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"History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people." ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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City Looking to "Change the Culture" with Resource Centers by Ron Calhoun

Mayor Frank Jackson announced a shift in the philosophies and purpose of the city's 22 recreation centers to Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Centers, offering expanded programs and becoming spaces that will serve local families more holistically. We are moving away from traditional recreation centers because sports alone, although they have a purpose, are not sufficient to properly prepare our children to become successful adults," said Mayor Jackson. "Only intervention and opportunities can help our young people, build stronger families, and develop healthy neighborhoods."

The changes are part of the mayor's strategic plan to address the root causes of violence and toxic stress by promoting wellness and resilience, especially for young

people. Residents who visit the facilities will see opportunities that connect youth, adults and seniors to the center-based employment services, recreation programs, educational advancement opportunities and more. They will have access to new and expanded programming, including many year-round offerings in the following key areas: Youth & Adult Education, Job & Career Readiness, Health & Wellness, Youth Development Mentorship, Leadership & Community Service, The Arts, and Sports & Recreation.

This will also enhance the summer programs and benefits from Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) internships, Cleveland Public Apprenticeships, ACT and SAT preparation, and summer jobs programs.

The city of Cleveland introduced

legislation on March 25th to support these programs. The new Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Centers will be equipped with trained Trauma-Informed Care staff members and social workers who will provide year-round center-based resources, programs and activities.

As part of the change, the city is completing an assessment of all recreation centers. This will mean renovation at the existing centers and construction of new facilities to replace aging infrastructures. The first new construction will be the Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Center at John Rhodes. Mayor Jackson's strategic vision is far-reaching and encompasses other programs that improve youth and families' quality of life such as Safe Routes to Public



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Safety's Community School, Say Yes to Education, Youth Reentry and Diversion programs, the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative, the Opportunity Corridor Project, Engagement Officers and more. For more information on the city's new Neighborhood Resource Recreation Centers visit online: www.city.cleveland.oh.us

Cleveland Asian Festival MC's May 18-19



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Lead Master of Ceremonies, **Wayne Wong** is the recipient of the Asian American Engineer of the Year. Wayne, born in Hong Kong and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University. Wayne is also an artist, actor, and scriptwriter.



Chris Tanaka joined the Cleveland 19 News Team in July 2016, after a five-year stint as anchor and reporter in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is happily married with two young boys. Chris can be found on Facebook and on Twitter @Chris_Tanaka.

Cleveland to host MLB 2019 All-Star Game

The Indians and Progressive Field will play host to the Midsummer Classic at the newly renovated Progressive Field on July 9th, giving the organization an opportunity showcase our revitalized city and incredible ballpark. The Tribe and city of Cleveland last played host to the All-Star Game in 1997, when current first base coach Sandy Alomar, Jr. hit a homer in his home park and was named the game's MVP. Though it might

come as a surprise, the Cleveland Indians have hosted the most All-Star games in Major League Baseball history, surpassing the Cincinnati Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates. Cleveland's celebrated history of hosting All-Star games can be traced back to 1911, 22 years before the first All-Star game in Chicago. History is sure to be made once again when the Cleveland Indians host their sixth All-Star game in 2019!

Asian-Pop Dance Competition

For ten years, one of the most popular features of the Cleveland Asian Festival (CAF) has been the games and attractions. Designed for all ages, this includes a variety of activities and games inside the Activities Pavilion as well as the teaching and playing of the ancient game of Go inside Asia Plaza. Other popular activities include the AsiaTown Lolley the Trolley Tour, CAF Photo Booth, Trivia contest and the Egg Roll Eating contest.

Another favorite has been the Asian-Pop Dance Competition which draws dozens of performers and hundreds of cheering fans. The dance crews

have between 2 and 10 people who either cover a dance or choreograph their own to the music of Bollywood (India), C-Pop (China), J-Pop (Japan), K-Pop (South Korea), and Nepali Hip Hop. Raymond Bondad, the chair of the Asian-Pop Dance Competition committee says, "From being part of the first group to perform K-pop and C-pop with the Cleveland Asian Festival, to having the honor of judging the past 3 competitions, I can say with confidence that the dancers just keep getting better, and the competition brings the community together." On May 13th, the three videos with the highest number of votes, plus two CAF choices, will be announced and invited to compete live on May 18th, 2019.

Older Adults are Connecting, Creating and Contributing to Ward 7 at Eliza Bryant Village



Eliza Bryant Village, for participants and to residents who lives 3-miles from the Village campus, provides transportation.

May is a special month where we come together to celebrate Mother's Day and Older American's Month (in addition to Nurses Day, National Skilled Nursing Care Week and Senior Health & Fitness Day). With so many opportunities for celebrations, how do you find the time to appropriately honor each one? Eliza Bryant Village, the oldest-operating African-American founded long-term care facility in the United States, has a few ideas.

May 17, 2019 is Mother's Day. For many, Mother's Day is an opportunity to show their love and appreciation for women who nurture our minds, bodies and souls, who encourage and support those they love, and whose devotion to our happiness and success is unwavering. These admirable qualities are also emulated in caregivers of older adults. Eliza Bryant Village – a nonprofit organization that serves more than 1,200 older adults each year – knows the value of caregivers (both men and women) and tailors programs and services to best serve them and the aging loved ones whom they care for.



Chair Yoga at Eliza Bryant Village Adult Day Program

A 2015 survey conducted by the National Alliance for Caregiving, AARP, and Caregiving in the U.S., states that approximately 34.2 million Americans provided unpaid care to an adult age 50 or older in the last year. Eliza Bryant Village operates a Senior Outreach & Adult Day Program that meets the needs of both caregivers and older adults.

The Villages' Adult Day Care program provides nurturing care for older adults in a safe environment while offering respite to caregivers. Serving the community Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and offering their own transportation program helps to accommodate caregivers' personal or professional schedules. In the care of Eliza Bryant Villages' experienced and compassionate staff, participants enjoy engaging activities and amenities in a welcoming, therapeutic and comfortable setting.



The Villages' Medical Model Adult Day Program provides a Registered Nurse on staff

Unique to the Villages' Adult Day Program is a "medical model" structure. This model allows the Village to tailor services to older adults with cognitive and physical impairments with the assistance of a full-time nurse and a full-time social worker on staff. Because of this medical model, the Village can assist with monitoring of chronic conditions through blood pressure and glucose checks, and administer medication as prescribed by a physician. This is just one example of how our medical model enhances the quality of life for our program participants.

Another component of the program is therapeutic groups and services that help the mind, body and spirit for a better quality of life. Examples include music, art, and massage therapy and a "Quiet Room" that helps participants find a safe space to think and relax before returning to activities with their peers. In addition to fun activities like dance, chair yoga and Wii bowling, participants also receive a nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack each day.



Music Therapy at Eliza Bryant Village Adult Day Program

Charlette B. is a caregiver for her brother who attends the Adult Day Program at Eliza Bryant Village. She said, "My sister



Participants enjoy social activities at Eliza Bryant Village like bingo, dance, and Wii bowling

and I are very grateful that he is in the wonderful care of Eliza Bryant Village. It gives us time to take care of business and we are at ease knowing he is in such good hands."

But it isn't just the seniors who receive specialized care at Eliza Bryant Village – it's the caregivers too! The Eliza Bryant Village Caregiver Support Group provides a safe space for caregivers to connect with new friends and learn tools and resources for coping with stress, anxiety and caring for aging adults. The confidential Caregiver Support Group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. over dinner that is provided by the Village. Educational presentations are provided as well as a tour of the campus and time for discussion and relaxation.



Free monthly Caregiver Support Groups provide caregivers respite, a free dinner, education and conversation with friends and professionals

Celebrate mothers, caregivers and older adults by helping them relieve some of the burden they carry and tell them about these helpful program and services at Eliza Bryant Village!

Embodying the theme for Older Americans Month in 2019, "Connect, Create, and Contribute", the Village serves older adults through a comprehensive menu of programs and service. Eliza Bryant Village connects aging adults and their caregivers with services that help them

age in place, enjoy a variety of activities, meals and time with peers. The Village's Senior Outreach and Adult Day Program creates opportunities for fun, better physical, mental and emotional health, and learning opportunities. The caring staff at the Village contributes their compassion, service, talents and time to our community's older adults and their families.

May, Ward 7 celebrates the opportunities to honor older adults and their caregivers. Communities that encourage the contributions of older adults are stronger! Eliza Bryant Village continues to build a strong and safe community for older adults within their village and their services are available to you at home as well. To speak to someone about how you and your aging loved one can benefit from these programs, call 216-361-6141.



Massage Therapy Services at Eliza Bryant Village through the Ohio Attorney General's Office



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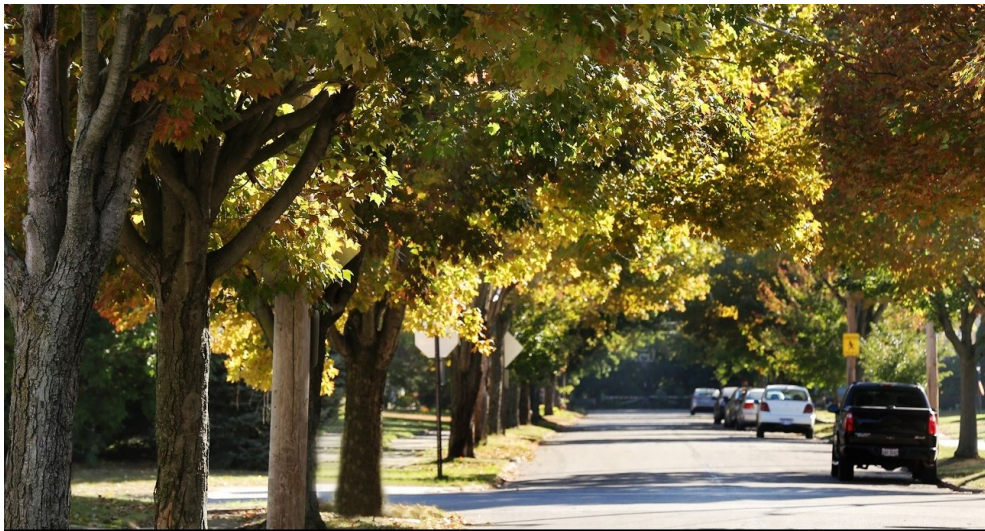
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Ward Seven 'Clean and Green Day' May 18-25th



Volunteers are needed, to lead the way on each Street. Let's come together and prepare Ward 7 for a great summer with "Clean and Green Day."

On Saturday, May 18th thru May 25th we will pick up litter around our yards and on our streets. Remove all trash and debris from around our houses and plan on one of the best Memorial Holiday celebrations with neighbors friends and family. Grab a neighbor and walk, talk and pick up the trash around your curbs and sewer drains.

Here is a checklist and some tips on Spring maintenance. Spring home maintenance goes beyond deep cleaning and organizing. Work your way through this checklist to make sure your home is ready for the change in seasons.

CheckList:

- 1. Check the roof.**
If you're comfortable on a ladder, inspect your roof from up high. If not, use binoculars. Look for damaged or missing shingles and signs of rusting, cracking or leaking. If you find issues, call a professional to assess the damage.
- 2. Clean out the gutters.**
Clear all leaves and debris out of the gutters and downspouts. If they're sagging, reattach the gutters, or replace them with new hardware. Use caulking to seal holes and prevent leaking. Make sure downspouts face away from the foundation of your home for proper draining.
- 3. Inspect the concrete.**
Take a walk around your property to look for cracking in the driveway, walkways or pool deck. You can fill cracks with concrete filler or silicone caulk, but if the concrete is severely damaged, you may want to replace it entirely.
- 4. Check outside faucets.**
Inspect hose faucets for freeze damage by turning on the water and placing a finger over the opening. If that stops the water flow, the pipe may be damaged. Call a professional to inspect your pipes and determine if they need replacing.
- 5. Inspect the air conditioning unit.**
Remove debris from around the cooling unit, and change the filters. To help your unit run properly in the upcoming months, follow these steps to make your system more efficient. Spring is also the ideal time to schedule a professional HVAC tune-up.
- 6. Give the deck some attention.**
Check the deck for signs of water stains, discoloration and warping. Look for rusty or loose nails, and make sure the railings and stairs are safely secured. Replace rotting or lifting boards.
- 7. Repair and reseal woodwork.**
In addition to the deck, you'll also want to focus on wooden fences, railings and trellises if you have them. It's important to give these wood structures some TLC as they are prone to rot and decay so it's a good idea to learn how to maintain a wooden fence.
- 8. Inspect windows and doors.**
Check for cracks or holes and repair as necessary. Use a screen repair kit to fix holes or tears that bugs can sneak through.
- 9. Spruce up landscaping.**
Clear your landscaping of debris, trim overgrowth and plan fresh additions. HGTV recommends using compacted soil in low areas of your yard, as spring rains can cause flooding and foundation damage. Remember get out and spring clean and meet a new neighbor for "Clean and Green Day"

Street Resurfacing Projects By Nancy Kelsey

This week, the City of Cleveland began resurfacing projects in Ward 7. Advance notice signs will be posted to advise the public of the following road improvements. These streets will be resurfaced and completed by the end of July 2019

- E. 89th St.** (Chester Ave. – Hough Ave.)
- East 69th Street** (Chester Ave. – Hough Ave.)
- Linwood Ave.** (East 70th Street– East 85th St.)
- East 66th Street** (Linwood Ave.– Lawnview Ave.)

Community Events

(Free/Registration Required)

- Cleveland Natural Hair Care Expo 2019**
Sun, May 5, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Double Tree Hotel
3663 Park East Drive
Beach Wood, OH 44122
- Cleveland School Minority Health Fair**
Monday, May 6th 2019, 12-4:00 p.m.
2348 Unwin Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44104
- Inaugural Cleveland Sister Cities Conference**
Wed, May 1, 2019, 4:30 PM to
Fri, May 3, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
Cleveland Public Library-Louis Stokes Wing
525 West Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114
- FundTown Technology and the Future of Work**
Wed, May 8, 2:30 – 7:00 p.m.
1 St Clair Ave NE,
Cleveland, OH 44114
- MidTown Mornings:**
Monday, May 8th 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Growth Opportunity Partners
6001 Euclid Avenue, #120
Cleveland, OH 44103
- Bar 32 Patio Opening Party!**
Friday, May 10, 2019, 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
100 Lakeside Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio 44114
- 2019 Cleveland VegFest**
Saturday, May 18, 2019, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland
300 Lakeside Ave E,
Cleveland, OH 44113
- Cleveland Asian Cultures Ride Positive Spin 216 (Bike Ride)**
Saturday, May 18, 2019, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The Cleveland Museum of Art
11150 East Blvd, Cleveland, Ohio 44106
- Thunderdome of Comedy! Free Show!**
Saturday, May 18, 2019, 9:00 p.m. to 11:00p.m.
13601 Detroit Ave,
Lakewood, Ohio 44107
- SCENE Taste of Summer 2019**
Friday, May 24, 4:00 p.m. May 26, 10:00 p.m.
Flats East Bank
Old River Road & W. 10th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
- Annual Larchmere Sidewalk Sale 2019**
Saturday, May 25th, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Larchmere Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio 44120
- East 55th on the Lake: Live Music Saturdays**
Every Saturday, thru August, 7-10:00 p.m.
5555 N. Marginal Road
Cleveland, OH 44114
- 3rd Annual BGDB Jersey Ride**
Sunday, May 26, 2019, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Edgewater Park - Upper West Shelter
7800 Cleveland Memorial Shoreway,
Cleveland, Ohio 44102
- Edgewater Live**
Thursday, May 30, 2019, 4:30 pm -9:00 p.m.
Edgewater Park
7800 Cleveland Memorial Shoreway,
Cleveland, Ohio 44102
- Euclid Beach Live**
Friday, May 31, 2019, 4:30 pm -9:00 p.m.
Euclid Beach Pier
16301 Lakeshore Blvd,
Cleveland, OH 44110
- Little Italy Summer Art Walk**
May 31, 2019, thru June 2, 2019
5:00 p.m./Friday–12:00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday
12510 Mayfield Rd,
Cleveland, Ohio 44106
- Hessler Street Fair 50th Anniversary**
Jun 1 at 11:00 a.m. Jun 2 at 9:00 p.m.
11326 Hessler Rd,
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

- Melrose Ave.** (E. 79th St. – E. 82nd St.)
- E. 94th St.** (Crawford Rd. – Ansel Ave.)
- Schaffer Ave.** (Addison Ave. – E. 71st St.)

One lane of traffic will be maintained for local traffic for the duration of each project and no detours are expected. Access to all businesses, residences and side streets will be maintained during construction. On-street parking will not be allowed during construction.



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South Brooklyn Branch 4223 Pearl Road • Cleveland, OH 44109 Mondays - 9:00 – 6:30 p.m. May 20 - June 3, 10, 17, 24 - July 8, 15 - August 5, 12	West Park Branch 3805 West 92th Street • Cleveland, OH 44111 Wednesdays - 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. May 22 - June 5, 12, 19, 26 - July 19, 26 - August 2, 9
South Branch 3096 Scovorton Road • Cleveland, OH 44109 Mondays - 9:30 – 7:00 a.m. May 20 - June 3, 10, 17, 24 - July 8, 15 - August 5, 12 Bilingual Clubs	15th Branch 3483 East 93rd Street • Cleveland, OH 44104 Thursdays - 9:30 – 7:00 a.m. May 23 - June 6, 13, 20, 27 - July 11, 18 - August 8, 15
Hough Branch 1566 Cleveland Blvd • Cleveland, OH 44106 Tuesdays - 9:00 – 6:30 p.m. May 21 - June 4, 11, 18, 25 - July 9, 16 - August 6, 13	Preference is given to children who have not attended pre-school.

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The 8 Week Health Challenge is a part of the Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) - a collaborative effort between Cleveland Clinic and community partners to promote optimal health and wellness.

For information and to Pre-Register: Please call the team at The Langston Hughes Center at 216.361.1772.

Kick Off Event - Week One
Thursday, May 2, 2019 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Cleveland Clinic Langston Hughes Community Health & Education Center
2390 East 79th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44104

Weeks Two - Seven
Challenges acquire points for their neighborhood team by attending events held at partner locations throughout the community. The neighborhood team that earns the most points wins the Challenge!

Final Event - Week Eight
Thursday, June 20, 2019 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
The Langston Hughes Center

Logos for participating organizations: HECPLH, NOAH, Cleveland Clinic, KARAMU, etc.

HOUGH (WARD 7) HEALTH By Margret Adams



WEIGHING IN
By Margret Adams
BSN

Let's talk about a topic that is spoken about in many environments, how much people weigh.

Let's be more specific and talk about what being outside of a healthy weight means to the health and economic well-being of our community. According to the medical community overweight means having a BMI (body mass index) of 25-30, with obesity being defined as a BMI of 30 or more. You know you are overweight when the clothes you wear have gotten too small or when you look at your body and see rolls of extra fat. Yes, we like our bodies a little thicker, but thick should not mean fat, and fat does not mean healthy.

Here's the lowdown on what being outside of a healthy weight does to our body and its impact on our pocket books.

First, being overweight makes your body work harder and ages it sooner than it should by wearing it out. If you are overweight your heart works harder to pump

blood throughout your body which can lead to high blood pressure and heart failure. Carrying around extra weight wears your joints out sooner leading to arthritis, back, and knee pain. Overweight can lead to sleep apnea causing abnormal breathing leading to other medical problems. Being overweight or obese is associated with diabetes for some people. Conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes can lead to kidney failure and lead to having to depend on dialysis. Some studies associate higher incidents of cancer to obesity. All of these conditions can lead to disability or premature death.

The economic impact can be seen in your health insurance and life insurance premiums, the price you may have to pay for medications, seats on a plane and even the cost of clothing.

We need to respect our bodies and ensure the health of our future generations. A few simple suggestions to better health are decrease fast foods and processed foods in your diet, decrease the amount of food you put on your plate, change what and how many sugary beverages you drink, drinking more water and teas, and by all means being as active as possible.

Where Millennials end and Generation Z Begins

SILENT GENERATION	BOOMERS	GEN X	MILLENNIALS (OR GEN Y)	GEN Z
1925-1945	1946-1963	1964-1978	1979-1995	1996-2010
The Great Depression The Dust Bowl WWII McCarthyism	Vietnam Woodstock The Civil Rights Movement President Kennedy's assassination Watergate Space exploration	The fall of the Berlin wall The Challenger disaster AIDS MTV The Iranian hostage crisis Desert Storm	9/11 Columbine Google Social Media Video games Y2K	The Great Recession ISIS Sandy Hook Marriage equality The first black president The rise of populism

So what determines a generation? Let's use 1996 as the last birth year for Millennials. Anyone born between 1981 and 1996 (ages 23 to 38 in 2019) is considered a Millennial, and anyone born from 1997 onward is part of a new generation. The oldest of the new generation is turning 22 this year so we will call this new generation, Generation Z. Generational cutoff points aren't an exact science. They should be viewed primarily as tools, allowing for analyzation.

If you are a Millennial or a part of Generation Z, you have likely heard this before. It's a phrase used when older adults don't understand what we are doing! The technological changes and discreet opinions that we have as a community have caused the older generation to question the potential that we have as creative minded people. All the things that we see as positive get turned into negatives in the public eye. Open minded yet opinionated people turn into disruptive kids who don't understand the world. Easily adjusting to electronics turns into being dissociated and unaware of our social surroundings. It's like when your parents say, "I know what I'm talking about, I was your age once." But if you

think about it, what they are saying makes NO SENSE! As humans, we evolve and adapt to the technology that is being presented to us, especially Millennials and Generation Z.

Other generations like Baby Boomers and Gen Xers grew up with email and landlines, which explains why only 26% of adults at the age of 65 (older baby boomers) are comfortable using electronic devices. According to pewinternet.org, the other 74% either don't know what they are doing or just don't feel comfortable with recent technological advancements. In order to become comfortable with something, you have to be willing to learn about it or understand how it works. Technology is like people in a way, very complex yet understandable if time is taken for comprehension. The current technological advances and openness of our generation is not something that we often see in the other generations. But like the generation before, we are not understood, and are instead seen as lazy, different, and cradled. However, what they don't see are the positives. Instead of criticizing our differences, maybe they should take the time to learn a little something from us.

Cleveland Foundation Grants March 2019



The Cleveland Foundation's mission is to enhance the lives of all residents of Greater Cleveland, now and for generations to come, by working together with our donors to build community endowment, address needs through grantmaking, and provide leadership on key community issues.

Neighborhoods:

Cleveland Neighborhood Progress (\$5,000,000)

Ohio Environmental Council (\$371,600)

LAND studio Inc. (\$408,500)

Economic & Workforce Development:

NewBridge (\$800,000)

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry (\$250,000)

Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network (\$415,000)

Education:

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation (\$172,107)

College Now Greater Cleveland Inc. (\$600,000)

Cleveland State University Foundation (\$250,247)

Greater Cleveland Volunteers (\$180,000)

Youth Opportunities Unlimited (\$400,000)

TECH CORPS Ohio (\$125,000)
Building Hope In The City (\$75,000)

United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland, Inc. (\$200,000)

Care Alliance Health Center (\$200,000)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland (\$400,000)

For more information:
<https://www.clevelandfoundation.org/>

Take a Walk
Earn some points for your neighborhood by joining the Cleveland Clinic Health Challenge Walking Group

Join us Tuesday, May 7th at 5:00pm for our opening meeting at Famicos Foundation
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Cleveland, Oh 44106

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THE CITY RECORDER “Highlights” April 1ST/9TH

By Ron Calhoun

**Ord. No. 411-2019.**

Introduced legislation that would place a moratorium on giving permits to open so-called “dollar stores.” The legislation says a proliferation of small-box general discount stores in Cleveland is hurting the local economy. The stores carry an array of consumer goods, including household items, health products, food and beverages.

The strategy of Dollar Tree, Family Dollar and others is to saturate communities with multiple stores, making it impossible for local full-service grocery stores to stay open.

Dollar stores have limited selections of fresh food and most carry processed foods at inflated prices.

Dollar stores employ fewer workers at lower wages than grocery stores and often face

class-action lawsuits for violating fair labor standards.

Ord. No. 412-19, Ord No 413-19, Ord. No. 414-19.

Approved the spending of Casino Revenue Funds for three community organizations that sponsor training and education programs for residents, as well as sports, recreation and job training for youth. The Youth Education Through Sports program, under the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, will receive **\$25,000** to help fund youth sports and recreation programs. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland will receive **\$25,000** to help provide career employment education and training for youth. And the non-profit neighborhood group, Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corporation, will receive **\$10,000** for community workshops on health, safety and

social support services for Cleveland residents,

Res. No. 341-2019

Adopted a resolution supporting Governor DeWine’s proposed 18 cent per gallon gas tax increase to pay for road construction projects. The gas tax, currently at 28 cents a gallon, has not been raised in 14 years. The current tax, the governor has argued, is insufficient for state and local governments to maintain current roads or finish new construction projects. Republicans in the Ohio House of Representatives have proposed a 10.7 cents per gallon gas tax increase, which the governor has decried as a “minimalist approach” to addressing the state’s infrastructure needs.

Ord. No. 323-2019; 322-2019.

Approved legislation to give tax abatements to two suburban-based manufacturing firms that are planning to move into Cleveland, bringing with them a total of **58 new full-time employees**. Both firms – Dynamic Metal Services and Northern Stamping Inc. – are planning major renovations to the buildings into which they are moving, therefore demonstrating their needs for tax abatements. Dynamic Metal, an industrial metals manufacturer, currently operates four plants located in Streetsboro, Bedford and two in Bedford Heights. The company purchased a building at 18901 Euclid Ave. into which it will move and consolidate its suburban

operations. It will create **30 full-time jobs** with an annual payroll of **\$2.8 million**. Northern Stamping, a design engineering and manufacturing firm serving the automotive industry, currently operates plants in Valley View and Cuyahoga Heights where it employs **219 full-time workers**. The company will continue to operate those facilities, but because of increasing demands from its largest customer, General Motors, Northern Stamping in December purchased a building on Harvard Avenue in Cleveland to expand its operations. The move creates **28 full-time jobs** with an annual payroll of **\$1.3 million**. Both companies will receive 10-year tax abatements to help defray the costs of building renovations. Dynamic Metal is in Ward 10, represented by Councilman Anthony Hairston. Northern Stamping is in Ward 12, represented by Councilman Tony Brancatelli.

Ord. No. 441-2019. Introduced legislation that would permit MidTown Cleveland Inc. to install **24 to 36 bicycle racks** at various locations on the city’s Near East side. Sites include the Agora, 5000 Euclid Ave.; Children’s Museum, 3813 Euclid Ave.; City Mission, 5310 Carnegie Ave.; Masonic Auditorium, 3616 Euclid Ave.; Baker Electric office building, 7100 Euclid Ave.; Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, 3900 Euclid Ave. and several other sites

The Record: Profiteering And Misconduct In Ohio’s Mayor’s Courts

Courtesy ACLU –Ohio



The Ohio ACLU released a report on Monday finding that nearly 300 Mayor’s courts in Ohio “prioritize money over justice,” and recommending five reforms to implement in order for mayor’s courts to be fair, transparent and accountable.

Mayor’s courts are local courts that hear traffic and local ordinance violations. They are relics of the past – only Ohio and Louisiana still have them.

Mayor’s courts are geared toward making money rather than delivering justice. In 2016, municipalities with Mayor’s courts issued one out of every six traffic tickets in Ohio. Unlike municipal courts, Mayor’s courts are not courts of record, which means there are no audio recordings or transcripts of what happens in mayor’s court. This lack of transparency and

accountability creates a breeding ground for coercive tactics used to collect fines and fees. To make matters worse, Mayors or magistrates who hear cases in mayor’s court are only required to have six hours of training per year. There is limited oversight by mayor’s courts by the legislature or state judiciary. This makes it difficult to discipline problematic mayor’s courts. Mayors are responsible for balancing the municipal budget and can use mayor’s courts to generate revenue. Some mayor’s courts in inner-ring suburbs issue a disproportionately high number of citations to Black drivers.

The ACLU issued the following five recommendations for the Ohio General Assembly: “Restore state funding to municipalities, eliminate Mayor’s courts in Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, and Summit Counties, increase education and procedural requirements for Mayor’s courts, expand oversight of Mayor’s courts, and abolish driver’s license suspensions for any reason not related to public safety.”

**The Ohio Lesson Part 1** by Meryl Johnson**Private school vouchers:**

In 2017, vouchers affected children in 83% of Ohio’s school districts.

In 2017, more than \$310 million in public money was sent to private, mostly religious schools through vouchers.

Private school vouchers began in the white South shortly after the US Supreme Court ruled in 1954 that racially segregated schools violated the constitutional rights of African-American children.

White parents, not wanting their children to attend schools with African-American students, set up private schools and the state governments provided public funds to support these white academies.

More than thirty years passed before the next private school voucher law, passed in Wisconsin, set aside public funds for a small pilot project for Milwaukee. Promoted by the ultra-rich Bradley Foundation and State Representative Polly Williams, an African-American lawmaker from Milwaukee, the voucher program played on the

justified dissatisfaction of parents with the Milwaukee public schools. The small pilot Milwaukee voucher program has dramatically expanded since its inception. Democrat Polly Williams later regretted her participation, saying, “Our intent was never to destroy the public schools.”

A combination of wealthy Akron businessman and major Republican Party contributor David Brennan, leaders of the Catholic Church, and conservative political strategists pushed Governor George Voinovich to include a Cleveland-only private school voucher bill in the Ohio state biennium budget. Cleveland was targeted because the state had taken over the public schools when it looked like the schools would run out of funds.

By adopting a Cleveland-only voucher plan, these lawmakers did not have to deal with the wrath of their suburban parents who actively opposed diverting their public funds for vouchers in their districts. David Brennan wanted to lessen the influence of public schools and teacher unions

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Campus International HS wins music honor

Courtesy CSMD



CMSD's Campus International High School has received national recognition for its commitment to teaching music.

Campus, International High School, located at Cleveland State University, is one of 98 schools in the country to earn a 2019 SupportMusic Merit Award from the Best Communities for Music Education Program. While the International Baccalaureate model that CIHS follows calls for a well-rounded education, the rigor can make it difficult to maintain an extensive music program, said Matthew Cotton, the school's director of music activities.

Cotton credited the award to the support he gets from Principal Ameer Kim El-Mallawany and Assistant Principal Amy Brodsky, as well as the authority that CMSD gives schools to determine their programming. Brodsky, who played in the Shaker Heights High School band and Cleveland Youth Orchestra, sometimes helps instruct percussion students.

"We had a vision that the music program was going to be strong," Cotton said. "That commitment was there from the get-go."

CIHS, which opened in 2017 and now includes the ninth and 10th grades, offers Orchestra and Beginning, Advanced and Modern Band. Plans call for adding an Indoor Marching Drumline and playing festivals in the next two years.

Campus International High School is one of three CMSD schools that follow the International Baccalaureate model. The others are Campus International K-8 School, which is also located at Cleveland State, and William Rainey Harper PreK-8 School.

Sophomore Adora Ezepue, concertmaster, or lead violinist, in the orchestra, who has been playing for five years, said she developed a love of music at a very young age and finds it to be a stress reliever. Ninth-grader Isabella Craun plays flute and piccolo in the advanced band. She has a hard time imagining the school



Sophomore Adora Ezepue

without a music program. "I wouldn't think about quitting band," she said. "That's my thing."

OHIO LAW TO TEACH CURSIVE BY FIFTH GRADE OFFICIALLY IN EFFECT HB 58

Governor Kasich signed a bill Wednesday that would require students to learn how to write in cursive. The bill states students need to be able to print letters and words legibly by the third grade. By the end of the fifth grade, children must know how to write in cursive. The bill states that the new instructional materials shall be added to the curriculum no later than July 1, 2019. Schools can choose to adopt the writing curriculum. It is not a mandate.

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while the Catholic leadership wanted additional funds to support their parochial schools in Cleveland. No longer totally dependent on the nuns as teachers and having many middle-class Catholics leaving Cleveland for nearby suburban schools, the city Catholic schools needed the boost from public funds to keep their schools afloat. Conservative political strategists wanted a private school voucher bill that would be declared constitutional, despite previous Supreme Court rulings declaring public funds directly sent to parochial schools violated the separation of church and state section of the First Amendment.

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Cleveland State University (CSU) and Parker Hannifin recently announced a major investment in support of Say Yes to Education, a community-wide effort to make college attendance and graduation accessible to more local Cleveland public school students. This \$5 million investment, part of an existing financial commitment from the Parker Hannifin Foundation, will establish the Parker Hannifin Learning Community at CSU, which will provide Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) students studying at CSU with two years of free on-campus housing. Providing on-campus housing will reduce a significant economic barrier many students face when pursuing a college degree and enhance student retention, which studies have shown greatly improves when



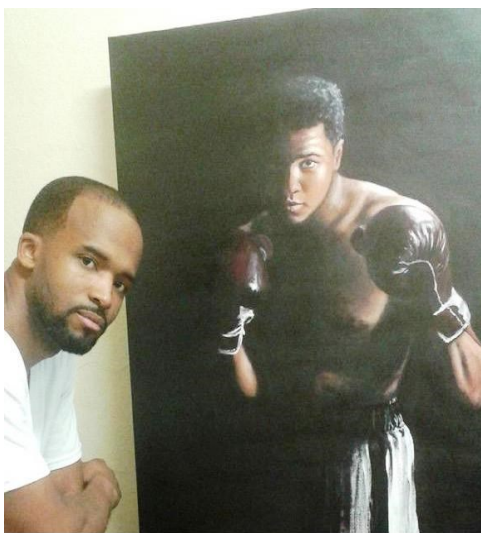
students live on campus, particularly as freshmen and sophomores.

The Parker Hannifin Learning Community will also offer a mentoring program to match students with faculty and peer mentors and directed career preparation activities such as job analysis support, internships, co-ops, and hands-on research projects. "Parker is proud to support CSU, and Say Yes to Education by strategically investing in an existing commitment that will have a great impact on the future success of Cleveland public school students. This initiative further strengthens our long-standing relationship with Cleveland State University and is aligned with our broader commitment to help improve education."

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Freedom Found in Art

By Carla Calhoun



Interviewer: When did you become interested in painting, especially murals?

Brandon: Funny thing is painting happened on mistake. It happened when I was in prison. I was writing a book, I wanted to make something of myself and to have some money to come home to. I realized I needed a book cover.

Several inmates were impressed, one in particular gave me a canvas and paint brush that was the game changer. I painted the whole time there, 7 years. I then joined an art program in Hope Valley School, an education and trade school in Richland Correctional. The program taught graphic design, pencil and pastel painting and anything else that's art. The instructor for the program began to mentor me and I eventually started tutoring other inmates in painting. I then knew that art would take me places I couldn't imagine, because it took me from that dark place, I felt free! With art that is.

Interviewer: That is fantastic! It sounds like you changed a negative experience into a positive career. When did you start painting murals?

Brandon: I started painting murals last year-before I was only doing portraits. I really enjoy painting murals because you have a much bigger canvas to work with, I love challenges. The bigger



the mural the bigger the challenge.

Interviewer: Tell me about the mural you are painting here at the Hough Multi Service Center?

Brandon: This mural represents a thriving community, its economic growth will be shown, self-empowerment, love and sharing education. It will be a visual of what Councilmen Basheer Jones talks about and is working towards, group economics. We all need to be business minded and work together. It will display faces of the community and historians. The black dollar does not last long in the Black community, yet in different cultures their dollar stays for long periods before it leaves. We (blacks) spend over a trillion dollars a year, imagine if we circulated that amongst us?

Interviewer: Yes! that would be amazing. Have you done any other projects in this community or other communities?

Brandon: Yes, I have painted murals in barbershops, spas, restaurants, hair salons,

personal portraits, live paintings, and I recently painted on wooden bow ties for an entrepreneurs fashion show.

Interviewer: Wow! Wooden bow ties that is really unique. What is your next project?

Brandon: My next project or goal is that I would like to open a studio to have a team of artists to take on any projects. I would like to reach out to inspire people especially the jail population. There is so much hidden talent in prison and I would like to help a brother like me introduce their talents.

Interviewer: Brandon is there anything else you would like to share with the Ward 7 Observer readers?

Brandon: I am universal and I am willing to share my story to inspire others to do better and follow your dream. Encourage people to become business minded which is necessary to grow a community.

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Where Are The Men?

Courtesy Pastor Tony Evans

Where are the men? When a single woman says she can't find a good man to marry, a child grows up without a man in the home, and a single mother needs support to raise a child, the question is, where are the men? Where are the men? The numbers are staggering. The question was asked to incarcerated men, how many lived in a fatherless home? The answer was 90% without a man in the home. A school teacher handed in his resignation because of rebellion in the classroom, a lack of respect and insubordination that was attributed to no father figure in the home. Where are the men? Men have become neutered, domesticated, and abusive. Urban terrorism is due to the absence of the conscience and the dumbing down of common decency. Where are the men? Just because you are a male does not make you a man. If you rob, shoot or kill a person it does not make you a man. In fact, at some point it will make you a slave to a system.

I'm sure there are some who would argue the distinction of a

man. I choose not to argue but to give this man's point of view.

Man was created in a position of priority, to produce, cultivate and give instruction. His priority is to be the foundation of the family. The first task of a builder is to lay the foundation. The foundation is not pretty, it is simple, and it serves the purpose to sustain the home. A man has to have a vision and each day pursue his dreams.

I bought a bicycle for my grandson. I opened the box and realized I must assemble the bicycle. I reasoned that I was good at fixing things so how hard could assembling the bicycle be? Six hours later my wife came into the garage and noticed I was no further along than the first thirty minutes. My wife gave me some interesting advice. "Did you read the instructions?" I read through the instructions and within forty-five minutes I was done. The instructions were written by the person who made the bicycle. All I needed to do was read the instructions. There is a third component that I unapologetically must share The Creator of eternity gave man The Word! The instructions. Who better knows man than the One who created him? Where are the men?

Senior of the Month

By Carla Travis



Reverend Lovel Henderson exemplifies the core value of Justice and Stewardship in the Hough area at Fatima Family Center.

As he interacts with both children and adults, he has

a very persuasive and gregarious way. He will do anything asked of him such as, working at the front desk, cleaning, packing boxes, assisting with moving furniture and serving as a mentor in the after-school program. It isn't even unusual for him to answer the phone when the staff is unavailable.

As a member of the Advisory Council, Reverend Henderson takes his position as a member seriously. He "works" in the center almost every day. On Thursdays you can find him leading the Bible study class for the Silver Threads, bringing the "word" to life and applying biblical concepts to everyday life.

Rev. Henderson is a great fund-

raiser for the Annual Benefit Breakfast and is a grand customer of the hot dog sales during basketball season.

The tenets of helping your fellow man aren't just mere words to him. If there is any way that he can contribute he does, even financially to agency fundraisers, and will also donate items for families.

He is a good steward in that he will visit the sick and will pray for and with them. As a former Volunteer Coordinator at the Veterans Administration and as a Vietnam Veteran, he is very sensitive to the needs of military individuals. He assists them in receiving benefits and other much needed services. He will transport them to meetings acting as a strong advocate on their behalf. Over the past two Christmases, Rev. Henderson has provided a Christmas party for the veterans and their families complete with a live band, food, presents and even Santa Claus.

Rev. Henderson is one of those people who we marvel at their capacity to give unconditionally, without judgement. He gives sincerely from his heart. Rev. Henderson is very special and appreciated.

Graffiti Heart Gallery Grand Opening, Featuring Artist Kelly “RISK” Graval

Courtesy Graffiti HeArt



Graffiti HeArt is taking on a home of its own and is making it real by welcoming world renown artist, Kelly “RISK” Graval, to Cleveland! RISK will be painting the new Graffiti HeArt gallery at the corner of Superior Avenue & E. 49th Street, during the week of May 27th, making this spot a new art attraction in the region.

Graffiti HeArt was founded in 2013 with a dream to provide opportunities for graffiti artists to get connected to commissioned projects, in helping beautify and revitalize spaces. It will also generate funding for youth art scholarships for under served youth through the Pre-College Program at the Cleveland Institute of Art. After more than \$50,000 in scholarship funding, 25 teenage students, 10 public murals (in Northeast Ohio and Puerto Rico), and more than 50 commercial, corporate, and private mural art projects, Graffiti HeArt is getting a home of its own.

The new Graffiti HeArt gallery was acquired in late 2018 with the goal to renovate and use as a graffiti gallery space with rotating

pieces as well as future gallery shows by graffiti artists and students, as well as a space for art education programming, demonstrations, and workshops. Stamy Paul, President and Founder of Graffiti HeArt shared the story behind the new gallery, “I want this space to be used by artists that believe in our mission, who have engaged in projects with us, and who want to give back. There is a key element of the organization to ensure artists are not exploited and are paid competitive commissions while also understanding the mission to pave ways for future artists, the youth in our community that don’t have the economic means or guidance, and to pay it forward by participating in passion projects along the way. Having a space or ‘home’ for experienced and aspiring graffiti artists to create, to present, educate and just hang out and master their craft is a key reason for the gallery to do so safely and with integrity,” said Paul.

Artists interested in participating in the Graffiti HeArt’s mission and volunteering their time, artistic talent and experience should contact Graffiti HeArt at info@graffitiheart.org. Please include examples of your work.

If you would like to inquire about the possibility of commissioning a project on your property or other forms of canvas, please contact info@graffitiheart.org and include your general geographic location.

New AsiaTown Signage in Ward 7

Kudos to the AsiaTown Community committee for going through a long tedious process to get signage purchased and installed on step poles along several streets in Ward 7.

Councilman Jones has invited the AsiaTown community to nominate AAPI heroes for secondary street signs which will be revealed annually at the Cleveland Asian Festival beginning this year. Keep up the great work!



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Sessions led by Bai Wei Herbal Store in partnership with Asian Town Center and OCA Greater Cleveland to encourage active living in the AsianTown Neighborhood



A New Legacy TheBC Block Club

By Deborah Lewis

Like most groups of neighbors who come together to organize, TheBC Block Club residents, between Chester and Hough from East 79th to East 71st, have an admirable mission: “Working together to build a safe, economically stable, and beautiful community.” TheBC, formed in April of 2018, and has been working to identify goals to ensure that the needs of the residents in this well-defined geographic area are not overwhelmed or ignored in the flurry of activity in areas with new names for what was formerly known as Hough (Midtown, Upper Chester, Medical Campus.)

Like other areas of Cleveland, long-time Hough residents have been neighbors for 30, 40, 50, and yes 60 years. Long-time home owners in older neighborhoods, on both the east and west side of Cleveland, face rising property taxes and utility prices as a risk of development. Those risks can be the beginning of class gentrification in a community. But the Sustainability Committee of TheBC sees opportunities to stabilize the neighborhood by anchoring a solar garden that will support stabilized utility prices and ultimately generate income for subscribers.

Like most groups of neighbors who come together to organize, there is much work to do within and without. The Sustainability Committee is now conducting a survey of utility usage among the neighbors. “Our Committee members have already started to gather this generic utility information and will continue or start a conversation to explain more details about the solar garden during the month of May. It is exciting to share the brochure and discuss the vision of the solar garden with neighbors.” offered Ms. Lewis. “So don’t be surprised if I knock on your door or leave a brochure!

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Business Highlight

by Kia Grayson

The Ward 7 Observer recognizes Jennifer Marriott's for seeing the beauty of the employees’ passion and keeping key assets right here in Cleveland alive and well.

Jennifer Marriott believes in the dignity of labor. For 5 1/2 years as the CEO of Redmond Waltz, company revenue climbed from 1.6 to 4 million dollars.

Established in 1946, Redmond Waltz is an expert provider of AC / DC electric motor repair, aluminum, steel, metal Stamping, extrusion, mining, elevators, and manufacturing. Redmond Waltz is centrally located in downtown Cleveland. Thank you Mrs. Marriott.

Operating a business? We want to recognize you!! To be featured please contact Kia Grayson via email: kgrayson@stclairsuperior.org



Cuyahoga Named River of the Year

American Rivers

To celebrate 50 years of environmental resurgence, the Cuyahoga River has been named “River of the Year” by American Rivers. The Washington D.C.-based conservation organization works to protect wild rivers, restore damaged rivers and advocate for clean water.

For more than 30 years, the organization annually has named 10 endangered rivers. The Cuyahoga has never been named to the endangered list. But it’s being honored for its role in sparking the modern environmental movement after the 1969 fire. “May other cities draw inspiration from Cleveland’s story, and may we all work together to spark an urban river renaissance nationwide,” said

American Rivers President Bob Irvin. “Because everyone in our country deserves clean water and a healthy river.”

“More than 300 Northeast Ohio organizations are planning events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the June 22 fire and the transformation of the river from an open sewer to an active fishery and watersports playground.

More than 60 species of fish thrive in the river, which hosts kayakers, stand-up paddleboards and oodles of rowers from April through November. Irvin said the clean-up has revitalized Cleveland, and he hopes it inspires Americans across the country.