walter's father.

Martens said he believes those who regularly travel up and down Denison may not be very familiar with many of the historical buildings.

The historical buildings on Denison may not be as apparent to the untrained eye as they once were, and these locations may not be as booming as they were in the last century, but the structures still stand to tell the story of a street that attracted people of all different classes, social standings and backgrounds.

Editor's note: As part of the lead up to the *Plain Press*' fiftieth anniversary in 2021, the *Plain Press* is publishing a series of articles on the main streets in the *Plain Press* service area. The articles were initiated by *Plain Press* Board member Leo Jeffres and students in his journalism class at Cleveland State University. *Plain Press* staff added information from the *Plain Press* archives to supplement the articles from Professor Jeffres' class.

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METRO HEALTH

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The mixed-used workforce housing, designed as upscale dormitory style living, is transitional for residents anticipated to live there between 1 to 3 years, according to Zucca. The commercial and retail space on the ground floor is intended for businesses that fulfill and compliment the needs of the community.

"We're not looking for national chains like a Starbucks or anything like that," he said. "We are trying to create a white box retail space for businesses that find it very difficult to locate along West 25th Street. We're looking at the possibility of a small-scale grocery store to work with our Food As Medicine Program."

MetroHealth created its own non-profit development corporation called CCH Development to accelerate the pace of revitalization of the West 25th Street Corridor and its neighborhoods by developing real estate and "place making" enhancements. Placemaking is a community-driven process for designing public spaces (streets, sidewalks, plazas, squares, campuses, parks, and so on) that are mixed use, host a variety of activities for diverse audiences, and are well-connected to the city. Placemaking does not itself make a real place, according to some critics of the concept. The

new buildings could end up being clumsy and cheap, the streetscapes dull, and the community park feeble.

The NRP Group, a developer, owner, builder, and managing company from Cleveland known for delivering impressive returns for investors, will partner with The MetroHealth System and CCH Development Corp. to develop the mixed-use community. NRP partnered with Nationwide Children's Hospital and Community Development for All People in Columbus, Ohio, several years ago. The Residences at Career Gateway, an affordable workforce development made up of 58 apartments and townhomes, includes a training center where residents and the people in the surrounding neighborhoods can take classes hosted by Nationwide and other local organizations.

Urban hospitals as major players in community development are nothing new but it hasn't always worked out as planned. In Baltimore, Maryland, Johns Hopkins University Hospital razed whole blocks of homes, displaced hundreds of homeowners and tenants, and rebranded the neighborhood as part of its East Baltimore Development Initiative more than fifteen years ago. Residents haven't seen any benefits yet, according to the *Baltimore Sun*. The Cleveland Clinic invested heavily in the Fairfax-Hough

neighborhood by purchasing housing stock and opening a health clinic while spending little to directly benefit to the community. As real estate values increase and property taxes go up, housing instability increases; renters in particular struggle to stay in place.

Scott Skinner, project manager for The NRP Group, showed concept design drawings of Metro North, a 72-unit affordable housing apartment building with a first-floor commercial space, fitness room, community room, and kitchen space. First floor units will have porches to create a neighborhood street community feel as you're walking down Sackett Avenue, according to Skinner. The three-story apartments sit over a one-story opportunity center to replicate a row of single-family townhouses each with their own entrance.

"A demonstration kitchen will be added not for small businesses but more for our healthy cooking program," added Zucca. "We will be teaching healthy cooking classes there."

The federal government says a house is affordable if a family with an income that matches the median income of the region can afford that house. In Greater Cleveland region the median annual income for a family of four is \$70,000. The Clark-Fulton neighborhood median income is \$23,000 annually for a family of

four, significantly below the federal government's projection. The MetroHealth project will focus on people making between 30% - 80% of the median regional income or \$25,000 to \$53,000 annually for a family of four. One-bedroom units will range between \$348 to \$465 month; two-bedroom from \$470 to \$850 month; and three-bedroom from \$750 to \$1250 month.

Skinner turned his attention to Metro South, a second project slated for construction later this year. Metro South is a u-shaped building of 100 to 110 market rate apartments with 80-85 one-bedroom and 20-25 two-bedroom apartments. The apartment complex, which faces West 25th Street, is mainly targeted for medical residents.

"The NRP Group for the entire life-time of both Metro North and Metro South projects will be the property managers," concluded Skinner.

"Building wealth in the community is another one of our goals," Zucca continued.

When asked what he meant, Zucca turned the conversation to home ownership and job training.

"There's lots of different ways of creating wealth. The quickest way is to increase home ownership," he said. "With the inevitable increase in property values, if you could own your home and

hold onto that wealth, you get to see that increase over time."

MetroHealth also participates in work force development and job training with Tri-C and other partners to create career paths for individuals.

"We've increased our minimum wage to \$15 per hour," he added. "That's another way of creating wealth."

As the meeting continued, questions about hospital employee and visitor parking, changing traffic patterns, plans for the 12-acre green park, bike lane infrastructure, and communication strategies with the public during the construction period, were asked.

A final comment came from Marc Alvarado who expressed concern about the potential for new retail and commercial services to serve the community. With development under way in the Clark-Fulton area, he wondered whether businesses like Phunkenship, a sour-ale beer brewery on Sackett Avenue at West 32nd Street, are the best fit for the neighborhood.

"I have some concerns about development that doesn't service the community," Alvarado said. "I've seen it happen in Ohio City and throughout Cleveland. Opportunity zones provide opportunities for developers who profit from seeing my neighbors leave," he said, adding, "It's very disturbing."

COMMUNITY BOARD

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CLEVELAND PEACE ACTION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Featuring Kevin Zeese: "Declining U.S. Empire and the Peace Movement's Role" Thursday, March 19th, Pilgrim Church, 2592 W.14th St., Potluck @6:30 pm, Board Elections and Volunteer Recognition @7:15 pm, Kevin Zeese @7:30 pm.

BENEFITS

INTERVIEW ABOUT YOUR BENEFITS: Northern Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality wants to hear about your experiences applying for or renewing your benefits like food stamps or Medicaid. To get information to improve the system, they are doing short interviews with people on benefits. If you can do a brief interview, contact Jacie at jacie@organizeohio.org or call (216) 651-2606.

CHURCHES

THE SHROUD OF TURIN - A GALLERY OF IMAGES and other artifacts in the Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ. It will be held in the Community Center of Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, on April 3rd and 4th. Times for viewing will be from 10am to 4pm on both days. Admission is free. The Community Center is located at the end of the cul-de-sac on West 30th St (behind Wendy's). Free will donations accepted. For more information call 216-688-0040.

CONSUMER

PARATRANSIT SURVEY: Northern Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality (NOBLE) will be conducting a survey regarding Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) paratransit rider experiences for the next couple of months in an effort to improve paratransit services in entirety. If you or someone that you know utilizes paratransit and would be open to hearing more about and or taking the survey please contact our organizer, Brittney Madison at BMadison@organizeohio.org or 330-571-3333.

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