

BELLAIRE-PURITAS Community Post

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Summer 2017

Jefferson Rocks West Park: Concerts, movies, food trucks, oh, my!

by Veronica Favela

The lineup is set - Jefferson Rocks West Park has your summer entertainment covered!

Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation, in collaboration with Councilman Kazy, is excited to bring you eight weeks of free concerts and movies in the park. Kicking things off is the movie *Trolls* on June 22nd, and wrapping up the summer with a rock show featuring The Breakfast Club and classic 80's movie, *The Princess Bride* on August 10th.

Enjoy a summer of 70's, 80's, and 90's jams from four band who play across the country, but are lucky to call Cleveland home.

The Spazmatics are a chain band that plays 80's music, specializing in the electronic instrumentals that was recreated in nerd-perfect style by the band's founders, middle school science teachers.



Toast is a cover band that mostly plays 90's favorites like Foo Fighters, Green Day, Weezer, and Sublime.

Disco Inferno's set is sure to get people on their feet and be a blast from the past, and last but certainly not least, we end the summer with The Breakfast Club playing the likes of The Cure, U2, Bon Jovi and Guns & Roses.

Jefferson Rocks West Park Thursday Night Summer Schedule:

- June 22 Movie Night: *Trolls*
- June 29 Concert and a Movie: Spazmatics and *Hidden Figures*
- July 6 Movie Night: *Shark Tale*
- July 13 Concert and a Movie: Toast and *Big*
- July 20 Movie Night: *Rio*
- July 27 Concert and a Movie: Disco Inferno and *The Sandlot*
- August 3 Movie Night: *How to Train Your Dragon 2*
- August 10 Concert and a Movie: Breakfast Club and *The Princess Bride*

Movie offerings include one of the year's biggest Oscar contenders, *Hidden Figures*, perfectly paired with the nerd chic Spazmatics band, as *Hidden Figures* is almost completely set at NASA, revolves around mathematician female protagonists, and harkens to the days of the agency's first computer. Catch fan

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33 West Park high school scholars shine at city-wide Mock Trial

by Rachel Napolitano



Team Honors with their second-place trophy. (Photo submitted by Sara Kidner, principal at John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership.)

Sixteen teams from Cleveland and East Cleveland brought their cases to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's (CMBA) Mock Trial Competition May 5th and local student teams placed, individual efforts were recognized, and one student won an internship!

Despite West Park fielding two of the three best teams at the competition, the biggest winner might be Alyissa Sagoes. A 10th grader at Bard High School Early College, she won one of four summer internships with Cleveland Municipal Court as a result of her performance, given only to the "Outstanding" students in each performance category. She won "Outstanding Attorney for the Defense."

Sarah Schneider, recruitment and admissions coordinator at Bard, reports that "in addition to winning an internship

with the Cleveland Bar, Alyissa also has an internship with the CHAMPS program this summer at Cleveland State," which means Careers in Health and Medical Professions.

"While Alyissa thrives in numerous career settings her true passion is in the medical field. She aspires to become an orthopedic surgeon," she explains.

CMBA's Jessica Paine wrote: "every trial has a Best Attorney and Best Witness, as selected by the panel of judges for their performance. . . . At the end of the Competition, we tally up bonus points judges award at their discretion for truly exceptional students, and the students with the most overall points receive the "Outstanding" designations.

Sagoes's classmates, Jymari Williams and Miranda Cotton, won Best Witness awards.

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A1 Xpressions celebrates 1 year

by Melissa Miller



photo by Melissa Miller

This past March, A1 Xpressions celebrated its first anniversary at its location at 14059 Lorain Avenue and owner Ashley Arnold could not be happier about being a part of the neighborhood.

A1 Xpressions is a full service beauty salon and barbershop that serves men, women and children. In addition to normal haircuts and styling services, A1 Xpressions offers manicures, pedicures, make-up services, facials, massages, waxing, paraffin, and extensions all in the friendly and fun shop.

Arnold and her husband are West Park homeowners who were both working outside the neighborhood last year when they adopted their son. Arnold had always dreamed of opening her own shop and was tired of spending over an hour a day commuting to and from

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West Park 7th-12th graders invited for summer programs

by Vanessa Lange and Rachel Napolitano

Middle school and high school students are invited to join Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation (BPDC) this summer for free college and career exposure field trips and/or for a free art portfolio class.

Trips will range from a day-long trip to Kent State University on Wednesday, August 2nd from 9am to 3pm, to local trips to the Superelectric Pinball Parlor, an urban farm, and Tri-C's Hospitality Management program. The Kent State trip includes a campus tour and a visit to its fashion museum.

Trips will explore career pathways in the arts, health, hospitality, business and more. Youth are invited to attend all field trips in the series, or pick and choose: June 9th, June 16th, and June 23th from 9:30am-2pm.

For students interested in a career in arts, BPDC is registering 11th and 12th graders now for summer classes that start June 26th (on Mondays and Wednesdays). The class will teach how to develop a portfolio of work to apply to art schools in the future.

Contact Vanessa at BPDC for more details for any of these offerings or to register by emailing v.lange@bpdc.org or by phone at 216-671-2710 ext. 218.

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A word from Executive Director Bryan Gillooly

Federal funds keep BPDC humming and are currently under threat



In this first year of a new United States Presidency, the budget for community development work throughout Cleveland is seriously threatened.

The President's first recommended budget makes drastic reductions throughout the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including complete elimination of the HUD program called the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is intended to support community development corporations like BPDC that work hard to improve the neighborhood. Cleveland's Mayor and City Council have publicly objected to this proposal because the cut would mean the elimination of \$20 million and would devastate the community development efforts of the whole city. There is a sentiment in some places

throughout the community to "leave well enough alone" and stay out of the issues of national politics. I would encourage you not to buy-in to that attitude – but to voice your concern for federal programs and services and policies that matter to the quality of your life.

Ward 16 Councilman Brian Kazy is an adamant supporter of full funding for CDBG and the strong partner for our agency's community development efforts. Understanding the possibility of federal cuts, he once asked me to describe what would happen to BPDC if it received no CDBG funds. We would no longer be able to help foster commercial and housing improvements along Lorain Avenue, or West 130th Street (or anywhere for that matter). We could not help the 100+ senior and disable citizens in the area that need help maintaining their home

by cutting their grass in order to stay in compliance with city code. We could not assist people with home repair loans or referrals for contractors. It would be very difficult for us to help renovate foreclosed houses into beautiful single family homes. We would not help mediate conflicts

between neighbors or with area businesses. We would lose our ability to help with the improvement of all the area schools. We would have afterschool programs and could continue to rent out our commercial space on Puritas, but it would be tough to maintain a website or print and send this newspaper. In short, our community development work would cease.

In April, BPDC's Board of Directors voted to register its plea to continue the federal Community Development Block Grant Program and authorized staff to advocate for full funding of this program, important to us and organizations like the Bellaire-

Puritas Development Corporation across the country. We have joined the National Low Income Housing Coalition in its effort to raise a unified voice, nationally, in support of CDBG and other programs that promote safe, decent and affordable housing (nlihc.org).

To review what can be done about this, let me point out every federal budget needs to be passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate and signed by the President. Any of these three can introduce a budget and it is possible each one will. Ultimately, it is not likely that any budget will pass as introduced. There is a debate and deliberation process that will result in an amended budget that will pass both House and Senate and be signed into law.

The House and the Senate have together approved a budget (called the 2017 House Omnibus bill) that fully funds the CDBG line item in the HUD budget. That is good news. Please contact your U.S. Representative and both Ohio's U.S. Senators to ask them to join with other national elected officials to fully fund CDBG and other HUD see Federal funds pg 6

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A word from Ward 16 Councilman Brian Kazy

Streets, safety outreach, and a new concert and movie series



Greetings! I hope that you are ready for the Spring weather to finally set itself upon us. With the warm weather, comes the opportunity for you to get

back out into the yard, get reacquainted with the neighbors and enjoy the sunshine. We are on a mission this year to challenge the residents of Ward 16 to spend an hour or two in your front yard this summer. "When strangers start acting like neighbors,

communities become invigorated," said Ralph Nader. I am living by this quote this summer and asking the community to reinvigorate itself by getting to know all of your neighbors. Nothing keeps a neighborhood safe like the 'nosey neighbor' who keeps an eye on everything that happens on the street. I encourage everyone to become a 'nosey neighbor' and pay attention to your surroundings, know who should and who should not be on your street and let people know that it is once again okay to allow the kids to play in the front yard and for grown-ups to sit on their front porch once again. Remember, anyone up to no good hates it when they have eyes and ears

on them. Engaged, informed and active residents allow us to watch our kids grow up in a safe community and it provides us the opportunity to garner more friends and help one another when needed. Again, I am encouraging all the residents to start spending more time in the front yard and not so much in the back yard or indoors. The days of 'borrowing a cup of sugar' from a neighbor may seem in the distant past but, with the challenge of getting to know one another and becoming more engaged with the community, we may all soon be sharing that sugar once again with a neighbor!

As usual, please never hesitate to reach out

Submit a hotspot to Councilman Kazy or check out the calendar of events at: www.clevelandward16.com

to me should you have any questions, comments, praises or concerns!

Call if I can help. Office: 216-664-2942 / Home: 216-251-2331.

Respectfully,

Brian Kazy

Councilman, Ward 16

Neighborhood Family Practice expands services as "medical home" for Puritas area residents

by Rachel Napolitano

West Park now has nurse midwifery services and expanded family planning, behavioral health, and medical services with Neighborhood Family Practice (NFP). NFP views the clinic as the medical home of their patients as they try to provide comprehensive and culturally-appropriate care

for all their patients, including the large refugee population of the west side. NFP started serving up high-quality health care in West Park in 2014 as a result of the federal Affordable Care Act's (ACA) grant funding. They outgrew that space as a Federally-Qualified Health Center (FQHC)



that serves patients with most insurances, Medicare, Medicaid, and even the uninsured. NFP bought a new building in 2015 and they renovated the building with over \$1 million of ACA funding, opening on Valentine's Day at 14625 Puritas Avenue. The new building three times the size of their previous space in Puritas Plaza.

Now they have a larger staff and can serve a large volume of patients with more exam rooms and behavioral health offices. The family planning services are available to people who are not already patients of NFP. The nurse midwifery services were expanded with the help of a \$277,000 grant to create more quality prenatal care in West Park and includes: regular well-women exams; family planning including birth control and emergency contraception, treatment of other concerns like yeast infections, sexually transmitted diseases, irregular periods, PMS and sexual health;

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At the Neighborhood Family Practice (NFP) grand opening. Right: Ceremonial pose on Puritas Avenue. Below (l-r): Beuanna, Tyrese, Ricardo, Jesús, and Dominic are some of the Artemus Ward students who performed on drum. Inset left: U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur thanks Abdiel, an Artemus Ward student who introduced her at the ceremony. (Photos by Rachel Napolitano)

A tale of two sewer estimates

by Toni Jones

BPDC often receives many calls after a heavy rain due to basement flooding. Most people call the most popular company and find themselves thinking what else they could do with the money they are paying the sewer repair company. In the past month, BPDC received two calls regarding flooding basements. They both called various companies and could not handle the cost of the repair.

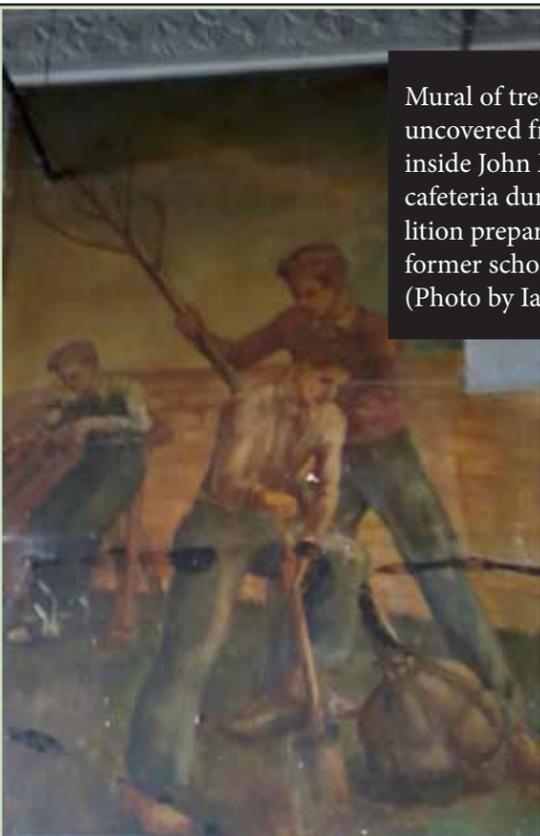
The first homeowner approached us for assistance and we found out they qualified for a program through the Cleveland Housing Network (CHN) that hired a contractor to pump out the basement and

repaired the ‘break’ in the person’s front lawn by installing a ‘T’ at no cost to the homeowner.

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The second homeowner called to find out about home repair loans for the quote they received by the popular sewer company that was close to \$18,000 for the repair. This homeowner did not qualify for the program through CHN but was given plumbing contractors to call for additional quotes. The homeowner phoned back a few days later and chose a contractor who did the same work for under \$4,000.

It pays to use the services we provide to our community, so call us at 216-671-2710 ext. 205!



Mural of tree-planting uncovered from hiding inside John Marshall’s cafeteria during the demolition preparation of the former school building. (Photo by Ian Heisey)

Trees and liability by Toni Jones

Here is some helpful information regarding trees from the Ohio Department of Insurance that can answer some questions about trees and liability.

If a tree falls on my property who is responsible for clean up and repair?

The person whose property is damaged would file a claim with their insurance company no matter who owns the tree. Removal of the tree may be classified under your insurance plan as ‘debris removal coverage’. If your insurance believes any party has liability due to property damage, they will file the claim against the other party.

What if the tree was sick or dead?

Even if the tree was dead and the owner had knowledge, the same answer as above applies.

What if the tree just falls into the yard and there is no damage?

Usually the typical homeowner’s policy would not provide coverage to remove the tree.

What if my car is damaged?

This type of damage is covered under the vehicle’s comprehensive section of your car insurance policy.

Trees and neighbor conflict by Ian Heisey & Rachel Napolitano

Have a conflict over a tree’s branches, roots, or even a bush near your property line?

Maybe we can help.

Call BPDC at 216-671-2710 ext. 219 to talk about your options with Ian Heisey, your neighborhood mediation coordinator. Trees are a common source of conflict between neighbors. You may have the legal right to trim every branch hanging over into your airspace but it may do you a world of good to have a brief and respectful conversation about your plans with your neighbor before you start cutting to

avoid a lot of strife. We offer mediation and/or “conflict coaching” for free that is done confidentially as a neutral third party for neighborhood conflicts such as trees, dog nuisances, noise and loud music, property disputes, and other common neighbor issues.

Before conflicts get bigger than they have to and end up with the police involved or in court, BPDC might be able to help you resolve issues peacefully and the only cost is your time and participation. We can help you see if there is a solution that you might agree to with your neighbor.

Housing and other resources

Fast facts: How BPDC is strengthening the housing market here

Two out of the three homes Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation (BPDC) has sold in 2017 have been in the W. 130th residential area between Enterprise Parkway and Lena Avenue. BPDC collaborates with private investors to increase the housing quality in Ward 16, totaling seven houses in 2016. In BPDC’s last program year (from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) BPDC completed nine housing renovations with private dollars. Since 2008, our housing rehabilitations just in that same portion of the W. 130th neighborhood alone totaled 27 homes! Combined with code enforcement inspections of 791 houses this year, BPDC spurs private investment in the housing market even more. If you are interested in investing in properties here and have questions, call BPDC’s Housing Director, Toni Jones at 216-671-2710 ext. 205.

Looking to renovate?

Warmer weather allows us to evaluate and plan our next home project, be it home repair or improvement. Here’s a variety of programs to help you based on your individual needs:

For those who have fair/decent credit, these home repair loans may help:

Cuyahoga County Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP for short) assists both homeowners and investors with five and ten year available loans that are 3% below prime. The minimum loan amount is \$3,000 and you must be current in your property taxes. Applications for this loan are available at KeyBank and Huntington.

Heritage Home Program has low interest loans for repairs if your home is over 50 years old and you have equity in the home. Please visit their website at www.heritagehomeprogram.org or call 216-426-3116 for more information.

For those who have less than perfect credit, assistance is available through:

Hebrew Free Loan Association is a unique program for homeowners that have been turned down through a conventional loan. They require a credit worthy co-signer for each \$5,000 borrowed interest free and must have income that allows them to repay the loan. This program is not only for home repair and can be used for a variety of issues. Please call 216-378-9042 or visit their website at www.hflaclev.org

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland offers a loan product for home repair or emergency repairs dealing with health and safety violations. This program provides work specifications for the repairs and helps with choosing contractors. Their website is www.nhscleveland.org or call 216-458-4663.

Small home repair grants are available for Senior Citizens through **Community Housing Solutions**. You must be over 60 years old, meet HEAP income guidelines, be current on taxes and own your home for at least one year. Please call 216-651-0077 for more information.

Remember, the City of Cleveland requires permits for garages, sheds, fences, roofs, windows, doors and step/porch replacement. Make sure your Contractor is registered with Cleveland and is insured. Not sure? Call them at 216-664-2884.

Contractors

Do you have a handyman business in our neighborhood? BPDC’s Housing Director Toni Jones wants to collect more local contacts in the home repair field. If you know someone who can do small jobs, call her at 216-671-2710 ext. 205.

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216-518-4014

Bellaire-Puritas Development wins \$50,000 grant to light up Lorain railroad overpass

by Rachel Napolitano



You might drive pass it every day, like one of 13,000 other cars, and notice it, but folks on two feet or two wheels will especially appreciate the \$50,000 in improvements coming to the Lorain Avenue.

Melissa Miller, Bellaire-Puritas Develop-

ment Corporation's (BPDC) neighborhood planning coordinator, wrote the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant application to transform the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge crossing Lorain Avenue just west of West 143rd Street, by the entrance of the Greater

Cleveland Rapid Transit Association's (GCRTA) West Park Rapid Station. She reports, "BPDC will work with a lighting designer to significantly increase the lighting under the bridge in a creative way and will work with a landscaper to remove the brush and overgrowth on the northeast side of the bridge and replace it with a low-maintenance solution that will give the bridge a clean and safe appearance."

Now that the street is smooth, landscaped, and multi-modal (thanks to the \$8 million investment by the City of Cleveland) the bridge's current condition sticks out. Once the project is complete, it "will act as a gateway into the district from the west" according to Miller. She continued, the bridge, post-transformation "will be seen as an inspired public space. We'll be better able to market our neighborhood to visitors

as a unique place to shop, recreate or live."

Describing the importance of the project, Miller wrote: "According to a 2013 On-Board survey conducted by GCRTA, on average, 1,400 people a day board the Red Line at this station, 27% of which are using the Rapid to travel to school, half of those being high school students. Over a third of all Rapid users walked to the station under this bridge. These numbers do not take into account the people who use the station to access one of the five different bus routes stop at this station."

At night, all of Lorain's users will benefit from the lighting improvements of the bridge when it is finished and the positive result will complement Lorain's streetscape and \$85 million of investment by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District in W. 140th Street's schools.

Terry Gorges recognized as Senior of the Year: How do you Age Out Loud? "Keep on moving."

reprinted with permission from the Cleveland Department of Aging, Terry Gorges was nominated by Councilman Brian Kazy, Ward 16



Terry Gorges was born to Edward and Rose Gorges on February 26, 1947. Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Terry has been an active member of Ward 16 for numerous years. He and his wife Joanne have one daughter, five granddaughters and seven great grandchildren.

Mr. Gorges attended West Tech High School and shortly after enlisted in the United States Navy. In the U.S. Navy, he served three years and traveled throughout the world. Eventually he began a career at General Motors where he worked for over 15 years. After his employment with General Motors, Terry was employed with the United States Postal Office for 23 years before retiring in 2007.

Within the community, Terry is very neighborhood focused. He volunteers at the monthly community meal at St. Patrick's on Bridge Avenue and at the annual

Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation Neighborhood Summit. Terry and his wife are very active in volunteering with the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Recently, Terry became a docent volunteer at the Zoo which will enable him to engage the community and educate individuals about specific animals. Mr. Gorges is a member of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church and he participates in the Funeral Ministry.

Terry has a true passion for travel, the environment and the outdoors. He has travelled to New Zealand, Ecuador, the Grand Canyon and almost every National Park.

When he is not volunteering within the community, Terry enjoys golfing, fishing, and kayaking. He also enjoys biking, Tai Chi and birdwatching with his wife. When asked what made him stay in Cleveland after traveling the world, he stated, "I love it, my family is here."

Want to start a business?

Want to move your business?

Want to renovate or expand?

BPDC might be able to help.

Learn more at www.bpdc.org/business-matters/

or call Melissa at 671-2710 ext.214

A1 Xpressions cont. from cover

work when her husband suggested she open a shop closer to home.

She found a shop for sale on Lorain by West 140th Street and thought it would be an ideal location. While looking for a shop Arnold knew she wanted to be near her home, but also near schools because she loves being involved in the community and feels kids and schools offer an amazing way to give back to the community.

Garfield School (which is preK-8) and John Marshall High School are right around the corner from the salon. A1 Xpressions held a special day to receive haircuts at greatly reduced prices for students from these two campuses and A1 just held a free prom consultation day for John Marshall students. Arnold also recently participated as an employer table in Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation's West Park MyCom Summer Job Jumpstart for young adults at Gunning Recreation Center on April 29th.

"We have so many ways to give back in this neighborhood, I love it," says Arnold.

Call 216-688-0601 to learn more about the services offered at A1 Xpressions or to make an appointment.

West Park Youth Program Directory Available Online

Explore the West Park Youth Programs Directory online to find programs and contacts at:

www.bpdc.org/westparkyouthprogramdirectory or call BPDC's Youth Development Department for assistance at 216-671-2710.

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Community groups are requested to apply for funds

Neighborhood Connections is a small grants program of the Cleveland Foundation for grassroots groups who are not registered nonprofits but have charitable projects. Friday, August 11th is the deadline to apply for the current round of matching grants. After that, they will not consider applications until next February.

Find out more about the grants here: <http://www.neighborhoodgrants.org/grants/> or call 216-229-8824.

Rolling and Responsive Grants from the Organizers and Allies Committee of Cleveland Neighborhood Progress gives money to neighborhood projects organized by grassroots individuals. Neighborhood Connections accepts applications twice a year, but Rolling and Responsive Grants have 6 application periods a year, making them rolling and responsive to needs as they arise.

Grants are awarded for projects that allow people to work together and have an immediate, positive impact on the community. To encourage widespread cooperation, your project should be led and planned by more than one resident. It should be a team effort that involves people from diverse backgrounds. Projects should also work to build relationships and strengthen relationships within the neighborhood.

The next grant applications will be due in August, but they have opportunities to apply the first Thursday of every even-numbered month. Visit the "Get Involved" page at www.bpdc.org or call Ian Heisey at BPDC for more information at 216-671-2710 ext. 219.

IOBY helps grassroots projects get funded ANYTIME by using the power of online crowdsourcing of monies and volunteers here: <https://www.ioby.org/campaign/cleveland> or by calling Indigo Bishop at (216) 930-4030. IOBY also provides technical assistance to help your idea take flight and does workshops in the community for changemakers to learn how to be more impactful. (IOBY stands for In Our Back Yards.)

Needham Gardens launches farmers market

by Rachel Napolitano



Photo taken with permission from Needham Gardens' Facebook page

Andrew Needham has announced that his family farm on 12021 Kirton Avenue called Needham Gardens is going to start to have “pop-up” farmers market event on-site, off of W. 130th St on the third Friday of the month from 4pm-7pm. The garden’s motto is: “Building an Urban Food Forest.” In addition to produce, they raises chickens and hosts bee hives on-site to produce eggs and wildflower honey as they practice sustainable and organic methods.

Needham Garden’s mission includes the belief that “this urban garden can form a permanent source of nourishment for our family, as well as provide an opportunity to enhance the beauty, productivity and civic pride of our entire community.”

So far this spring, he has been producing asparagus, radishes, lettuce, spinach, arugula, turnip greens, green leaf lettuce, red leaf lettuce, baby romaine, cilantro, dill, oregano, lemon balm, garlic chives, honey, radishes, applesauce, and apple butter.

He reports a variety of local produce vendors, spices from the Spicehound, natural

soap products from High Hoe farm, and more will be there. Spicehound (www.spicehound.com) has local and imported spices, custom spice blends, unusual salts, and spice accessories, but their most important product might be the personal spice advice Kevin Schuering, Spicehound’s owner, provides to curious cooks. High Hoe Farm & Sundries (www.facebook.com/pg/HighHoeFarm/) sells grain-free and gluten-free paleo baked goods, produce, and homemade body care products, in addition to artsy additions.

The dates of the market are: June 16th, July 21st, August 18th.

Each market is its own event on their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/needhamgardens) so you can invite your family and friends on Facebook to shop fresh produce here, on a half-acre urban farm and market garden. Up till now, Needham’s customers had to travel to the historic Coit Road Farmers Market or at Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market to buy his produce and eggs.

Jefferson Rocks West Park continued from cover

favorites *Rio* and *Shark Tale*, as well as throwback movies *The Sandlot*, *Big*, and more!

Plus, there will be a special screening of *Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb* as we move temporarily to McGowan Park on **Tuesday, August 1, at our Ice Crime Social celebration of the National Night Out Against Crime.** (McGowan Park is at the east end of McGowan

Avenue, off of W. 130th Street.)

You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and cash for food trucks.

All festivities start at 7pm with movies beginning each night at 9pm. Jefferson Rocks West Park will be located in Jefferson Park at 13200 Lorain Avenue. Contact Veronica at 216-671-2710 with questions.

Mock Trial continued from cover

Three John Marshall School of Civic & Business teams were formed by English teacher Christine Scarcella and government teacher Stephanie Chiarello, who team teach a class called Global Studies. One of their teams, “Team Honors,” placed 2nd at the Mock Trial Competition. Each team is split into a defense team and a prosecution team. According to Christine Scarcella, each defense and each prosecution tries the day’s case against other teams’ defense or prosecution teams. Team Honors’ prosecution and defense both won all their trials.

Two individuals from that team, Brooklynn Prior and Jessica Whitmer, won Best Attorney and Best Witness, respectively. Leslye Bush, Devan Rusnak, two Lawyers from other teams, won Best Attorney; Tyler Williams, Jessica Whitmer, and Abdul Ra-keem, all Lawyers, won Best Witness.

Members of Team Honors were: Breanna Adams, Tamia Browder, Qess Crumbsy, Tanializ Feliciano, Maria Felix, Liana Huot, Christina Johnson, Aaliyah Johnson-

Hyché, Tamyris Nazario, Onyango Pearl, Brooklynn Prior, Kaitlyn Quintana, Champagne Saffo, Kassidy Vance, and Jessica Whitmer.

Another West Park high school placed 3rd overall, and that was “Team #1” from New Tech West. New Tech West’s team was organized by Zachary Zlocki and Sarah Spinelli, who team teach their American government and 11th grade English classes. New Tech West’s Diamond Dozler won Best Witness and Mariah Dalmasi won Best Attorney.

Team #1 members are: Luis Perez, Roberto Rivera, Diamond Dozler, Alex Pacheco, Kayla Worster, Shaiunkira Thompkins, Mariah Dalmasi, Kenza Andel, Micha Wilberg, Luis Garay, Brian Spells, Javier Llopiz, Donovan Johnson, Cesar Echeverria, Carnell Robinson and Ishuanna Rash. Rash also won Best Attorney. New Tech West’s Carlos Capeles won 3rd place in the essay contest.

National Honor Society inducts new JMH students



Photo by Heather Forsythe

The John Marshall National Honor Society (NHS) is a building-wide chapter that elects members who exhibit the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Last year, President Destinee Jackson (John Marshall School of Engineering, JMENG), grade 11; Vice President Priyanka Rizal (John Marshall School of Information Technology, JMIT), grade 11; Treasurer Christyuna Mickens (JMENG), grade 11; Secretary Jasmine Thornton, grade 12; Jaylin Fields (JMENG), grade 11; and Uyennhi Ngo (JMENG), grade 11 were all inducted and served in the society this year.

On April 6, 2017, the following members were inducted: 12th grade: Celicanair Ayala, Alyssa Ruff, Destiney Shehee, Gonzalo Villafan; 11th grade: Sujata Adhikari (JMIT), Katie Ayala (JMIT), Rukmeena Baraili (JMIT), Rochelle Bradley (JMIT), Wangmo Gurung (JMIT), Amelie Nkiraniye (JMIT), Onyango Pearl (JMCBL), Victoire Pilipili (JMIT), Siera Rivera (JMIT), Jessica Whitmer (John Marshall School of Civic and Business Leadership, JMCBL); 10th grade: JaNiyah Dowdell (JMCBL), Jessica Forsythe (JMCBL), Stephanie Martinez (JMENG), and Maria Clarissa Palma (JMIT). Congratulations to all!



At the Neighborhood Family Practice (NFP) grand opening April 10th from left to right: Ohio Representative Martin J. Sweeney, US Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, NFP Chief Medical Officer Dr. Erick Kaufman just behind her, County Councilman Dale Miller, NFP President and Chief Executive Officer Jean Polster, Ohio Representative Nickie J. Antonio, City of Cleveland Health Commissioner Persis Sosiak, NFP Chair of the Board of Directors Samuel Huston, and Ohio Senator Michael Skindell. (Photo by Rachel Napolitano)

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menopause care; and support for women dealing with depression and partner/domestic violence.

Their official grand-opening on April 10th involved neighborhood youth leaders from Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation’s Partners for Student Success (P4SS) program at Artemus Ward drumming under the direction of Master Drummer, Neil

Chastain; local, state, and federal officials; patients; staff, and neighbors.

To become a patient, you can call them at (216) 928-1950 for the Puritas office and (216) 367-1004 for their other West Park office on W. 117th St. More information is available online at <http://nfpmedcenter.org>.

Garfield Pre-K gets high marks

adapted from CMSD News Bureau (3/3/17)

Garfield School earned the state’s top rating of five stars for quality, the designation from the Step Up to Quality program.

Cleveland Metropolitan School District’s (CMSD) 69 preschool are all applying for evaluation under the voluntary quality rating system. As many as 15 more may

be rated this year and 25 have already been rated with five stars. CMSD is a major partner and funder of PRE4CLE, a network of public and private providers formed to make high-quality preschool available to as many of the city’s 3- and 4-year-olds as possible.

Sweet memories of Hough Bakery

by Gary Swilik of the West Park Historical Society www.westparkhistory.com

Clevelanders could once choose from hundreds of bakeries. Many remember the Kaase, Davis and Baker's baking companies. The mostly fondly-remembered of all, however, seems to be Hough Bakery.

The Hough Baking Company was founded by Lionel A. Pile, a native of Barbados in the West Indies. His grandparents were from Scotland and his father was a sugar cane planter. Lionel came to Cleveland in 1902 and opened his first bakery a year later at 8708 Hough Avenue, the street which gave the company its name. In 1941, Hough established headquarters at 1519 Lakeview Avenue distributing their baked goods to branch stores throughout Greater Cleveland. By the mid 1960s Hough was

operating an incredible 70 branches!

"In fact, it's hard to say for sure how many stores we had at any one time," admits Carole Pile, of Euclid, Ohio, granddaughter of the company's founder. "We also had many wholesale accounts and there are discussions about whether or not to include these in the total."

Hough's wonderful baked goods still inspire tasty memories: Pecan Rolls; Orange Chiffon Ring Cake; flaky yeast-raised strudel filled with nuts or sweet poppy seeds; Butter Ring with raisins and sliced almonds; Hot Cross Buns from an old English recipe, delicately spiced and topped with sugar; rich Penouche Layer Cake

covered in boiled icing and candy topping; raisin bread full of plump raisins with

swirls of sweet cinnamon; Bonnet Cake, a tender white butter cake with pink icing sold especially for Mother's Day; and Daffodil Cake, moist angel food frosted with butter-cream icing with bits of grated lemon and crushed pineapple, available only at Easter. Some had their favorites and some just liked everything.

Hough store #28 opened in 1951 at Fairwood Shopping Center at West 136th and Lorain. Like most branches, it had a pleasant homey interior with crisp white curtains, wood-framed glass display cases, Early American wallpaper, and brass chandeliers.

A few years later, in the mid 1950s, Hough store #47 opened in Puritas Plaza at West 150th and Puritas Avenue. "That was our bakery," says Diane Ledonne. "My Mom used to go there several times a week. Hough was very important in our lives."

"The aroma is what I remember," says Lynn Wolf Dulcie. "The warm, sweet smell

of butter and vanilla from the cookies and the baked bread. It was sinful and drew you in like a spell! The white boxes tied up with string, with something wonderful inside." Philip J. Germani agrees. "Oh the smells from that place," says Phil. "Their fresh bread was to die for!"

"Hough Bakery was a tradition in our family," remembers Carol Henninger. "Especially their coconut yellow cake. When we celebrated my Mom's birthday, Dad would always claim he baked it himself."

Hough Bakeries remained a family-owned company almost to the end. Some feel the firm's downfall was a failure to modernize, preventing Hough from matching the cheaper prices of competitors. In any case, the Pile family sold the ailing enterprise to AmeriFoods in October 1990. The new owner hoped to distribute Hough products nationally but financing fell through and all remaining branches closed forever on August 8, 1992.



Newspaper ad, July 2, 1981



Hough Bakery, store #47, center, at Puritas Plaza at West 150th and Puritas Avenue. Gary Swilik Collection.

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programs that responsibly promote safe, decent and affordable housing.

For your use, visit www.bpd.org/advocacy for updated information about these issues and use this contact information for our neighborhood's Congressional delegation:

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9th Congressional District;
Phone: 216-767-5933
Website: kaptur.house.gov

Browns donation arrives this summer at JMH

by Rachel Napolitano and Ian Heisey

The Cleveland Browns are "taking the field" in West Park, not to play a game, but so that the Cleveland Browns can replace the last two of five Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) fields with synthetic fields. In 2016, they promised to do five school fields in two years at a cost initially estimated at \$2.5 million and now reaching toward \$3.5 million in total.

John Marshall athletic director, Joe Gilbert, confirmed John Marshall High School Campus (JMH) is one of the final schools (along with John Adams) to get a new field and that Lawyer Stadium will also be prepared for playing soccer, in addition to football.

Cleveland.com's reporter Nathaniel Cline reported in 2016 that the move to synthetic turf from grass fields will "help trim costs for field conditioning and provide long-term durability."

In May, 25 people at a community meeting at John Marshall High School discussed the plans for a new synthetic turf athletic field and the demolition of the bleachers on both sides of the field. One side of the new field will be equipped with handicap-accessible aluminum bleachers.

According to Cleveland's Ward 16 Councilman, Brian Kazy, the improvements will be done in time for use this fall for the football season. Kazy said he wants the athletic facility to be open to the community for use.

Kazy reported the Browns are providing the funding for the engineering and drainage for a new synthetic field, the field itself, a new scoreboard.

Michelle Pomerantz, labor and policy liaison for CMSD, said that the district is not able to help with any other improvements, such as a track, at this time, but is willing

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to collaborate with the Councilman and the community in any way they can.

Editor's note: In related John Marshall sports news this year, the Lawyers' soccer team finished second in their league, girls' tennis team won five league championships

in a row, and wrestling team won the City Championship. The baseball team was undefeated in league play. Director Gilbert reports that JMH recently hired an athletic trainer for school's athletic program and it is starting up a sports booster program.

R.G. Jones Pre-K-8 School progress recognized

by Ian Heisey

As 8th graders at Robinson G. Jones School move on to the high school of their choice, the school itself has graduated and will be moving out of the “Investment School” status next school year because of its progress under Principal Melissa Watts.

The school has been part of the Wrap-around strategy since 2013 through a partnership between United Way and Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and has been one of 23 “Investment Schools.” This initiative provided a site coordinator, Mary Jo Cotner, employed by Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation (BPDC) and located at Robinson G. Jones School (R.G. Jones), to coordinate resources for students and family engagement activities.

A parent leader and the vice-president of the School Parent Organization (SPO), Tomesha Walker, said she has seen a change in the culture of R.G. Jones and in what is offered including the addition of community partners, after-school activities, and holiday-themed events. She also appreciates the encouragement of literacy enjoyment for the entire family through author readings and book signing events.

That pre-K program has also earned accolades. R.G. Jones has earned a five-star rating from the Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) system from the Ohio Department of Education, which is the highest rating a school can get for its pre-K program. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development that meet quality program standards, exceeding licensing health and safety regulations and are based on national research. There are only four other pre-K schools in West Park that have earned five stars.

Parent Amanda Rodriguez, who has a son in 7th grade at R.G. Jones and who is also a principal at another CMSD School in

Cleveland, said she has seen a change in the culture of R.G. Jones.

“The increase of parental involvement activities such as the Bring-A-Grown-Up-To-School-Day event allowed for parents and community members to have a deeper understanding in the programming implemented in the school such as the Leader In Me,” she said.

Watts began The Leader in Me initiative, developed by Stephen Covey. It involves students keeping track of their own data, such as their attendance, spelling, sight words and multiplication facts. This approach helps the students see trends and to improve on them. This learning model was featured at “Leadership Day” on May 11th where students demonstrated what they have learned to guests and visitors to the school from other districts who are interested in learning more about the strategy.

Some of these partnerships coordinated by Cotner include: Fairmount Temple for tutoring; Case-Western Reserve University for health education; Fairview Hospital for food, fitness and fun as well as sponsorship of the Dancing Classrooms program; the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning for digital story telling classes; and KeyBank and Junior Achievement for financial literacy activities. BPDC has offered support, including its housing program and HEAP office.

The school worked with BPDC, Councilman Brian Kazy, CMSD Security, the CMSD Safe Routes to School Program and the Cleveland Police Department to alter the traffic flow for a more efficient and safe arrival and dismissal from school.

These improvements are translating into increased demand by families. Next year the school is projected to have 500 students which is about 50 more than this year.

Internship sites needed

by Ian Heisey

Starting in the fall of 2017, the John Marshall High School of Civic and Business Leadership will be connecting students to area businesses for an internship program for qualified seniors. Students will not be paid for their 12-20 hours per week but will earn school credit for the internship. Principal Sara Kidner said there will be about 30 students that will be placed as interns in area companies and more internship hosts are needed now.

According to Monisa Mason, the Business and Community Coordinator for the school, the goal of this internship program is, “to provide opportunities and exposure for our students within their specified career interests, ranging from sales/marketing and finance to entrepreneurship, non-profit management and health care.”

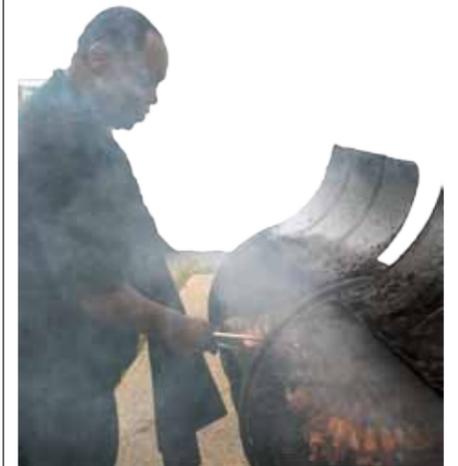
Principal Kidner said that the internships will likely start in mid-September after students go through a curriculum on job skills to prepare them for their internship. The work schedules will be set based on the needs of the site and what is possible for the student and there could be evening and weekend work times arranged. “We are very flexible,” Kidner said.

Current placements include the Cleveland Leadership Center, Ideastream, Cleveland Transformation Alliance, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, and Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation. The school is still recruiting companies to be hosts. If a company or agency is interested in supporting young people in their career preparation but cannot host a student, another opportunity is a “lunch and learn” at the school where students can learn about different professions and ask questions.

To learn more about the internship program contact Monisa Mason at 216-838-6058 or Monisa.Mason@clevelandmetroschools.org.

Al & B’s Barbecue

article and photo by Rachel Napolitano



Summertime means ribs for many people and Al & B’s Barbecue is now open 7 days a week, just in time.

Al has been running the place alone five days a week and brings 30 years of experience making ribs. He started when he was young with hands-on experience and by watching his uncle barbecuing. Then he worked for 10 years for a Cleveland friend’s family barbecue business of 50 years.

Finally, he has found someone “who does it justice, just like I do,” so now he can expand his business’s availability.

Al puts his own special seasonings on the meat and then slow-cooks them for 3-3.5 hours in what he calls a “smokey grill” method. By seasoning the meat, he is able to cater both to the dry and wet barbecue aficionados.

His favorite items are the ribs and wings, which are also the most ordered items, but they also serve a lot of Polish boys and fish. His ribs are pork spare ribs; a Polish boy is a sausage sandwich with slaw, French fries, and topped with barbecue sauce.

Al & B’s makes their own coleslaw, maca- see Al & B’s Barbecue back page

BPDC and Community Calendar

Monthly, ongoing meetings, events, or invitations

- 1st Tuesday:** Neighborhood Education Committee @ 6:30pm
Neighborhood Education Team meets at BPDC. All are welcome. 216-671-2710
- 1st Friday:** Free Produce Giveaway at noon at West Park Baptist Church, 4600 W. 150th St., 216-676-5300. Bring your own bags
- 1st Thursday:** First District Police Community Relations Committee, open to the public at St. Ignatius of Antioch school cafeteria, 10205 Lorain Ave. Questions? Contact Tammy, Community Relations Representative, at 216-664-6634 or email thanna@city.cleveland.oh.us.
- 1st Wednesday:** Glengar Community Association for those living south of Puritas Ave., meets at the Hungarian Church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Connect on Facebook or email Brandon at GlengarCommunityAssociation@gmail.com.
- 1st Wednesday:** John Marshall Alumni Association Trustees Meeting @ 7pm, Bethany English Lutheran Church, 15460 Triskett Ave. Meet in the lower level. Meetings are open to all Alumni including current & retired employees.
- 2nd Sunday (except holidays):** Community Meal, 12:30–1:30pm, handicapped accessible, all are welcome, 14040 Puritas Ave. in Fogarty Hall at Blessed Trinity
- 3rd Monday:** Jefferson Park Concerned Citizens meets to talk about what is going on in the neighborhood and concerns. 7pm at Slone & Co. Funeral Directors
- Last Saturday:** free community meal for all at Christ United Methodist Church, 5:00pm, 3625 W. 138th St., www.christumc.com
- Friends of Jefferson Park Committee,** All are welcome. Contact Rachael at friendsofjeffersonpark@gmail.com or 330-635-8047 for more information.
- West Park Young Professionals** meet once a month at different establishments in West Park to connect, participate, and strengthen our vibrant neighborhood. Contact westparkyp@gmail.com to get the latest meeting dates. Usually meets on Thursdays towards the month’s end. @westparkyp on Twitter and /westparkyp on Facebook.

Special Events

- June 16**
Field trip for college and career exploration from 9:30am-2pm with BPDC for 7th-12th graders; See cover story for details; pick-up and drop-off at 4315 W. 140th St.
- June 22**
BPDC & Councilman Kazy’s Jefferson Rocks West Park; 7pm; showing of *Trolls* in Jefferson Park (at 13200 Lorain); see details on the cover
- June 23**
Field trip for college and career exploration from 9:30am-2pm with BPDC for 7th-12th graders; See cover story for details; pick-up and drop-off at 4315 W. 140th St.
- June 29**
BPDC & Councilman Kazy’s Jefferson Rocks West Park; 7pm; Spazmatics concert and showing of *Hidden Figures* in Jefferson Park (at 13200 Lorain); see details on the cover
- July 6**
BPDC & Councilman Kazy’s Jefferson Rocks West Park; 7pm; showing of *Shark Tale* in Jefferson Park (at 13200 Lorain); see details on the cover
- July 8**
Bike the Night: Night bike ride and festival for children and adults in the Mastick Picnic Area and Valley Parkway (road closed to traffic for 3 miles south of Puritas) in the Cleveland Metroparks. Free bike lights, safety checks, games, bike rodeo, food trucks, and more! Helmets mandatory; 5-10pm; Register at www.clevelandmetroparks.com for this free event.
- July 8**
1-4pm; Jesus Speaks Church & Ministries 2nd Annual Community Outreach with health and community resources, giveaways, food, games, and music in Jefferson Park (13200 Lorain)
- July 13**
BPDC & Councilman Kazy’s Jefferson Rocks West Park concert with Toast and showing of *Big*; 7pm in Jefferson Park (at 13200 Lorain); see details on the cover
- July 20**
BPDC & Councilman Kazy’s Jefferson Rocks West Park showing of *Rio*; 7pm in Jefferson Park (at 13200 Lorain); see details on the cover
- July 22**
Rain barrel workshop; free rain barrel; noon-1pm at Kamm’s Corners Dev. Corp., 17401 Lorain Ave.; Register at <https://2017cleRBworkshops.eventbrite.com> or call 216-671-2710
- July 27**
BPDC & Councilman Kazy’s Jefferson Rocks West Park concert with Disco Inferno and showing of *Sandlot*; 7pm in Jefferson Park (at 13200 Lorain); see details on the cover
- August 1**
Ice Crime Social for the National Night Out Against Crime in McGowan Park (12100 McGowan Ave.), presented by BPDC & Councilman Kazy; meet local safety forces, get safety resources along with free ice cream for all ages; showing of *Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb*; 5:30pm; see details on the cover story of Jefferson Rocks West Park
- August 2**
Field trip for college and career exploration from 9am-3pm with BPDC for 7th-12th graders; See cover story for details; pick-up and drop-off at 4315 W. 140th St.
- August 3**
BPDC & Councilman Kazy’s Jefferson Rocks West Park showing of *How to Train a Dragon 2*; 7pm in Jefferson Park (at 13200 Lorain); see details on the cover
- August 10**
BPDC & Councilman Kazy’s Jefferson Rocks West Park Breakfast Club concert and showing of *Princess Bride*; 7pm in Jefferson Park (at 13200 Lorain); see details on the cover

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roni n' cheese, baked beans, and greens, fresh every day.

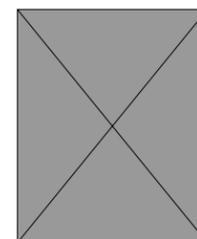
Al, who formerly lived on Harold Avenue, says his favorite part of running the business is "having regular customers. Seeing the people smile once they have tasted the food, knowing they are satisfied when they got their money's worth." He continued about his passion, "making sure they're satisfied... that's part of the pay."

Yelp, an online business review site, has many positive customer reviews of the restaurant. Meg H., a Yelp reviewer, comment-

ed: "Got fries with sauce, mac and cheese, a Polish Boy and a shoulder sammich with coleslaw. Everything was amazing. Meat tender, sausage crisp and juicy, coleslaw fresh, and sauce was bangin'. Service was great, too. I'll be back soon (and often)."

Yelp reviewers' most used adjective to describe the flavor of Al & B's secret sauce is "tangy" and he is rated 4.5 out of 5 stars on the site.

The majority of his customers call in their order to 216-362-8601 and pick it up at 15115 Puritas Avenue.



JOIN US AT JEFFERSON ROCKS WEST PARK (COVER)

New church opens outreach on W. 130th St., Gateway Fellowship Ministries by Melissa Miller

This past winter Gateway Fellowship Ministries opened their doors on West 130th Street and they are excited to be a part of the Bellaire-Puritas community.

The church was originally started by a few people in October 2015 who were called together to provide neighborhood outreach ministry for their community. The church was originally renting space in Middleburg Heights, but according to Pastor Byll Stallworth, "the Lord drew us to the west side of Cleveland to do ministerial outreach."

That is what led Pastor Stallworth to Councilman Brian Kazy (Cleveland, Ward 16) and Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation to learn more about the community and whether this area was the right fit for the church. He was linked to available space for the church on West 130th Street, and decided that this space and neighborhood felt like home.

Bringing programs, services, and resources to their community is at the heart of what Gateway Fellowship Ministries is all about. Right now the congregation is doing a backpack food program with Hope Academy Northwest, which ensures that children who rely on food programs have meals for the weekend. Starting June 5th, they will be hosting a free lunch program for school-age children on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 12:00pm and 2:00pm. This program will last throughout the summer and is done in partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Children can sign up the first time they come to the program.

Gateway also offers a weekly service at 10:00 AM on Sundays at their church located at 4628 West 130th Street. The summer lunch program will also be at this location. Pastor Stallworth invites you to follow them by joining their Facebook public group: "Gateway Fellowship Ministries."

Photo provided by Pastor Byll Stallworth, of he and Debra Stallworth of Gateway Fellowship Ministries



Rain barrels available for FREE this summer!
Call
216-671-2710
to get details.