Get Ready for Your First Job at the West Park Youth Job Jam

Young adults ages 14-20 are invited to participate in this year’s West Park Youth Job Jam on Saturday April 13th. All participants will practice their interview skills with community volunteers and learn how to make the best possible impression on potential employers.

First District Community Engagement Officers Renovating Home on W. 129th

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We are encouraging people to form teams with co-workers, family members especially two and three generations!, neighbors, anyone!

The event starts and finishes behind Christ Lutheran Church at 13812 Bellaire Road.

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A word from Executive Director Bryan Gillooly
Connect. Converse. Communicate:

Since the last Community Post, I focused on internal change, in anticipation of BPDC’s future organizational and neighborhood improvement. At our annual Neighborhood Summit we reported the result of our strategic planning process -- in which BPDC dedicated itself to becoming a more resilient organization, taking the initiative to foster a more resilient local economy, and promoting resilience in the students and parents we serve and in neighborhood connections. The strategic plan helps us recognize the leadership role we play in our efforts to Connect, Converse and Communicate the many people, resources, opportunities and strengths in the neighborhoods and promote positive change throughout the West Park and Ward 16 neighborhoods we serve...

These efforts are just the beginning. Please pay attention to our means of communications beyond this paper and get involved – sign up at our website (bpdc.org). We look forward to your involvement as we Connect people and businesses with many resources they need to succeed, Converse neighborhood residents, business and organizations to promote positive change in the neighborhood, and Communicate the many strengths and opportunities in this neighborhood that make it a great place to live, play, work, and learn.

-Bryan Gillooly, Executive Director, Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation, b.gillooly@bpdc.org

A word from Ward 16 Councilman Brian Kazy
Greetings from Cleveland City Hall!

Welcome to Spring 2019! I would like to acknowledge that I know the neighborhood has been the victim of some people who do not reside within the neighborhood, but have been participating in some illegal activities. I would like to let you know that these individuals have been apprehended by the Cleveland Police and will no longer be criminalizing the neighborhood. Great job CPD!

That being said, I often hear from residents that “the neighborhood isn’t the same” or “when I was a kid...” Well, I am proposing to the residents of Ward 16 that for the Summer of 2019 – “we go back to the way it was when you were a kid.” We will do that by getting out of our houses, meeting neighbors and spending some time on the front porch. Who remembers when following dinner, mom and dad would sit on the front porch, kids would play in the street and have to be home when the street lights came on? We need to get back to that type of atmosphere. Let’s spend the Summer of 2019 in our front yards, on our front porches, allowing our kids to play in the neighborhood and get to know at least 3 new neighbors. We live, work and play in one of the best neighborhoods in the City of Cleveland and it is time that we all get to know one another, become more involved, and start living like kids again!! Enjoy your summer and if I can ever do anything for each of you, please do not hesitate to reach out and call me at 664-2942.

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Lindsay Wheeler
Hello Everyone! I am Lindsay Wheeler, your new Events and Outreach Coordinator. I am thrilled to be working to organize and strengthen our neighborhood associations, supporting resident-driven efforts, planning great, fun events and all things related to making West Park the best place to live in Cleveland. Before coming to BPDC, I served as an Americorps VISTA on the east side doing similar work with a focus around food security and sustainable gardening. In my spare time I enjoy spending time walking my dog in the Metroparks, painting, and gardening. I am so excited to meet the residents and get some fun projects going!
West Park's John M. West House Receives Landmark Status

by Dar McGeady

In Recognition of its historical, cultural and architectural significance, The John M. West House has been designated by the Cleveland Landmarks Commission and Cleveland City Council as Landmark No. 383.

In an event held on August 15th, 2018 to commemorate the designation of West Park’s John M. West House as a Cleveland Landmark, a certificate and a plaque were presented to the owner, Mr. Robin Yates, who had purchased the pre-Civil War house at 3684-86 West 138th Street in November 2017. Attendees toured the interior of the house while being informed of its history by Ross E. Bassett, President of West Park Historical Society.

Early settler John M. West was born in 1811 in County Leitrim, in the north Border Region of Ireland. In August 1826, when he was 15 years old, he immigrated to the United States with his parents, John and Alice Harmon West, and brothers George H. and William. In 1827 the family settled on 90 acres of farm land the senior John West purchased in Euclid Township, one of the first communities established in the Connecticut Western Reserve.

John M. West moved further westward into Cuyahoga County and in 1837 purchased his first 100 acres from a family member of Cleveland banker Leonard Case Sr. [The Case family’s real estate holdings in Rockport Township were extensive and would later provide an endowment for the Case School of Applied Science.]

In the early 1840s John married Frances Nicholson O’Brien, who was also born in Ireland. The couple produced eight children. Sadly, son Arthur died at age two and Nicholson passed away at thirteen. Sons John W., William L., George W., Charles Peyton West, and daughters Alice and Frances attained adulthood, married, and had families of their own. Alice married Joel Wade Kinney of Rockport and Frances married Christopher C. Southern of Lakewood Hamlet.

John M. West continued to purchase adjacent parcels, eventually comprising nearly 700 acres where he and his sons farmed and raised livestock. That property today is situated along what is now the south side of Lorain Avenue, bounded by present-day West 130th and 143rd Streets.

He built a large red-brick, 13-room home in 1846 and a barn was added by 1850. The front of the home faced 25 acres on the south side of Lorain Plank Road where a picnic area was created, including a pond with row boats. Neighbors were welcome to enjoy their leisure time on his property and the preserve would become known as “West’s Park” among area residents.

Mr. West was a civic-minded man and served as West Park Township trustee. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1864 at the age of 53. In 1900 the name of Rockport Hamlet was changed to West Park Township.

John M. West passed away at home in February 1890 at age 78. His wife “Fannie” died at age 82 in April 1902.

Ironically, the man who put the “West” in West Park is not buried in the community named for him. A monument stands in East Cleveland Township Cemetery, on East 118th Street in Cleveland. His parents and most of his immediate family are together in section 6, lot 16 — the West family plot — marked by stately, weathered but still legibly inscribed grave stones.

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BPDC Business Goings-On

On February 15th the new CubeSmart, located in the former Giant Eagle site at 13820 Lorain, opened and the construction of the new building started moving ahead quickly. The new 3,000 square foot building that fronts Lorain will be complete this spring. They are still actively seeking a tenant for the new building.

In January The Meet and Greet opened at 4629 W. 130th Street. The remodeled bar and restaurant is an inviting gathering space with a great menu. Be sure to stop by and have a bit to eat and a drink and maybe play a game of pool.

The new Horizon Education Centers is getting ready to open in April next to the Triskett Road rapid station. Horizon offers daycare and preschool for younger children and after-school programming for school-aged children. They will also offer a camp this coming summer. Enrollment is currently open. You can visit their website at www.horizoneducationcenters.org for more details about this convenient location.

12 Commandments of how to be a good neighbor

1. Take your trash cans in the day of your pick-up.
2. Keep your grass mowed before it reaches 8” in height.
3. Do not park on your front grass.
4. Pick up after your dog.
5. Keep your yard free of litter and debris.
6. Keep the volume down on your audio system or TV to not disturb the public.
7. Working on cars in your yard other than your own is prohibited.
8. Bushes must be maintained on a regular basis.
9. Basketball hoops are not permitted in the street.
10. Inoperable vehicles must be stored in the garage.
11. Parking is not allowed on vacant lots or on the grass.
12. Respect the curfew laws for your children.

Keep Kids Safe from Lead

Most kids with lead poisoning don’t show any signs. If they do, you might think they have the flu.

How does lead hurt kids?

Lead can harm the brain, keep kids from growing, harm hearing and speech, have poor muscle condition and cause learning and behavior problems. Many kids with lead poisoning can’t sit still. The only way you can tell if your child had lead poisoning is through a blood test and should be tested if they are under 6 years old. Homes built before 1978 have lead paint. Dust from the lead paint gets everywhere, and forms when painted surfaces bump or rub against each other. Lead chips and dust can get on surfaces and objects that people touch and can re-enter the air through vacuuming. Prevent lead poisoning by washing children’s toys, pacifiers and hands often. Keep their hands out of their mouths.

What else can I do?

Kids need foods with iron, calcium and vitamin C to help keep their body from taking in lead. Kids with good diets absorb less lead. Wet mop the floors and damp dust window-sills with soapy water often and leave your shoes at the door when entering the house. Always work wet when cleaning, if you use rags throw them out after cleaning.

Cleveland Department of Public Health can offer more information by calling (216)263-LEAD

Check Your Property Tax

Next time you pay your property tax, check to see if you have the 2 ½% homeowner’s reduction. This reduction is not homestead exemption, but each homeowner who lives in their home is eligible for this reduction. Homeowners over 65 may also qualify for homestead exemption.

Call us for more information at 216-671-2710.
What is that Building at Lyric & West 140th?

BPDC acquired the building located at 3847 West 140th Street, and is happy that at the end of December we completed the first phase of construction of the Lyric Community Center.

Phase 1 included all of the exterior building renovations including a new storefront, restoring the masonry, and putting a new roof on the building. Phase 1 was funded by a grant from the City of Cleveland with thanks to the local councilman, and with BPDC’s own funds.

We are currently approaching a number of foundations, and planning fundraising and crowdsourcing activities for Phase 2 - which is the interior build-out.

When complete the building will house after-school activities, adult learning opportunities during the day, and be available as community meeting space in the evening. Inside will be a new computer lab, a large multi-purpose room and a small kitchen.

Please contact Melissa Miller at 216-671-2710 or m.miller@bpdc.org for more information.

Strong Schools = Strong Neighborhoods

At a recent Neighborhood Education Committee (NEC) meeting at BPDC, Rick McIntosh, the Director of School Choice and Enrollment for CMSD shared that schools in West Park are some of the most in demand, quality schools in our city.

He also said that schools in West Park, and the John Marshall campus in particular, are among the most diverse in the district. According to McIntosh, the southwestern region of the district also has the highest percent of students enrolled in high performing schools of any region.

If you are interested in being part of the conversation about how neighbors strengthen the connection between our schools and community, and support our schools, then check out the Neighborhood Education Committee which normally meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at BPDC, 14703 Puritas Avenue.

You never know what might happen at an NEC meeting! An 18-year-old John Marshall student just might fill out a voter registration form!

To learn more contact Ian Heisey at 671-2710 or i.heisey@bpdc.org

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 216-671-2710 ext.214

Helping Seniors Age In Place

Are you a senior, or disabled resident living in Ward 16 or 17? Do you have no one to help with your lawn care? Bellaire Puritas has a program for senior and disabled residents who need some help. No, we are not landscapers but we can cut your grass and weed whip during the summer months. Most seniors qualify. We want our seniors to be able to live at home safely and take pride in their place. If you are interested in our program all it takes is a phone call and we will mail you out an application.

For more information, please call Judy Schafrick at 216-671-2710 or at j.schafrick@bpdc.org.

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Jessica Forrythe, senior at the John Marshall School of Civic and Business Leadership, (holding voter registration form) and Danny Kelly, Student/Family Recruitment Specialist with CMSD, at a recent Neighborhood Education Committee, NEC, meeting.

Where families live, work and play.

Families are the cornerstone of life in West Park. With the city’s top schools, abundant affordable housing, and beautiful parks, its no wonder West Park remains one of the city’s best places to live.


Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation
14703 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44135 p: 216-671-2710
www.bpdc.org
Summer Youth Activities

Riverside Park Summer Camp
For students entering 2nd-5th grade in Fall 2019
Dates: June 10 – July 27, Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm
Location: Riverside Community Center, 17800 Parkmount Ave
Contact: Charisse Bailey, 216-671-2710
No Cost

Horizon Education Centers Summer Camp
Ages: K-6th grade
Dates: June – August, Monday-Friday 8 am – 5 pm (with extended care from 6 am – 6 pm)
Location: Triskett Station – 13700 Triskett Road, Cleveland
Cost: $175 per week (plus $150 off-campus activity fee optional)
Contact: Louise Reuter 216-230-443;

Riverside Park Summer Camp
For students entering 6th-8th grade in Fall 2019
Dates: June 3–June 28, Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
Location: Artemus Ward, 4315 W. 140th St.
Contact: Betty Cowans, 216-671-2710
No Cost

Best Buy Teen Tech Center at Rockport Library
Ages: 10-17
Open: June-August Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, noon-Close
Location: Rockport Library, 4421 W. 140th St.
Contact: Betty Cowans, 216-671-2710
No Cost

Calling all Gardeners!
Blessed Trinity Church has some areas for gardening within their edible forest.
There are various 8 by 20 areas available for planting. The area is enclosed by a fence.
If you would like to use one of these areas, please contact
Fr. Doug at Blessed Trinity, 216-671-5890.
There is no charge to use the area.

Small grants available to help strengthen our community!
If you are looking to bring people together to improve our community, there are resources available to your group! It’s called the Rolling and Responsive Mini-Grant and it is available to any group that has partnered with a community development corporation as a fiscal agent. The grant award is a maximum of $250 and can be used for things like supplies for a community garden, a community potluck or a neighborhood clean-up!
The applications are due by the end of the first Thursday of the month on EVEN months (February, April, June, August, October, and December). Applications may be submitted by e-mail to the Organizers and Allies leadership team at oandaleadership@gmail.com.
For more information contact
Lindsay Wheeler, lwheeler@bpdc.org or
Ian Heisey, i.heisey@bpdc.org

Did you know??
• Pioneer Athletics, located on Industrial Parkway near the Puritas Wetlands and The Ohio E-Check behind the Save-A-Lot plaza, made the field paint for the Super Bowl this past February in Atlanta and for four other Super Bowls before that?!
• After visiting the Greater Cleveland Aquarium, Scuba Claus likes to spend time with his family and friends in the Glengar neighborhood in West Park? (Glengar is south of Puritas Ave.)
• The population of Ward 16 and Ward 17 combined is about the same as all of the City of Lakewood? (48,000 people)
• The Hope Center on Triskett Ave is the only place of its kind in Cleveland that offers comprehensive support for refugees and immigrants in all of Cleveland?
• Our very own Rockport Library Branch is number one in all of Cleveland in terms of the number of patrons who come to the branch and take items out?
• The John Marshall Band/Drum Line marched in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade this year?

The HEAP appointment number is 216-350-8008
For online appointments go to www.chn.itfrontdesk.com

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Visit www.bpdc.org to sign up for our e-newsletters.
GET INVOLVED!
Get Involved and connect with others who care about a strong neighborhood!

Glenvar Neighborhood Association
Meets first Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 PM
Hungarian Reformed Church
15300 Puritas Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135
Residents living south of Puritas between W. 150th and W. 144th St.

PPG to Puritas Neighborhood Association
Meets third Tuesdays at 6:30 PM
Bellaire Puritas Offices
14703 Puritas Ave
Residents living north of Puritas, south of Lorain between W. 150th and W. 140th St.

The Concerned Citizens of Jefferson Park
Meets third Mondays at 7 PM
Stone Funeral Home
13115 Lorain Ave.,
Cleveland, OH 44111
Residents living around Jefferson Park

For more information about any of these groups or help starting a new one, please contact Lindsay Wheeler at 216-671-210 ext. 216 or lwheeler@bpdc.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Friday, April 12th** Rockport Library 55th Anniversary Patron Appreciation Day; 10 am to 2 at the branch. Refreshments provided and branch memorabilia on display. Bring your stories to share about Rockport's history in the neighborhood! For more information call 216-623-7053.

- **Saturday, April 13th** West Park Yards Job Jam; 10 am to 2 p.m. at Gunning Recreation Center presented by BPDC and Y.O.U. (job readiness workshops, mock interviews, job fair) for ages 14 to 20.

- **Saturday, April 13th** Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the City of Cleveland, Councilman Brian Kazy, and First District Community Relations Committee, 12 to 2 p.m. at Fogarty Hall, Blessed Trinity Church, 14040 Puritas Ave. Saturday April 13th Tri-League, Inc. Last day to register for baseball and softball season. Office location is 4462 W. 130th St., Wednesdays 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 11 am to 3 p.m. For more information call 216-476-8456 or email: info@trileague.org

- **Wednesday, April 24th** Neighborhood Housing Clinic presented by Cleveland Housing Court.

- **Saturday, April 27th** Justice Matters: the second conversation in a free series presented by St. Paul AME Church to bring dialogue and understanding on issues facing the community. 10am at the church, located at 4118 Brookside Blvd.

- **Saturday, May 4th** St. Paul AME Anniversary Luncheon celebrating 100 years of service to the community!

- **Monday, May 6th, Tuesday May 7th and Saturday May 11th** Tree Steward Training. Join arborists from Western Reserve Land Conservancy and Hold Forests & Gardens for this series of free workshops on urban and community forestry. Topics include tree biology and identification, pruning, planting, root and soil care, urban tree stress, community planning and needs.

- **Sunday, May 15th** Planning Matters: the third conversation in a free series presented by St. Paul AME Church to bring dialogue and understanding on issues facing the community. 10am at the church, located at 4118 Brookside Blvd.

- **Saturday, June 1st** The 21st Annual Big Creek Watershed Cleanup. 9 am to 12 noon. Meet at Brookfield Park off of Brookfield Avenue between Bellaire Road and W. 130th St.

- **June 3-July 26** Lit League at Rockport Library runs from June 3-July 26 and ends with the Streetfest downtown celebrating the library’s 150th anniversary. Children can start registering on May 1st. Programs every Tuesday at the Rockport branch at 1:00. The Cleveland Foodbank will provide free lunches Mon-Fri every day at 1:30. For more information call Kendra Proctor at 216-623-7053.

- **Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18th, 5:30 pm** Tuesdays at Terminal Park presented by Councilman Brian Kazy (W. 146th and St. James Ave.) Neighborhood cookout and potluck. Ice Cream and Safety Fair on June 11th.

- **Saturday, June 8th** 1st Community Yard Sale/Craft fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location TBD. Sponsored by PPG to Puritas Neighborhood Association.

- **Friday, June 15th** Outdoor movie at 8 p.m. Gilmore Park. Sponsored by Councilman Kazy

- **Saturday, June 22nd** Safety Matters: the fourth conversation in a free series presented by St. Paul AME Church to bring dialogue and understanding on issues facing the community. 10am at the church, located at 4118 Brookside Blvd.

**Tree Steward Training**
5:30-9pm, Monday, May 6th and Tuesday the 7th, and also 8:30-11:30am Saturday May 11th. Dinner provided at evening sessions. Workshops are held at Blessed Trinity Church, 4370 West 140th Street. Register by 4/29 at www.wrlandconservancy.org/events/category/tree-steward or with Amy Ricciardi at 440-528-4162, aricciardi@wrlandconservancy.org

**Tenant Information**
*What Every Tenant Should Know*
Presented by Cleveland Housing Clinic, Wed., May 8th 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Gunning Park Recreation Center, 16700 Puritas Avenue. Information about tenants' rights and responsibilities. To register call 216-664-6927 or email: gonzalezj@cmcoh.org

**Housing Clinic**
Bring Your Housing Issues! April 24 from 6 to 8 p.m at Bethany English Lutheran Church, 15460 Triskett Road. Landlord rights, tenant rights, eviction procedures, purchasing lunch/vacant homes, legal questions, problem landlords, foreclosures, nuisance neighbors…and more!

**West Park Neighbor Up!**
Meets Second Wednesdays at 6PM
United Church of Christ
3090 Rocky River Dr,
Cleveland, OH 44111
Residents of Ward 16 and 17

**W. 130th Block Watch**
For information and meeting times please call Yolanda 216-476-9817

**CONGRATULATIONS**
Congratulations St. Paul AME Church for 100 years of service to the community! The church is marking their 100th anniversary with a Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, May 4th at 12 at noon at Brennan’s Catering and Banquet Center, 13000 Triskett Ave. Donations of $50 for tickets or more information call at 216-941-6767 or email: tomsand@ameritech.net.

**Ongoing Activities, Each Month:**

- **1st Tuesday, 6:30pm ~ 8pm** Neighborhood Education Committee meets at BPDC: 14703 Puritas

- **1st Thursday, 7p.m. ~ 8p.m.** First District Police Community Relations Committee at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church, 10205 Lorain Ave.

- **1st Friday, Free produce give-away at West Park Baptist Church, 4600 W. 150th

- **2nd Thursday, Office Hours in the neighborhood with Councilman Kazy, at Rockport Library 5:30p.m. to 7p.m.**

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*Bienvenido! Bienvenue! Benvenuto! Bine ai venit! Welcome! Ahlan wa sahlan! Chào mừng bạn! Wilkomen! Swagatam! Joen pa Leg So!*

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West Park
Youth Job Jam

Job fair and job prep for young adults ages 14-20
Saturday, April 13th – Check in at 9:30 a.m.
Gunning Recreation Center – 16700 Puritas Avenue

7th Annual
Run Puritas
1 mile and 5k Fun Run/Walk
Saturday, May 4th
Register in advance, or on the day starting at 7:30 a.m. behind Christ Lutheran Church 13812 Bellaire Road

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