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## 2020 Census Completion Deadline Is Now Sept 30th

by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

U.S. Census Bureau recently announced that the deadline for 2020 Census completion is now September 30th, 2020. The change moves the Census completion deadline UP from October 31st, a full thirty-one days sooner. It is now more urgent than ever to talk with your friends, neighbors and families about the importance of taking the Census.

The Census counts every person living in the United States and five U.S. territories. The Census occurs once every 10 years and determines how billions of federal dollars are allocated to communities that US citizens directly and indirectly benefit from, such as funding for schools, roads and infrastructure.

Response rates for the City of Cleveland currently stand at 47%; Collinwood response rates to the 2020 Census lie between 25%-30%. GCDC would like to encourage

our entire community to talk with your neighbors, friends and family members about the many ways you can respond to the Census and even assist those who need help doing so.

You can take the Census online by visiting <https://2020census.gov/en.html> from your smartphone or desktop. The site does not save your data, so it is safe and private to assist others in taking the Census this way.

You can also take the Census over the phone by calling 844-330-2020. Share this phone number with those who do not have internet access or who are uncomfortable with taking the Census online.

Finally, the Census can be completed by mail. The U.S. Census Bureau mailed paper questionnaires to homes mid-April with instructions on how to respond. If you have lost or misplaced your questionnaire, please respond to the Census online or by phone with the number above.

## Update: Relief Sewer Project



A Construction Inspector surveys the work site at Mohawk Avenue and E. 185 Street

by Yalinda Moore  
Navigating around the E. 185 Street area will get easier soon as major work on the Relief Sewer Project is beginning to wind down. The project is still on track to be completed by year's end.

E. 185 Street is expected to open fully to north and south traffic by November. In the meantime motorists and pedestrians should follow detour and construction information signs.

The new \$15 million relief tunnel will increase the load capacity of existing sewers in the area, reducing the chance of basement flooding. Cleveland Water Pollution Control's investment also may reduce negative impacts the environment.

Currently, Chickasaw Avenue at E. 185 Street is closed while the street is being repaved. North and south traffic on E. 185 Street will resume fully at that point when the intersection reopens soon.

A sewer shaft is being installed on the west side of E. 185 Street, opposite Mohawk

Avenue. In early September, E. 185 Street will be closed to north and south traffic at Mohawk Avenue to complete the connection of local sewers to the new relief tunnel.

Kenwanee Avenue and Kildeer Avenue side street entrances from E. 185 Street are blocked so sewer shafts can be installed and local sewers can be connected to the relief tunnel. They are to reopen soon as well.

Within the next few months work will begin on remaining side streets where local sewers need to be connected to the relief tunnel. Those streets are Kewanee Avenue, Neff Road, Kildeer Avenue, Muskoka Avenue and Arrowhead Avenue. Work plans are trying avoid closing entire intersections if possible. So far, the full intersections of Muskoka Avenue and Arrowhead Avenue are scheduled to be closed for sewer tie-ins on the west side of E. 185 Street.

To keep up with changes and updates on the project, follow Cleveland Water Pollution Control on Facebook at @Cleveland-WPC and on Twitter at @CleWPC.

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## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CANCELLED

## September Winds

by Michael D. Polensek



Dear Friends -

What a summer! I, like most of you, would like to forget 2020. It has become a bad dream. Who would have imagined in early February we would be dealing with over 175,000 Americans dead as a result of COVID-19 and their families devastated? What about the economy with massive unemployment, hours cut, and social distancing invoked to a point where many businesses city-wide have gone under or are about to go under?

It has been a perfect storm so far this summer. Now, we see city wide and nationally a major increase in criminal activity, especially homicides, felonious assaults and robberies. I find it interesting that my office was bombarded weeks ago with emails by individuals demanding the defunding of the Cleveland police department and yet, out of the hundreds of emails, only four (4) were from the northeast side of the city. It is unbelievable that someone living in Pepper Pike, Waite Hill, or some other affluent suburb, has the audacity and ignorance to suggest that we should disband or defund the Cleveland Police Department. Do I believe that CPD is operating as efficiently as it can or has a command staff in place that "really gets it?" My response would be, "No." There is no doubt in my mind that the Cleveland Police Department has to regroup and better understand the severity of the problems and the social issues we are really dealing with today. In the city, we really need to see community policing as we once had with the mini-station program. It is 2020 and CPD is operating in a time warp. This has to change. However, defunding or eliminating the police department will only lead to more division or more violence in our city.

On that note, I always look forward to hearing from our ward residents. I certainly miss our community meetings, which I hope that someday soon we can get back up and running again.

Getting back to COVID-19 pandemic, please continue to social distance, utilize personal protective equipment and stress the need for personal hygiene. We should all discourage mass gatherings, whenever

possible; yet, we need to support local restaurants and businesses. By all means, wear a mask when near others especially in public places and retail establishments. I myself believe that wearing a mask is Patriotic and protecting my fellow citizens. Had our National Leaders pressed to take these steps initially, who is to say how many lives could have been saved and possibly avoided this economic meltdown. The countries able to get a handle on this pandemic have emphasized massive testing, treatment and social distancing. They have shown it will work. Yet, for some reasons the whole pandemic has become a political football. Let us hope that common sense and science prevails instead of ignorance and more stupidity.

I believe voting is a duty as an American citizen. Every one of us of legal age and an American citizen, should exercise their right to VOTE. We owe that to those who were denied the right to vote, who lost their lives defending this country, whether it be in the military, the Women's Suffrage Movement, the Labor Movement or the fight for Civil Rights. I have stressed to my own children, exercise your Constitutional Right and don't let your father find out that you didn't vote. What else can I say? This upcoming Presidential Election will have a profound effect on our country for decades to come.

Those wishing to vote by Absentee Ballot, which I encourage, please call the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at (216) 443-3200 to request a ballot. If you are concerned about voting by mail, you can always drop your completed ballot off at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. It is very disturbing that there seems to be an effort coming out of Washington to mess with the US Postal Service just before this Presidential Election. It is quite frankly, disgusting and un-American. Apply for your ballot early. Ballots will be mailed out October 6 and must be returned by November 2. Don't take a chance; get your ballot back as soon as possible or drop it off at the Board of Elections.

Another critical issue which effects all of us is the 2020 CENSUS. The response to the Census on the eastside of the city, so far, is only 40%, on the average. I know we all get a lot of junk mail. However, the CENSUS is not junk. If you don't respond, it is like someone taking money out of your wallet and that of your family. Every Federal program and every Federal dollar that

comes into the State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland is based on population and need. If we don't get an accurate count the city will suffer dearly. In addition, your representation in Congress, the State, and in City Council WILL be affected. We all know what we went through in the last Council redistricting based on population. Collinwood and the Glenville neighborhoods were cut up; I would hate to imagine what would happen next year if we do not get an accurate count. Please fill out your forms and return them if you haven't done so.

Let me update you on a few other critical projects. The East 185th Street Storm Sewer Project is ahead of schedule. The contractor is tying-in the side streets into the main sewer, below grade, which has already been completed. I don't have to tell anyone how difficult this project has been on the community. However, I want to thank everyone, especially the businesses along East 185th Street, for their patience and understanding. We are in the homestretch, finally. The work on the Historic LaSalle Theatre parking lot should start shortly and I have committed additional ward funds towards the installation of a kitchen in the complex, which had been value-engineered out of the original project plans. I can tell you that there were poor decisions made by those no longer associated with the project but we are on a much better path to making the LaSalle Theatre a viable non-profit entertainment venue for our community.

Mayor Jackson has extended the City's Civil Emergency now again till September 30th. This will effect public gatherings, events and public access to city facilities, services, parks & playgrounds, etc. Please pay special attention to public announcements and notices. For, I like you, have to read a news release to find out what the next course of action will be on behalf of the City. We know that there are many outstanding issues that need to be addressed such as the growing concern over CPP, Waste Collection and Recycling, abandoned properties and obviously, the ongoing concerns over public safety in our neighborhoods.

As always, I may be reached via my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at [mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org](mailto:mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org) or [mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org](mailto:mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org).

Stay safe and stay well.  
Councilman Michael D. Polensek

## Hospice Warehouse Sale

The Warehouse Sale is back! Join us Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13.

Welcome Back to our loyal customers! The sale will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Enjoy shopping on our two sales floors for a variety of quality furniture, housewares and jewelry!

For your shopping safety we are following State of Ohio COVID-19 guidelines. Please note the following changes:

- Masks and social distancing of at least six feet are required at all times
- We'll be taking customers' temperatures at the door. Anyone with a 99.5 F or above temperature will not be permitted to shop
- The sale will be across two floors now and

all shopping aisles will feature marked one-way paths that must be followed

- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the space
- Checkout areas will be clearly marked, and plexiglass barriers will keep cashiers safe
- The number of patrons allowed in at once will be limited and crowd size will be monitored throughout the sale

tored throughout the sale

As an extra thank you for your support we're holding a special raffle during this sale! All customers who make a purchase can enter to win a \$150 gift card to Sheraton Furniture on Erie Street in Willoughby. We appreciate our friends at Sheraton Furniture for their support.

## Volunteers Clean Up Waterloo For Clean And Green Event



Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

Volunteers banded together Saturday August 8th for a Clean & Green event hosted by Waterloo Arts, Praxis Fiber Workshop and The Collinwood Collective. Volunteers landscaped planter beds on the street from 10AM - 6PM, from E. 152nd St. to E. 162nd St.

Beachland Ballroom and the organizing partners were on site to coordinate the distribution of landscaping tools provided by Cleveland Neighborhood Progress's Clean

& Green Trailer. Raddell's Sausage Shop provided a surprise lunch for volunteers at noon.

The event garnered the attention of small business owners and residents of Waterloo Arts District, and volunteers could be seen chatting with residents and business owners as they landscaped the beds.

More information is to come about beautification efforts on Waterloo. Please follow GCDC, Waterloo Arts or The Collinwood Collective on Facebook for upcoming events.

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## Men: Is there blood in your urine? What you need to know.



Frank Jevnikar, MD  
Cleveland Clinic  
Euclid Hospital

If a simple visit to the bathroom has you seeing red, don't ignore it. Blood in your urine (hematuria) can be a sign of a serious problem, so you should see your doctor right away.

You may see a range of colors – from pink or slightly dark urine to bright red or cola-colored liquid. You may also see clots, which can come from the prostate, urethra, kidneys or ureters (tubes connecting the kidney to the bladder).

Blood in the urine may show up over a long time, come and go, or happen just once.

"Blood in the urine is often due to a benign condition," says urologist Frank Jevnikar, MD, at Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital. "However, it can also signal bladder or kidney cancer, both of which are more common in men. It's important to see a physician for further

examination and appropriate treatment."

Common causes of hematuria may relate to:

- Urinary tract infection (UTI) or urinary stone disease
- Kidney stones or kidney disease
- Inherited conditions, including sickle cell disease
- Vigorous exercise
- Medications such as aspirin or blood thinners

If you are examined by a urologist, they will likely examine your upper urinary tract using a scan with dye that gives images from your kidneys to your bladder. This can check for stones, tumors or other abnormalities.

He or she will check the lower urinary tract with a scope that looks at the bladder, prostate and urethra. Your doctor also may perform other tests, such as a test for prostate cancer, as needed.

To schedule an appointment with a urologist, call 216.444.5600.

## CLEVELAND CLINIC CHILDREN'S Nationally ranked in 10 of 10 pediatric specialties.



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- Nephrology (35)
- Neurology & neurosurgery (25)
- Orthopedics (26)
- Pulmonology (32)
- Urology (23)

"We are incredibly honored to be recognized by U.S. News & World Report," says Karen Murray, MD, Chair of Cleveland Clinic Children's. "This is a reflection

of the dedication, compassion and hard work of our caregivers to provide the best high-quality care to our patients and their families. While COVID-19 has transformed our world and the healthcare industry, it has not and will not impact our mission to continue to provide world-class care."

Quality and safety have always been a priority at Cleveland Clinic Children's. We now have even more safety precautions at every location, so all you need to worry about is the health and wellness of your child. Learn more about the steps we're taking to keep you safe at [ClevelandClinic.org/Coronavirus](http://ClevelandClinic.org/Coronavirus).

For an appointment with a Cleveland Clinic Children's pediatrician or pediatric specialist, call 216.444.KIDS. Cleveland Clinic Children's offers in-person and virtual appointments.

### CLEVELAND CLINIC ARTHRITIS WEBINAR

### Myth busters: The truth about arthritis causes and treatments.

Thursday, September 23, 2020 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

During this free virtual event and live Q & A, a board-certified specialist will answer your questions about:

- Managing symptoms during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Effective arthritis treatment strategies
- Diet, exercise and lifestyle choices to support your health

Preregistration is required. Register today: [ClevelandClinic.org/ArthritisExpo](http://ClevelandClinic.org/ArthritisExpo)

Sponsored by Cleveland Clinic and the Arthritis Foundation Inc. For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation at 216.359.7152.

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## Top tips to cope with hay fever.



Ronald Purcell, MD  
Cleveland Clinic  
Willoughby Hills Family Health Center

Nice weather and sunshine sounds like a recipe for – disaster? That can be the case if you have seasonal allergies. During the warm months in Northeast Ohio, trees, grasses and weeds bloom and flourish.

When plant pollen is inhaled, histamine is released in the body triggering allergic rhinitis – or hay fever. Itchy eyes, a scratchy throat or a runny nose are all signs of hay fever season.

"The body views pollen as an invader. Antibodies and histamines are released by the immune system as a form of defense," explains Ronald Purcell, MD, an allergy and immunology specialist at Cleveland Clinic Willoughby Hills Family Health Center.

Dr. Purcell offers these top three tips to curb allergy symptoms:

- 1. Rinse and repeat.** Irrigate your nasal passages with saline solution to rinse out allergens and relieve congestion.
- 2. Keep your windows closed.** "Avoid fans if possible; they tend to stir up dust. Set your car air conditioning to recirculate air when you're driving alone," advises Dr. Purcell.
- 3. Take a shower.** Shower after outdoor activities to wash off pollen that may have accumulated.

If these simple tips don't seem to control hay fever symptoms, an allergy test may be beneficial. An allergist can guide you to the proper over-the-counter medication or prescribe something to clear up symptoms.

Additionally, some allergy sufferers may develop asthma.

"No one wants to stay inside when the weather is nice. An allergist can help craft a medical plan to keep your allergies under control during hay fever season and throughout the year," says Dr. Purcell.



To make an appointment with Dr. Purcell or another Cleveland Clinic allergy and immunology specialist, call 216.444.6503.



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by Nan Kennedy

### THINGS TO DO

Try the new beer at the MillFill. Have a rainbow lunch bowl at the Juicery. Visit a gallery: Photocentric, Framed and Shiffler Photo all welcome visitors, with precautions. Have breakfast at Six Shooter (those biscuits!) and lunch at Citizen Pie (those pizzas!). Waterloo

Shop at the farmers' market on Coit: the stands are piled with everything fresh (that will vanish in a couple of months. Needham Gardens' motto: Blanch and freeze, blanch and freeze.")

Get a real book from the library; Mem-Nott and E152 are both open – with limits.

Read the voting information forwarded by a thoughtful neighbor. Voting Here are some basics:

- Register to vote or update your registration: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>
  - Request an absentee ballot to vote by mail: [https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf\\_boe/en-US/Applications/VBM2020.pdf](https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_boe/en-US/Applications/VBM2020.pdf)
  - Track your ballot: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/track-my-ballot.aspx>
  - Ohio will also have in-person early voting at the County Boards of Elections. Days and hours: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-us/11032020EarlyInPerson.aspx>
- More on voting below at Voting

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- "Young Designers" with Drue Christine
- From the Mayor's Office: Ban on street parties. Mayor

### At Praxis

#### Studios For Rent

Two openings for studio spaces at Praxis for anyone looking for a dedicated space to make and think.

Studio 1: Located in the Digital House across the back parking lot from Praxis's main facility. This 200 sq ft studio is completely private with a separate entrance, plus kitchen and bathroom. Lots of natural light. Very tranquil. NOTE that this studio is for short-term rental for the rest of 2020 only. \$300/mo.

Studio 2: Located in the Praxis Main Studio, this is one of five 175 sq ft studios that you enter through the loomyard. Being a studio renter means that you can access the dye kitchen, slop sinks, and fiber supplies in the facility, as well as meet other community members and studio artists. Our four existing studio members work in a variety of media, including drawing, painting, and fiber. \$275/mo.

Per COVID safety measures everyone at Praxis is required to wear a mask throughout the main space and studios.

### The Millard Fillmore Presidential Library

New day - new beer! Fat Head's G'Suffa! Oktoberfest lager \$4.50

### At the Juicery

Raw Pad Thai. Kale Caesar, coconut bacon + sunflower seed + cheese. (Raw Pad Thai?) Frozen bowls that fill you up with exotic fruit goodness.

### Shiffler Photo Is Open For Viewers

Matt Shiffler's little gallery at the east end of Waterloo is open again, to mask-wearing art lovers who make appointments – well worth it for Matt's dramatic landscapes. Hours 10-6.



### The Beachland Is Hiring

The Beachland is seeking an experienced, reliable, and creative chef/kitchen manager to rule over their totally renovated kitchen, where Cindy Barber is planning a whole new approach to food and beverage service. It's hard to present music with food on the side these days, but great food with music thrown in is manageable. <https://www.indeed.com/job/chefkitchen-manager-b5dbc985ff58045d> No calls/emails. Please apply directly through Indeed.

### Waterloo Streetscape

The August 8 street clean-up left Waterloo much tidier, but the Adopt-a-Bed program is still looking for volunteer caretakers to do regular maintenance. Contact Amy Calahan at Waterloo Arts – but only if you're a conscientious type who follows through on promises of weekly weeding.



### Six Shooter Coffee

"We heard you loud and clear and have upgraded our ordering system to be smoother and quicker! Please bear in mind that unless you note at the bottom of your order, all mobile orders will be prepared for take-out. Thanks and see you soon for a sip!" <https://www.clover.com/online-ordering/six-shooter-coffee-cleveland>

### Photographers' Row on Waterloo

Three photo studios in 10 blocks sounds a bit like a crowded market, but it turns out that there are many ways to practice photography.

There is, for instance, Michael Loderstedt's Photocentric at Waterloo and E156, run by a professor emeritus of art from Kent State. Michael puts together shows from well-known photographers around the state – himself and his wife Lori Kella included. He also does archival processing and framing, offers services to less well-equipped practitioners and – upon occasion – builds cameras from spare parts. (Also ukuleles, but that's not relevant here.)

Way off at the other end of the street (Waterloo and E161) is Matt Shiffler's gallery, full of colorful and very striking landscape art, which is Matt's true love – but Matt is also a busy free-lance photographer (portrait, event and editorial work – call him with any assignment). And if you ask nicely, he'll turn your chosen photo into a jigsaw puzzle.

But that's not all. Across the street from Matt Shiffler, in the old Zaller Building, is Crosslens, an elaborate and ambitious studio where working photographers and would-be photographers can share equipment, interesting backgrounds, and editing space.

Find them all under their gallery names on Facebook – and be impressed.

### Playwrights Local & Literary Cleveland Present Act Out! A Playwriting Workshop

With Dr. Mary E. Weems. September 10, 17, and 24, and October 1 (Thursdays) 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Conducted online/remotely via Zoom. \$120 (\$80 for Literary Cleveland members)

In this virtual, interactive 4-session, 2-hour workshop, Dr. Mary Weems will share her technique for writing monologues and short plays as political acts. Participants are asked to bring one to three social issues (racism, the Pandemic, transphobia, religious intolerance, sexism, the environment, poverty, etc) they would like to address in writings for the stage.

Registration at Literary Cleveland: <https://www.litcleveland.org/classes-workshops/act-out-playwriting-workshop>

### About Playwrights Local

Playwrights Local is a theater company in Cleveland. As a playwrights' center, our goal is to provide a home for dramatic writing in Northeast Ohio. We offer classes and workshops, produce original plays,

provide networking opportunities, and engage the community through outreach projects. Learn more about programs such as our Young Playwrights Collective and our annual Open Call for Submissions at <http://playwrightslocal.org/>. Make your tax-deductible contributions to our 501(c)(3) group at <http://www.playwrightslocal.org/donate/>.

### About the Instructor

Dr. Mary E. Weems' is a poet, playwright, author, performer, imagination-intellect theorist, and social/cultural foundations scholar. Weems is the author of thirteen books including Blackeyed: Plays and Monologues (2015), five chapbooks, most notably "white" (Wick Award), and numerous poems, articles and book chapters. In 2015 Weems was awarded a Cleveland Arts Prize for her full-length drama MEAT. <http://www.playwrightslocal.org/donate>

### WALK ALL OVER WATERLOO

Friday September 4

On Friday September 4th, Cleveland Rocks: PPF will host a free online concert featuring local Waterloo area bands/musicians. The show will air live on CRPPF FB page at the scheduled time of 7pm. This Waterloo Makes Music: Tower Series is made possible by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.



The evening will feature local favorites MoKo BoVo with anitakeys and friends opening.

"MoKo BoVo," says Dan, "was founded to improvise music. We want to reach people, draw them in, and take them new places. We play covers that people don't recognize. Get deep into tradition and experiment from that place. Let's play."

anitakeys and friends have been performing their Jazzy Pop all around the Cleveland area for more than a decade: "We sure miss Everybody and Everywhere we used to see, and look forward to the time when the Glorious days of Musicmaking return."



### At Waterloo Arts Day-GloSho Friday, September 4, 6 – 9 pm

Every year Waterloo Arts partners with the DayGlo Color Corp and

30+ artists to create a luminescent art exhibit like no other in Cleveland. COVID, of course, slammed the door on that and the gallery has been dark ever since. The

gallery will still be dark On September 4, but this time it will be open - for the 8th Annual DayGlo Exhibit of glowing artwork – a show the whole family can enjoy, even at a social distance. DayGlo pigments have a fascinating origin story that involves both science and magic. This year's show features more than 30 artists and stretches beyond the borders of Cleveland to include a few select artists from around the world.

To keep everyone safe, WA will limit the number of people in the gallery at any one time. Please sign up for a free ticket to reserve a spot, at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-magic-of-dayglo-tickets-117436705347>. Walk-up visits will be welcome during open hours if space is available; please wait outside the gallery until an attendant lets you in. Masks are required in the gallery and while waiting in line, and please stay six feet from anyone not in your household.

This year, Waterloo Arts teamed up with Anthony Zart and Rocket E3 (Grobins the Dog! Cheerfully cynical T shirts!) to provide exclusive thank you gifts commemorating the DayGlo show, for donors to Waterloo Arts. Adding a donation onto your ticket will help ensure community arts continue to thrive in the wake of COVID-19. Proceeds will go directly to fund Waterloo Arts' programming.

### AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

#### At the Market

Sweet Marvel's Bakery with amazing and beautiful cookies, cupcakes, and more made their debut last week, and Miriam (dear mother of Coit Road Farmers Market Graduate Cest Macaron) brought traditional cabbage, potato-spinach, AND sour cherry pierogi – not sure if that will repeat.

May's Organic Farm from Randolph will start at the Market on September 12, and Secors has already returned, with two stands of cornatomatoespeachessquashpeppers and such.

The other vendors are all there with fruit, veggies, baking, cheese, eggs, meat, pickles, jams . . .

### Community Greenhouse Wants Interns

While COVID-19 has shut down many businesses and complete industries, the local/urban food business is seeing huge leaps in demand. Community Greenhouse Partners are looking for a few adventurous souls who are willing to move into the city and learn how to become urban farmers. No experience necessary. Email [tim@communitygreenhousepartners.org](mailto:tim@communitygreenhousepartners.org) for job details and more information.

### Help Rebuild the Tired Old Fence and Gates

As soon as you've read this sentence, go to <https://iohy.org/project/coit-road-farmers-market-gateway> and make a donation to the Fence Fund (actually the Gateway Project). At last report, 40% of the goal had been met – but the closing date is August 31. (The goal is to raise \$3,000 matched with another \$3,000 from the IOBY Neighborhood Connections Covid 19 Recovery Fund.)

The Gateway project combines volunteer work days with donations for construction to give the Market a safe and welcoming appearance. The fence and gates have been damaged by years of uncontrolled vegetation and being hit by vehicles. Volunteers have spent the past 3 months working on removing the trees and other vegetation growing into and damaging the fence, and will keep at it till your donations have paid for the new installation.

### Best News This Week: Libraries Are Open

Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday: Closed. Hours for immunocompromised visitors: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Expect masks, distancing, patron limits, rationing of computer time. But the libraries are open. Curbside pick-up will be continued for patrons who are unwilling to risk indoor spaces.

### Attention Owners of Old Homes

Which means a good many owners in Collinwood. The Cleveland Restoration Society has a useful newsletter with details about its many programs. Get on the list by going to <https://www.heritagehomeprogram.org/>

### The Problems of Old Arches

The Euclid Beach arch was damaged recently, and while it was under repair, it was hit again. Councilman Polensek may lose his temper. But repairs continue.

### Serenity at Sunset

Yoga at Sunset Beach Park (Euclid Beach), Saturday at 9am through September,

### Another Place to Pick Up Food: Lithuanian Club

Call 216 531 8318 after 12 pm to place a pick-up order for 3 – 6 pm. Wings, doons, lubins, potato pancakes. Among other goodies.

### OF INTEREST TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

#### "Young Designers" with Drue Christine

September 12, 19, 26, October 3 and 10, 10-1pm

Young adults ages 14 to 17 will experience the art of fashion and design with this five-week introductory class, which will cover the basic operation of the sewing machine as well as fashion terminology, fashion history, career exploration and more. This is a great opportunity to spark a love for the art of fashion design, and gives students the confidence to create sewing projects at home. All materials and supplies are included. Students will walk away with a variety of completed sewing and fashion projects.

\$199. Payment plans and sibling discounts available. Reserve your space at <https://druchristine-fabrics-and-design-square.site/product/young-designers-beginner-sewing-class/725>. \*\*\*LIMITED SPACES TO MAINTAIN COVID GUIDELINES\*\*\*

### From the Mayor's Office

Mayor Jackson has signed an order (extending the city's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through September 30), which prohibits gatherings of more than 10 people outside of a single household, including block/street parties and tailgating events. If you want to follow the rules, it helps to know what they are.

### JOBS

#### Civil Service Exams

Go to [CC@city.cleveland.ohio.us](https://city.cleveland.ohio.us) - scroll down a little to Employment With the City of Cleveland, and the heading in red: Current Openings and Civil Service Tests; click there for the list of jobs (widely assorted, from airport maintenance to canine enrichment). You'll see information on where to register, too – and you're applying to take the test, not directly for the job.

### You Could Have a Future in Furniture

The Cleveland Job Corps' Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship Program (run by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and accredited by the Ohio State Apprentice Council) prepares young men and women to work in

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a variety of carpentry settings.

The 12-month course centers around a structured, rigorous, and highly physical curriculum. Students learn how to perform the essential tasks of a carpenter, including constructing, installing, and repairing structures and fixtures of wood, plywood, and wallboard; properly using hand and power tools to shape or cut materials to specified measurements; building rough wooden structures such as concrete forms, scaffolds, and temporary frame shelters according to sketches, blueprints, or oral instructions; following established safety rules and regulations; and maintaining a safe and clean environment.

A career in carpentry is highly physical. It requires personal commitment and a willingness to work outdoors through all seasons. Additional trade requirements include being eighteen years old, possessing a high school diploma, holding a valid driver's license, and being and remaining drug-free.

Carpentry program graduates fill many entry-level construction positions: abatement, general labor, roofing, siding, concrete, demolition, restoration, insulation, caulking, rough carpentry, finish carpentry, cabinet production, and pattern making, to name a few.

The program prepares trainees for the rigors of the Carpenters' apprenticeship. The skills taught are transferable to the other building trades - the Laborers, Plumbers, Sheet Metal Workers, and Iron Workers Unions, as well as Carpenters.

Certifications include Completion Certificate, Scaffold User, Scaffold Safety, Occupational Safety and Health Administration 10, and Green Building Awareness.

Instructors David Lummus, and Daniel Volpe bring over fifty years of combined experience as union building construction carpenters to the Cleveland Job Corps Carpentry program. They truly believe, "work is available for those willing to work."

### From a Thoughtful Neighbor

The election is coming up fast - Tuesday, November 3rd - and it will be here even earlier for absentee/early voting. Now is a good time to check that you are correctly registered to vote, or to register if you aren't. You can do that from the Ohio Secretary of State website: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov>. Or from the County Boffe: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/and-look-for-Track-My-Ballot-in-the-menu-on-the-left;click-there-to-make-sure-you're-registered>.

The last day to register for the November election is October 5.

In a few weeks, you'll be able to view a sample ballot from the County site - <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/ballot-search.aspx> - so that you know who

is running for each office and can research them. For information about the judges on the ballot, from the local bar associations and as well as endorsements by the Plain Dealer, check here: <https://www.judge4yoursself.com/>

Rather than risking infection from COVID-19 and possibly long lines at your usual polling place, you can request an absentee ballot by printing out a ballot request form at [https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf\\_boe/en-US/Applications/VBM2020.pdf](https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_boe/en-US/Applications/VBM2020.pdf), and mailing it in. (Don't despair if you don't have a printer, the BOE should be mailing an application to every registered voter in a few weeks.) If you mail your ballot request now, the BOE will mail your ballot on October 6, 2020. Already, 40,000 people in Cuyahoga County have requested absentee ballots this year. <https://www.ideastream.org/news/cuyahoga-county-sees-early-wave-of-absentee-ballot-requests>

Once you have received your ballot, you can mail it back or, given that the US postal service is being crippled right now and mail is moving slowly, you can hand deliver it in the drop box behind the Board of Elections in downtown Cleveland at 2925 Euclid Avenue (at E. 30th, right next to the freeway -- take the Prospect Avenue exit).

Rather than voting on an absentee ballot, you can vote early in-person by going to the Board of Elections office between October 6 and November 2 during their regular office hours. As the election approaches, they will probably also announce special week-end times.

If you are interested in working as a poll worker on November 3, you can sign up here: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/becomeapo.aspx>

If you have any problems voting, call the nonpartisan Election Protection at 1-866-OUR-VOTE or 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español) or contact them through <https://866ourvote.org>. They are supported by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and dozens of other groups.

Please vote and encourage others to do so too.

Thank you, Randy! And Cindy, for your addition!

Try to remember the kind of September  
When life was slow and oh, so mellow.  
Try to remember the kind of September  
When grass was green and grain so yellow.  
*by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones*



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## VASJ Alumni: Get to Know Ashen Ward '08



Ashen Ward Sr. '08 joined VASJ's boys basketball team as head coach earlier this year.

by Cheryl Stashinko

Ashen Ward Sr. is a 2008 graduate of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. During his time at VASJ, Ashen maintained a 3.8 GPA, was captain of the men's varsity basketball team, and was named the Division III

Player of the Year in 2007 and First Team All-Ohio in 2008.

Following VASJ, Ashen continued his academic and athletic career at Youngstown State University. His achievements on the court earned him a Division I scholarship

as well as the title of team captain and the Bill Daley Leadership Award in 2011 and 2012. Ashen holds a bachelor's degree in special education from YSU and a master's degree in educational administration from Cleveland State University.

Ashen worked as an intervention specialist at Orange High School for the last seven years and coached basketball for eight years, now entering the fourth serving as head coach. In the spring of 2020, Ashen was named head coach of the VASJ men's basketball program. Previously, he served as assistant coach for the VASJ basketball teams that won the state championship in 2015 and 2017.

Ashen is the proud husband of Nikki and father to two beautiful children, Ashen Jr. and Alivia.

**Where did you grow up while attending VASJ?**

I was born and raised in Cleveland. I grew up in the Collinwood area for most of my childhood. From the ages of 3 to 14, I lived off of Lakeshore Boulevard. However, as a sophomore at VASJ, my parents and I moved to Richmond Heights.

**Where did you go to school before VASJ?**

Prior to attending VASJ, I went to Margaret Spellacy Middle School and Henry W. Longfellow Elementary School.

**Which teacher or class at VASJ do you remember most and why?**

I enjoyed many classes during my time at VASJ, but the most memorable classes for

me were the computer skills course taught by Mr. Steve Wallace and my English class taught by Mrs. Lori Morth-Suttell. I enjoyed both of these classes because we had inspiring conversations about life and how our choices/actions either positively or negatively affect our future and community. These discussions stuck with me for the rest of my life and helped to shape the man that I am today.

**Did you have a favorite spot to hang out and what did you like about it?**

My favorite place to hang out at VASJ was the gymnasium. I love basketball, so any time that I could get in the gym, that's where I wanted to hang. Whether I was watching film with some of my teammates, getting up shots after lunch, or playing card games with Coach Tony Redding and my friends, the gym was always my favorite place to be.

**What, if anything, about your experience at VASJ would you do over?**

If I could do anything over during my time at VASJ, I would have probably been more active in extracurriculars other than basketball. I wish I had run for student council or even joined some other clubs. Academics and basketball were my main priority, but looking back, it would have been nice to be more involved with other groups within the community.

To participate or nominate someone for a VASJ Alumni: Get to Know column, contact Cheryl Stashinko at [alumni@vasj.com](mailto:alumni@vasj.com)

## What to Do with Yard Waste



Never pile yard debris or grass clippings along stream edges.



Remember – Only Rain Down the Drain!  
Never blow grass clippings or yard debris into the street.



Compost



Put Out with Trash



Mulch into the Lawn

by Elizabeth Hiser

We all know that it is not acceptable to dump tires, machine parts, plastics and other unnatural trash into our waterways. But many still believe it's okay to put yard debris like grass and leaves onto a stream-bank, in a storm drain, or into a ditch.

Well, when it comes to dumping, even organic yard debris doesn't "cut it." While leaves will naturally fall into the water, we need to be mindful not to upset nature's balance.

Leaves and grass clippings from our maintained landscapes should never be

dumped or piled in and around waterways or storm drains.

Yard waste:

- is the 2nd largest category of all discarded trash.
- decomposes and uses up the oxygen in streams, makes streams smell bad, and it looks unsightly.
- nutrients can lead to algae blooms and fish kills.
- can obstruct flow and clog downstream culverts, leading to localized flooding and erosion problems.
- piled on streambanks can choke out plants that serve to stabilize and prevent erosion.

Yard waste should be composted or set out with the trash according to your community's yard waste pick-up guidelines.

Want to learn more? Check out the Cuyahoga SWCD Green Yards and Healthy Homes Webinar and our Watershed Management Resources Page for more information.



# Villa Angela-St. Joseph HIGH SCHOOL

## Viking Reflections: Basketball great Clark Kellogg '79



Clark Kellogg '79

In this time of COVID-19, death, disruption, economic suffering, racial turmoil, social distancing and uncertainty, I've spent plenty of time praying and thinking about the state of our communities and country and how might I "be" better while "doing" better for others.

These are disturbing and disheartening times indeed ... for all of us. Yet I remain hopeful because of the great capacity and spirit that we all have to care for each other and to do good. I'm confident that faith-inspired spirit, coupled with our common humanity, will win the day over time.

My hopefulness is primarily borne of my faith in God through Jesus Christ. I became a Christian in the winter of 1986, surrendering my heart and life to the lordship of Christ, and since then, I've sought to be guided in word and deed by the word of God as revealed through the person of Jesus Christ.

But my hope is also borne of my upbringing, formal education and experience as an accomplished high school, college and pro basketball player.

My parents (now deceased) provided a stable, loving home for me and my four younger siblings. By example and through words, it was impressed upon us that treating all others with care, compassion and respect was expected and mandatory.

As a black man, my dad, Clark (a Cleveland police officer) encountered racism as one of the few black police officers on the West Side during the mid-1960s. He impressed upon us that some folks in the world would view and treat us differently because we were black, but that we were to always treat others based on their humanity and individuality.

When I matriculated to VASJ in 1975, I was one of a very small percentage of black young men in a predominantly white, Catholic high school. Being both black and non-Catholic, standing 6 feet 3 inches as a freshman, and having a budding reputation as a basketball player made me a bit of a curiosity to my

new classmates — and perhaps to my teachers as well.

I don't recall feeling any racial tension from anyone, just the normal awkwardness and "feeling out" process that accompanies being new to a school and different in race and religion. Having attended predominantly black public elementary and junior high schools added to my reticence as well.

From the time I was 9 years old, sports captivated me, especially basketball. By the time I was 11, basketball and I started a love affair that has energized and fulfilled me as a player for close to 20 years and a broadcaster for more than 30. Basketball has been a blessed and constant companion throughout my life. As a matter of fact, until coming to faith in Christ in 1986, basketball was on the throne of my life. Clearly out of place, until my repentance.

I'm deeply indebted to the game, as so many good things in my life are the fruit of my experiences, lessons learned and relationships made in basketball, for which I thank God.

Reflecting back on my time at VASJ, the demonstrated, practiced and taught values of fairness, justice, love and service to others helped me to minimize differences in others and myself while elevating our common humanity. Doing to others what you would have them do to you, as Jesus states in the gospel of Matthew, comes to mind.

Sports in general is a powerful yet imperfect example of how the values of care, commitment, effort, love, sacrifice, service and teamwork can bridge socio-economic and racial gaps.

Powerful because in my experience in the game of basketball at every level, folks from diverse backgrounds and races have coalesced around the game and a common goal. Embracing the work of "the many becoming united as one" and bearing the fruit of enriched lives through shared personal experiences and relationships.

Sports is imperfect in that we know coaching, management and ownership positions are devoid of the type of diversity we see on courts and fields of play for myriad reasons. Issues of systemic structures that are barriers to advancement for blacks and other minorities and racial stereotypes that exist, to name a couple examples.



Clark Kellogg '79 was inducted into the VASJ Hall of Fame in 1987 in recognition of his outstanding achievement in athletics.

Nevertheless, sports at every level provides an instructive template for racial harmony. Its status and esteem in our country and the world provides athletes, coaches, leaders, owners and fans a unique platform. A platform that can — and has been — catalyzed and leveraged for lasting change in the fight for justice, racial equality and bringing people together in unity while embracing our differences.

I experienced that at VASJ in the late '70s and throughout my basketball career in the days since. I thank God for my education and experience as Viking.

In closing, there are "many branches" on the tree of justice and racial equality in our country, and sports is just one of those. Let's all resolve to do what we can in producing the fruit that we're made to bring forth: equality, fairness, justice, love, righteousness and unity.

## Updates regarding VASJ and COVID-19



The health and safety of our VASJ students and families is our top priority. Our administration has been hard at work creating a plan for a safe and responsible reopening of the school.

With new information coming out every day regarding COVID-19, we know this can be an overwhelming time. We've created a resource center on our website to make it as easy as possible for our students and parents to

get the information they need. Check it out at [vasj.com/covid-19-updates](http://vasj.com/covid-19-updates).

We'll continue to add information to the resource page in the coming days and weeks, so please check back there frequently for updates. We'll also continue to share information with our community via email and the school's social media platforms.

We ask for your prayers and support as we navigate these uncharted waters.

Join us for our next  
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## OLL Nonviolence Ministry conducts Voter Registration Drive

by Beverly Caldwell

Voting – A Nonviolent Response to Racism

The Nonviolence Ministry at Our Lady of the Lake has begun developing plans to address racism in the community. Among its first activities is to conduct a voter registration drive to empower everyone to vote this year. Beginning after Labor Day, members of our ministry will be registering voters and providing Vote-by-Mail Applications throughout the city of Euclid. We plan to help educate those we meet about the ways they can exercise their right to vote in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Look for us soon outside retail businesses around the community!

As the late civil rights leader John Lewis reminded us in his farewell essay, “The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society.” With that in mind, we encourage everyone to register and vote.

The OLL Nonviolence Ministry is a group that focuses on raising awareness, educating and informing parishioners and the community about nonviolence, including church teaching on specific areas, the practice of nonviolence, and awareness of violence in the community, including the current issues of racism and inclusion.

The Nonviolence Ministry celebrates the International Day of Peace (or World Peace Day) annually with many others around the world on September 21. The International Day of Peace is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. At a time when war and violence often monopolize our news cycles, the International Day of Peace is an inspiring reminder of what we can create together. Peace. Let's give it a chance!

If you are interested in joining the OLL Nonviolence Ministry, please call the parish office at 216-486-0850.



The Nonviolence Group at the Rally for Change in Euclid.

## OLL Car Parade Cheers Parishioners



OLL Parishioners waving to staff in car parade!

by Beverly Caldwell

So the OLL Car parade got split into three different days - two in August and one in September. As Melissa Gali-Bird, OLL Music Director and initiator of the parade said, “it is a wonderful way to show parishioners that we love them and are thinking of them!”

After calling parishioners, the staff realized that many parishioners, especially those who were stuck at home due to

their age or risk, were lonely and needed some cheer. Due to Covid and the safety directives, Melissa came up with the idea of a car parade! Sometimes, folks just have to see your face! So the car parade that contained a row of cars decorated with slogans such as “We Love Our Parishioners!” and “We Miss You!” rolled through the church neighborhood beeping horns and yelling Hello's to anyone who could hear!

## Students Go Back to School Virtually



A mask and schedule to start the year off.



Chrome books and devices for each student.



Greeting students at drop in day!

by Beverly Caldwell

Welcome Back!

To begin this school year, Our Lady of the Lake School will begin its instruction completely remote due to the recommendation made by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. On Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27 we were excited to welcome our Falcons back to school for our drop-in days. During these two days students and families met with teachers and picked up devices and textbooks to begin remote learning at home. We have truly missed our school community! Even though we continued to practice social distancing, it still felt good to see all of our students in person.

Students and families saw many safety changes to our building. Some of

these changes included the installation of hand sanitizing stations, additional soap dispensers in bathrooms, and the installation of teacher and student shields for desks. Each student was also given an Our Lady of the Lake mask.

Our remote learning format officially began on August 31. Students in grades 3-8 have live classes scheduled throughout the day, while our younger learners have a scheduled morning meeting, pre-recorded lessons, and individual scheduled Zoom sessions.

We are excited to begin this school year and are hopeful for a quick return to in-person learning. We will continue to monitor our community spread and adhere to recommendations set forth by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

First Day of School August 28

## Welcome Back OLL Students!

by Jenny Millett

The first day of school at Our Lady of the Lake is August 28 – and this year is different because school will begin virtually. Still, we can't wait to meet new friends, and see our old friends again. It will be a different kind of classroom as it will be remote, but we are eager to see everyone's smiling faces again!



St. John Nottingham Lutheran School exists to equip the children of the Greater Cleveland and surrounding area with integrity, creativity, academics, compassion, and spiritual maturity in a diverse, interconnected, and ever-changing world.

## SJN Goes All Out On In-School Precautions



by David Peck

As we get ready for the imminent start of our school year on September 9th, one main concern (beyond our Lord and Savior, of course) is what MORE we can do to maximize the safety of our students and staff. SJN made the decision to offer on-campus instruction this year, and to allow those students who wished to attend school online. Not with work packets or with remote assignments, but actually attending the same classes as their on-campus peers, receiving the same instruction, and being responsible for the same assignments.

We are doing this by livestreaming our classes using Google Classroom. Students who are attending online get up in the morning at the same time they always did, dress in school dress code, and log in by 8:55 for attendance. From that point forward they are in class, attending school as normal. The only difference is that they are present via their computer rather than physically. The idea is to get the school day as normal as possible, to provide the student with a routine that is familiar, that FEELS like school. That routine, that sense of normalcy is incredibly important to our kids, and we feel that, as a school, we should be trying to get as close as possible to it.

Yes, all of our kids will be wearing masks. Yes, hand sanitizing stations will be everywhere. Yes, we have mapped out all the proper social distancing markers. Yes, we

have thought and thought and thought and rethought every policy and procedure possible. Yes, we have all of our ducks in a row and all of our contingency plans for almost ANYTHING that might happen in place. We've even arranged it so that for most assignments, no actual physical materials have to change hands either direction.

But what MORE can we be doing?

That question drives us. We made the decision to offer on-campus classes after a lot of prayerful consideration and a lot of communication with our families and the community to find out what they needed from us, so how can we make it as safe as possible?

Which brought us to the cubicle project. The brainchild of our senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Walther Marics, we are constructing, well, cubicles for our classrooms. Made out of PVC piping and plastic, each cubicle provides a safe, secure space where students are protected on all sides from possible exposure. Students will be able to be in the classroom, actively part of the lessons and activities, while still maintaining maximum safety precautions.

This is a trying time for all of us. SJN is here to help. We still have room in our 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades if you are looking for a small, Christ-centered education from a school that cares, a school that listens to you, a school where the needs of the child come first.



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## Principal's Welcome



by David Peck

St. John Nottingham Lutheran School is a special place. Founded in 1892 in what was then the tiny little village of Nottingham, Ohio, the Lord has blessed us with 125 continuous years of educational ministry in North East Ohio! I first came to SJN as a wet-behind-the-ears teacher 17 years ago, and this is more than just a school to me. It's where I really learned to be a teacher. Oh, I learned the theory and the philosophy and the techniques up at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, but it was here, in the classrooms of St John Nottingham that I learned how to teach, that I learned how to put students first, that I learned how to faithfully and carefully cultivate education in each individual student, regardless of what level they might be on. It's where I learned how to roll up my sleeves and get to work serving the Lord and His children. SJN is my home.

I take my role now as Principal very, very seriously. My job is to make sure that every teacher has the resources, support, and training they need to do their job, and that every student likewise has the resources, support, and opportunities to grow, learn, and excel. When you send your child to SJN, you can be absolutely confident that every moment of my, and my staff's time, here at school will be dedicated to just that. (And quite a bit of their time at home, too! Teaching is not a 9-to-5 job, and that's another thing I learned at SJN.)

We have truly been blessed here at St. John Nottingham, and I encourage you to come and visit us and see what 125 years of dedicated Christian education looks like up close. Call us at the office and set up an appointment for a tour! (216-531-8204) But hurry, classes are filling up even as you read this!

Serving you in His name,  
David T. Peck, Principal

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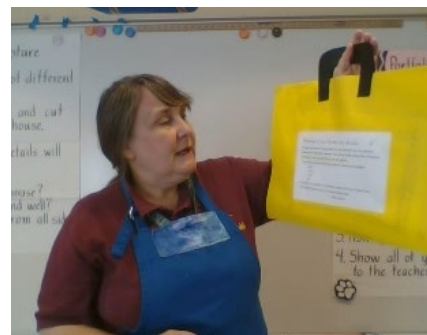
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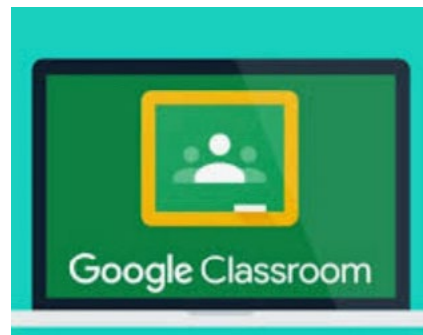
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## Virtual Learning

We are using Google Classroom this year and are excited for the start our year of virtual learning!



Mrs. Heston is working from the virtual art studio and explaining the art portfolio that each student has received!



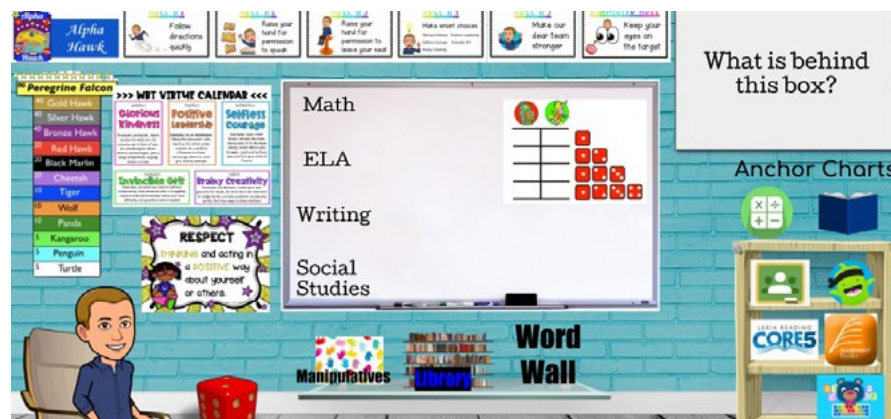
Google classroom will be our learning platform this year! Let's go!



Mrs. Jenkins explains to her students how to use important features in their virtual classroom!



Ms. Hoy welcomes the students to her classroom to start their morning routines!



Mr. W and many teachers at the school have created Virtual Bitmoji classrooms for students to quickly go to important links and resources!

## Chromebook Pickup and Virtual Open House!



Time to meet your teacher and hear all about the classroom!




Art Portfolios are ready for pickup!



Drive through pick-up of materials included Chromebooks and workbooks for a great start to the year!

Teachers from Imagine Bella were excited to see families in August to provide Chromebooks, workbooks, and school supplies for a successful start to the year!


Teachers met one on one with students and parents in virtual open house meetings. We are so excited to start the new year.



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## Another Blast From the Past



This lady is always smiling, wether she's helping out in the office, decorating the church, or leading the Rosary, Barb always has a cheerful look.



Multiple generations of Prendergasts have been and still are part of our St. Jerome family!



Sr. Irene tutored at St. Jerome School for many years. Here she visits with Fr. Wish's sister Maggie.



Grandma Sue and daddy, Mike, brought little Miss Mary to her first clam bake.

## Creating a Positive Learning Environment for your Child at Home



by Phil Dank

An appreciation for learning begins at home. One idea which may encourage success is by creating an environment in your home conducive to learning. Creating a quiet, well-supplied area for your child to study may help him or her make better use of time spent doing class assignments.

There could be helpful when the assignment asks for students to produce a poster or other creative project.

### Set the Right Mood

Atmosphere can be just as important as the proper supplies, making the student feel comfortable and productive. Try not to have your child near a TV or video game area. You want to eliminate as many distractions as possible so your child can focus on learning. Other suggestions for creating atmosphere include making sure that the area is well lit and has enough room for the student's supplies. They should be able to spread out their materials without feeling cramped.

### Brain Food

Frequent break times with a drink or a snack may be helpful. Many students can become uninterested if they are concentrating on the rumbling in their stomachs instead of their assignments. Generally, try to make sure these snacks are finger foods that aren't too messy. For instance, you could provide fresh vegetables and a dip. It is a good idea to avoid sugary or other unhealthy snacks. The snacks should not be a distraction.

### Take Inventory

What kind of materials will be necessary for the sessions? Some teachers may want their students to be able to learn how to use online sources like online dictionaries, thesauri, and encyclopedias. Ask your child's teacher what they will need besides computers or electrical devices. Some class assignments may not require any type of Internet access, however other supplies may be necessary. For instance, scratch paper may be needed if your child is completing math equations. Also, try to have most common school supplies available. Supplies such as pencils, erasers and plenty of lined notebook paper. Ask the classroom teacher about specific assignments to see if they will need art supplies or other materials.



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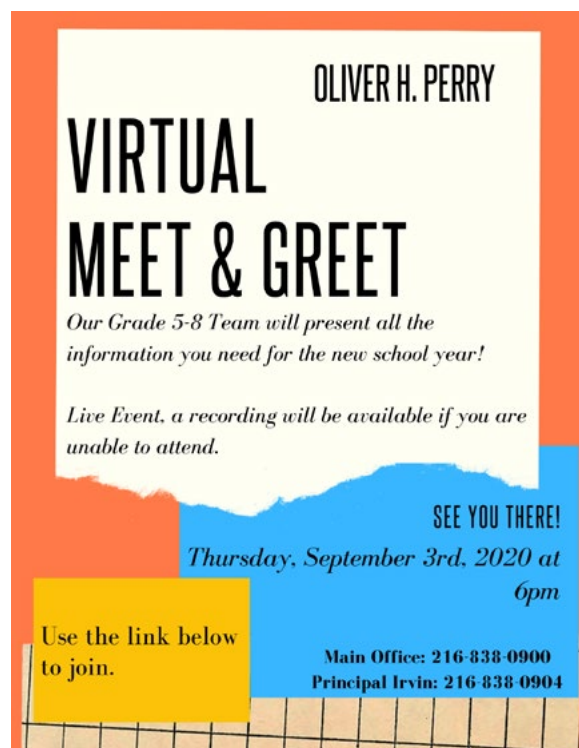
This lady is always smiling, wether she's helping out in the office, decorating the church, or leading the Rosary, Barb always has a cheerful look.

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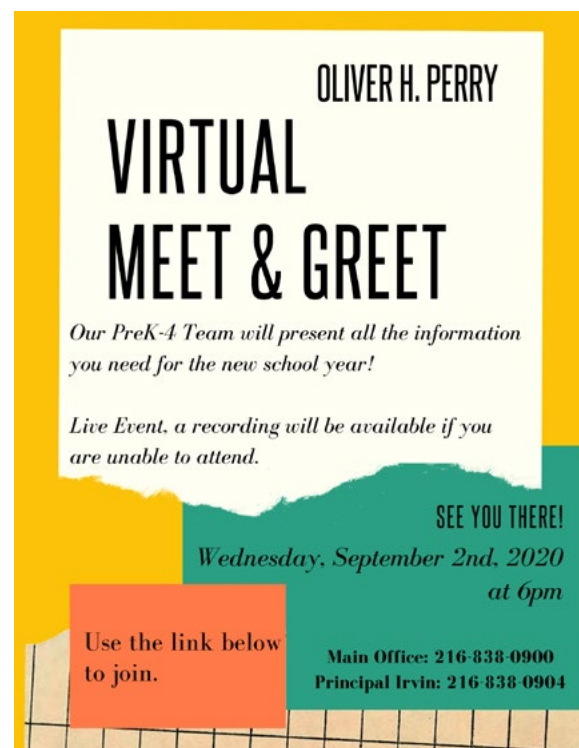
# SCHOOL NEWS

## Save the Date! Meet & Greet for Grades 5-8



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## Partners in Education: School Quality Ambassador Training Launches in Cleveland



by Pam Turos  
MetroHealth. Centers for Families and Children. United Way of Greater Cleveland. Cleveland Public Library. Cleveland Rape Crisis Center. Esperanza, Inc. Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Murtis Taylor

What do all of these nonprofit organizations have in common? Aside from being allies in the effort to support Cleveland families and children, they also represent the first group of local partners with staff and/or volunteers who have completed the recently launched Cleveland Transformation Alliance (CTA) Ambassador Training Program.

Currently a virtual workshop, the Ambassador Training Program is led by program coordinator Eli Stacy with the goal of building a diverse community of school

choice advocates for Cleveland students and families.

Eventually, Cleveland Transformation Alliance plans to expand the program to include parents and other community members, such as PTA volunteers, etc. Anyone can be an advocate for quality schools and school choice, especially in Cleveland, where city leadership has committed to building a portfolio of high-quality public schools, both district and charter, to meet the needs of every student and neighborhood.

"I'm really excited about this work," says Stacy, noting that in the short time he's been doing the training (since July 2020) he already sees a shift in community and family awareness that CTA is a place where parents can reach out for advocacy, information and support.

His favorite part of the training is being

able to familiarize participants with the 3 primary tools that Cleveland Transformation Alliance uses to empower families:

The Cleveland School Quality Guide (available in print and online) annually with detailed information about all public, district and approved charter schools in Cleveland  
The School Finder Tool, an interactive online tool designed to help families navigate school choice options based on the factors that are most important to them  
The Family Resource Corner, which highlights resources and information to help families advocate for their children  
While the training itself takes between 30-90 minutes (depending on which version is completed) Transformation Alliance sees this as "just the beginning" of their relationship with those who complete the course. A self-paced, online training mod-

ule is available at no cost to any participant who wants to become an Ambassador and take the training independently.

"We want to know how to make all of our resources as useful as possible for families," notes Executive Director Meghann Marnecheck. And they also want trained Ambassadors to reach out for help if they have a student or family who needs additional support. "If it takes longer than 5-10 minutes to guide a family through the educational landscape," says Stacy "then please use the referral link" and CTA will assign a one-to-one navigator to follow up. "You are not alone in this work, this should be a supplement and resource to you, never a burden."

To learn more about the Ambassador Training program, contact [info@clevelandta.org](mailto:info@clevelandta.org).



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Collinwood K-8 Community Schools Reopen with Positive Changes



At East Academy, students physically distance using vinyl decals on the floor as visual reminders.

ACCEL Schools in Collinwood are reopening with new programming and leadership for the 2020-21 school year. East Academy and Lake Erie Preparatory School are tuition-free, public charter schools serving K-8 students.

Dr. Sheila L. Sherman joins East Academy as principal with over 25 years of experience. The staff has worked over the summer to brighten the campus and reopened on August 20th offering three learning options to families: Traditional (5 days at school), Online (5 days at home), and Hybrid. About one-third of students are attending traditionally and are observing strict safety guidelines outlined by the Ohio Dept. of Health such as daily temperature checks, wearing facemasks, frequent handwashing, bringing their own water bottle, and more.

Award-winning leadership standout Denecia Dillard returns as principal of Lake Erie Preparatory School, one of the top-performing schools in Cleveland for Value-Added gains (the amount of learning students accomplish in a single school year). Lake Erie Prep reopens on September 8th with an emphasis on social-emotional curriculum which will be taught as a new specialty subject and supports student wellness and empowerment in response to current events. Lake Erie Prep is reopening Online for the first nine weeks of school. Both schools are loaning Chromebooks to students and just announced an Internet Reimbursement Policy. "Grab & Go" breakfast and lunch will be free for pick-up as part of the National School Lunch Program.

## Media Alert ACCEL Schools

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MEDIA ALERT & INTERVIEW REQUEST

WHO: ACCEL SCHOOLS

WHAT: Ohio's largest charter community schools are excited to announce the opening of local schools in Cleveland, Akron, and Canton Ohio. In-person traditional classes are successfully being held at various locations throughout the area.

WHEN: Available for immediate interviews and tours of the schools which have opened for the new academic school year.

WHERE: Representatives from schools which have reopened in northeastern Ohio are standing by to discuss and show how the schools are operating under the new normal.

WHY: To join the local conversation on successfully teaching our students during the school year with COVID 19 restrictions.

DETAILS: See the attached media advisory and photos Media Contact: DAR Public Relations, Inc.

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ACCEL Schools Reopening 2020-21 School Year

ACCEL Schools are some of the only schools reopening with in-person learning options in Northeast Ohio this school year. With two schools opened this week and more next week, ACCEL Schools are also some of the first to reopen.

Families at these 21 tuition-free, public charter schools have the option to choose from Traditional (5 days at school), On-

line (5 days at home), or Hybrid (2 days at school & 3 days at home) learning options for the fall semester.

ACCEL Schools invites you to come and see what the new school year looks like at these K-12 schools.

Contact DAR Public Relations to book an interview today for schools that are in session:

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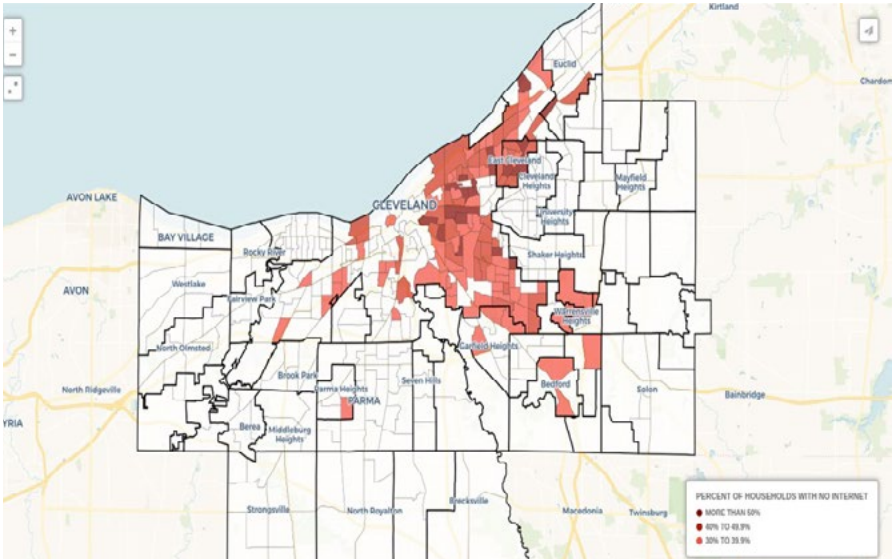
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Cleveland-area schools scramble to bridge the digital gap as the semester starts; will it be enough?



This map, provided by Cuyahoga County, shows the various Census tracts in the county layered with data from the 2017 American Community Survey on households' access to broadband.

by *Conor Morris*

With Cleveland Metropolitan School District soon returning to school in a remote-only format, the District is currently in a mad dash to prepare students, teachers and families for their first week of school with the COVID-19 pandemic still looming large.

The District has its work cut out for it. By some estimates, Cleveland is one of the worst-connected large cities in the country -- and school begins as early as next week for some students.

The COVID-19 pandemic in spring revealed a glaring divide: Two-thirds of students at the largest school district in the city, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, didn't have access to a device, and 40 percent of families didn't have Internet access at home, according to a survey of parents conducted by CMSD after schools shut down in Ohio last March and youngsters were forced to take online classes with their teachers.

To combat that, the district has purchased or ordered a total of about 27,000 laptops and tablets and about 13,500 WiFi hotspots (for a school district with an enrollment of about 40,000 students) as many Northeast Ohio schools, including CMSD, chose to return to remote classes for the fall because of the pandemic. That's come at significant expense. The district has paid about \$11 million for the devices and \$3 million for the hotspots and one year worth of data, funded through a mix of school funds, federal CARES Act money and grants, according to a CMSD spokesperson.

By the time the district's remote-only classes begin this month (for some schools, it's next week, for others, it's Sept. 8), CMSD CEO Eric Gordon said the district will be close to a "one-to-one environment," with one device for every student that needs one. It's an immediate solution, but not a perfect one; teachers and student families need to be trained on using the technology, and once these families no longer have a CMSD student, they'll need to give the equipment back.

School districts across the country are racing to achieve similar results as school reopens for the fall. Chicago Public Schools, for example, recently announced a \$50 million program to bring free Internet access to 100,000 CPS students over the next four years (funded by the likes of philanthropists and Michelle and Barack Obama).

Meanwhile, in Greater Cleveland, Cuyahoga County and the Cleveland Foundation recently announced a \$4 million

program, in partnership with T-Mobile, to provide 10,000 computers and 7,500 WiFi hotspots to student families.

Catherine Tkachyk, chief innovation officer for Cuyahoga County, said the hotspots and devices are being rolled out to families in school districts across the Greater Cleveland area currently, through distribution events coordinated between the nonprofit PCs for People and the school districts themselves.

### Challenges facing school districts

Gordon with CMSD said it's important to keep in mind that Cleveland's issues with Internet access are not limited to the realm of K-12 education.

"When we shut down in Ohio, we told people, 'go home, stay at home, apply for unemployment online, apply for jobs online, go to school online, go to your doctor online,'" Gordon explained. "We need to broaden this conversation.... This is not (just) a school problem, this is a problem of the Internet not being a public utility in this country."

If the Internet were treated like a utility like water or electricity -- funded by taxes and protected by further regulations -- there wouldn't be such a problem with a lack of access, advocates like Gordon argue.

Access to free Internet would be a game changer for many CMSD families, including those on a fixed income like Marsha Howard, 71. She's the sole caregiver for her grandson, who is an incoming fourth-grader at a CMSD school. She said she was not sure how well her grandson will do with remote-only learning for an extended period of time, especially considering the fact that he has a IEP (Individualized Education Plan) because of his learning retention issues. Plus, the laptop she and her grandson received from the district last spring was old and didn't have the functionality to accomplish some of the tasks teachers asked them to do, she said.

"I don't really see him doing very well without the help that the IEP is supposed to give him," Howard said.

She noted that her grandson was meeting with a special education instructor a few times a week, which will now need to be done remotely.

"There are some kids that are just really really into computers and the internet and whatever, he's a more hands-on... type of person," Howard said. "He likes to put things together, likes to figure things out with his hands."

Gordon, CEO of the Cleveland schools, said that his district provided 1,300 cam-



Dorothy Baunach, CEO of DigitalC, shows off a receiver device that the Cleveland-based nonprofit uses to provide high-speed Internet to residences throughout the city that typically lack Internet access. DigitalC is attempting to get 1,000 Cleveland Metropolitan School District families hooked up with free Internet services before the school year starts. Photo by Conor Morris.

eras to its intervention specialists to allow them to work remotely with children with IEPs, invested in tele-therapy systems, and is giving specific training to teachers to further the goal of being able to help students with IEPs remotely. He also said there's also a help desk accessible over the phone or in-person to help parents with technological problems.

Howard also said that she was never offered a WiFi hotspot from the district, despite her lack of income. Gordon said that was likely because families who already had Internet access weren't offered hotspots, in order to triage those with the greatest need (Howard is paying for Internet already).

"We have a week planned for family-student parent-teacher conferences where we'll be creating a care plan for each family, assessing their technology needs both for devices and access to high-speed Internet," Gordon explained.

### A new model to bridge the digital divide

Bearing these challenges in mind, CMSD has become an "anchor" for an innovative project that could provide a long-term solution for Cleveland's digital divide.

Announced earlier this year, CMSD will pay Cleveland nonprofit DigitalC to extend high-speed Internet services to thousands of CMSD families, targeting parts of the city where the digital divide is the worst - neighborhoods like Hough and Fairfax, for example.

The first goal, according to DigitalC CEO Dorothy Baunach, is to bring Internet services through an innovative fixed-wireless system to 1,000 CMSD households before the school year starts (which will be paid for by CMSD while families have CMSD students in the household).

However, DigitalC has its work cut out for it as the school year rapidly approaches. DigitalC spokesperson Jim Kenny said that as of Friday (Aug. 14), only 252 CMSD student households out of 1,000 were signed up for Internet services through EmpowerCLE. What's more, DigitalC and CMSD are still working on launching a fundraising campaign to build-out the full network, an initiative that will cost at least \$36 million.

The mid-term goal is for 8,400 additional households to be connected by June 2021, with an eventual goal of connecting any remaining families who need the Internet by the 2022-2023 school year (potentially about 16,000-17,000 households).

"To get to those 16,000 households, the capacity of the full network will actually be around 27,000 households," Baunach explained, noting that DigitalC will be able

to serve non-student homes as well. "... When the technology is headed into the neighborhood it doesn't know who lives in the houses, it just knows if you can reach it or not."

Angela Siefer, executive director with the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA), a nonprofit advocating for broadband access based in Columbus, said the main digital barrier that families face in Cleveland is the relative expense of Internet services, rather than a lack of infrastructure built to access those services.

"Poverty tracks closely with broadband adoption," she said.

But why is DigitalC, CMSD's partner, in a unique position to bridge that divide, in a city that was listed by the NDIA in 2017 as the fifth worst-connected city in the country, with almost 27 percent of all households with no Internet access?

For one, Siefer says, DigitalC's EmpowerCLE initiative is focused solely on providing low-cost Internet access through a not-for-profit model. For CMSD families, it's free. For non-CMSD families, the cost will be a little less than \$20 per month with tax, DigitalC's Baunach said. The average cost of high-speed Internet is about \$60 a month.

The other important thing that DigitalC has going for it is access to fiber that's already in the ground, Siefer said, through a previous partnership with fiber company Everstream. That fiber is newer than much of the fiber that runs underneath Cleveland's streets, which is at least 25 or more years old and will eventually need to be replaced. Typically, it's very expensive and intrusive to add new fiber, requiring digging up streets, and is typically done by the broadband companies themselves. If there's no financial incentive to build new fiber or fix old fiber, it won't get done, Siefer said.

"There's lots of places that wish they could have a DigitalC, or be a DigitalC" for that very reason, Siefer said.

Baunach said DigitalC started its EmpowerCLE initiative, to "connect the unconnected," back in 2016, and completed its first major project in 2018: Hooking up 550 families in three different Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority buildings with Internet services subsidized by CMHA, giving residents access to \$10 per-month Internet. DigitalC has spent the time since expanding its mesh fixed-wireless system, which requires affixing signal transmitters to tall buildings in order to send signals to specific neighborhoods.

There are also physical barriers for the

technology used by DigitalC, with Cleveland's dense tree canopy blocking signals. To solve that problem, the nonprofit is utilizing new technology from the Jerusalem-based company, Siklu, to build connection points at the street level. But that network is still being built out in neighborhoods across the city.

### County has its own short-term fix

While DigitalC is scrambling to expand its network and get families signed up for services, the nonprofit PCs for People, with a branch in Cleveland, is similarly hustling to get devices out to local K-12 families.

PCs for People is the lead partner in the County's effort to provide 10,000 laptops and other devices to non-CMSD schools.

Bryan Mauk, executive director for PCs for People, said that it's a tall order to get that many devices out to students before school starts, especially with plenty of other school systems across the country seeking as many devices as possible. Before the pandemic, the nonprofit would distribute 100-200 computers a month at low cost, \$30 for a desktop and \$50 for a laptop; when schools pivoted to online-only last spring, PCs for People started pushing out about 1,000 to 2,000 computers a month. Now, it's an all-out scramble to get as many computers out as possible, Mauk said. The nonprofit is currently accepting donations of old computers and laptops, especially from the business community. Anyone interested can call 216-600-0014 or email [cleveland@pcsforpeople.org](mailto:cleveland@pcsforpeople.org).

Mauk said that while the county's initiative will cover two of the most immediate needs -- providing devices and hotspots -- there's a key third need.

"So, there's the device and the connection, but then the third part is the ongoing support," Mauk said. "The other thing that we offer is all of our stuff has got a one-year warranty on it, that's three free repairs. We also offer digital literacy classes each week here."

Ashbury Senior Community Computer Center, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and the libraries also have their own digital literacy classes, Mauk added.

Catherine Tkachyk, chief innovation and performance officer for Cuyahoga County, said she knows that the digital divide will persist even despite the current effort.

"These two years give us some runway to try to solve that problem that's community-wide," she said. "...A long-term, sustainable solution, that's really what we want to do. The digital divide didn't show up with the pandemic and it'll be there after the pandemic if we don't make an effort as a community to change it."

### Chicago tries its own hand; what will the future hold?

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is in the midst of a similar push to get students connected to free Internet services as fast as possible before school gets under way in what is likely the largest such effort currently under way in the country. According to a news release, more than 100,000

students at CPS (out of 356,000 students) don't have access to high-speed Internet; the "Chicago Connected" program, announced last month, aims to change that.

Phillip DiBartolo, chief information officer for CPS, said the program involves the school district negotiating cheap monthly rates for Internet services from traditional broadband providers for student families, while providing wireless hotspots for students in transitory living situations and those that don't have access to traditional wired services. Those services will be provided free for the next four years.

Hal Woods, with the nonprofit Kids First Chicago, said the program is unique because it has 35 community partners (including Kids First) to help the school district reach families, to do digital literacy education for adults in those families, and to provide workforce training and other opportunities to those adults.

"This is not just about us providing Internet connectivity. It's also very much geared to ensure adults in those households are trained on how to use the Internet effectively," Woods said.

Daniel Anello, CEO of Kids First Chicago, said so far, it's likely that only a few thousand families have been connected through that effort, but that's mostly before most community partners have started outreach.

Siefer, with the NDIA who is familiar with Chicago's program, and said one important takeaway from Chicago Connected is the use of trusted community partners

-- organizations that people already know -- to let people know that free Internet service is available.

"If you're told that, 'look, there's this free Internet, it's for you'... a lot of folks are going to be like, 'this is a scam,'" Siefer explained.

Back in Cleveland, DigitalC is using former CMSD students to perform some of that outreach work as "brand ambassadors," trying to get the word out to families about DigitalC's Internet services, Baunach said. They'll be going door-to-door and trying to engage with CMSD families via social media, as well.

Baunach said it's unfortunate that it's taken a pandemic to get people energized around the topic of expanding broadband access. Still, she's hopeful for the future.

"Everybody now recognizes this problem; we don't have to tell people the 'why' anymore, we just have to say, 'we think we know how,'" she said. "And we pretty much believe we're the ones on the ground and prepared to do this."

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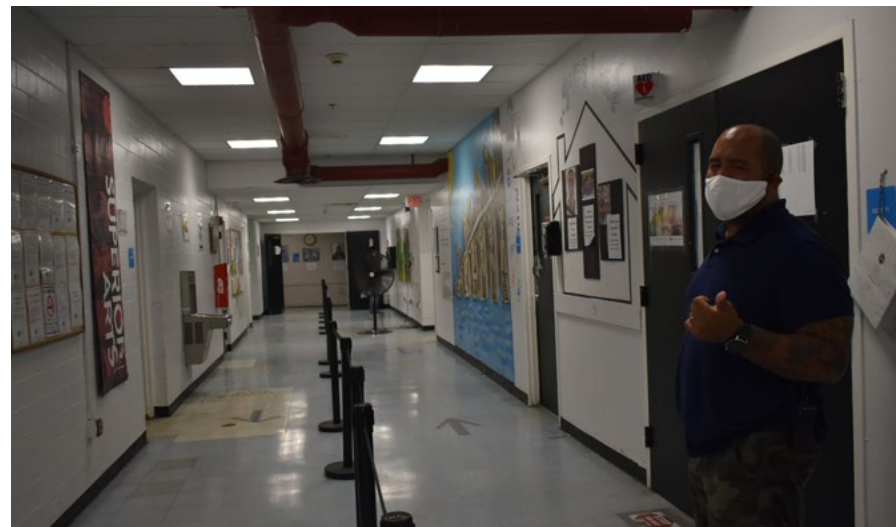
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# COVID

## NE Ohio shelters put measures in place to protect residents; how effective are they?



David Blunt, director of operations at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's men's shelter, shows how the hallways are demarcated into two lanes to reduce contact between people walking through the shelter. Photo by Conor Morris.



The outside of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's men's shelter at 2100 Lakeside Avenue in Cleveland. Photo by Conor Morris.

by *Conor Morris*

It's a hot Friday morning at 2100 Lakeside Avenue as director of operations David Blunt walks out into the yard of the homeless shelter for men in central Cleveland.

He eyes some residents hanging out at a table, watching TV and talking, noticing something quickly.

"Hey fellas, put those masks on... put those masks on, gentlemen!" Blunt hollers.

Blunt said there's plenty of things the shelter, run by the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, has done to keep its residents safe during the COVID-19 pandemic: Mandatory temperature checks at the door; mandatory mask wearing (residents are given a mask if they don't have one); removing the top bunks from the beds in the shelter's congregant-living area, and reducing the shelter's capacity of roughly 400 beds by half.

But there's one key piece that was missing in the beginning of the pandemic, back

in March: Access to COVID-19 testing to make sure that the dangerous disease doesn't endanger the lives of the homeless staying in shelters.

Recognizing that major gap, in early May, workers with MetroHealth Systems – in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health – tested almost 1,100 people living and working in homeless and other shelters in the Cleveland area for COVID-19.

As of late July, they found that 33 people were positive for COVID-19 through that effort (about three percent), according to MetroHealth spokesperson Dorsena Drakendorf.

Compare these findings to a federal Centers for Disease Control study of homeless shelters in Boston, for example, where roughly 36 percent of homeless shelter residents and 30 percent of staff tested positive for COVID-19 at one point in time back in early April.



David Blunt, director of operations at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's men's shelter, sits at his desk at the homeless shelter at 2100 Lakeside Avenue in Cleveland. Photo by Conor Morris.

The low number of positive cases at the local shelters speaks partly to efforts to de-populate those shelters, according to Dr. Michael Seidman with MetroHealth. Residents at shelters across the Cleveland area have been placed into hotels in order to allow for more social distancing.

Dr. Seidman, an assistant professor with the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, led a team with MetroHealth in partnership with Cuyahoga County to provide the mass-testing to staff and residents at the various homeless- and congregant-living shelters around Cleveland, as well as to some non-shelter locations like homeless camps.

Dr. Seidman said that effort is important because these are groups of people who don't have health insurance, don't have easy access to health-care in general, and don't necessarily have the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19.

"One of the main things that we've done when our team has gone out to either screen or test is to be able to, face-to-face, answer some questions to the best of our ability, both shelter staff and clients," Dr. Seidman said.

Michael Sering, VP of housing and shelter with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, said that partnership with MetroHealth has evolved to the point that anybody new in the shelter is required to be tested, as well.

"They were able to test everybody at the shelter, so we were able to do one big mass testing just to get started," Sering said. "And then now they come a couple times a week and they test any of the people who are new to the shelter... when we have new people they would be designated to one area until they've been tested."

Bobby Watts, CEO of the nonprofit National Health Care for the Homeless Council, said there are several constants that all congregant-living shelters should be doing during the pandemic. The big three? Requiring residents to wear masks; spacing residents out; and cleaning constantly.

"The term that's come into use is to 'decompress' areas," Watts explained. "Decompress the cafeteria, the same with classrooms... basically, limit the amount of people that can be in there at one time. Some missions have... chapel service and instead of having everyone in the chapel at once, they may broadcast it to various parts of the building."

Back at 2100, even with attempts to reduce the number of people in the shelter, there's difficulty in achieving enough distance to keep residents separated from each other. The beds are "6 feet-ish" apart, said 2100's David Blunt, in large communal sleeping areas.

A recent study by the Cleveland Institute of Art found that in order to achieve an ideal balance of living space with adequate distance, the shelter would need to have a maximum of 120 residents. It's currently hovering at around 180, Sering said. The shelter will work to reduce the population further as time goes on, Sering added.

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## GCDC Hosts Community COVID-19 Testing at Five Pointe Community Center



by *Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff*  
Greater Collinwood Development Corporation hosted Community Covid-19 Testing August 12th in partnership with Aspinwall Church of God and MetroHealth. The

event provided over 50 Covid-19 tests to residents who had pre-registered and to those who walked up.

GCDC was onsite to provide masks, Census information, voter registration materials and upcoming dates for produce distribution at Five Pointe Community Center. In anticipation of the community Covid-19 testing, GCDC, Washington Wellness and volunteers distributed over 500 masks to the Collinwood community, door-to-door.

For more information about upcoming Covid-19 testing dates and sites, please visit the Cuyahoga County Board of Health Community Covid-19 Testing website and stay tuned for further announcements.

## As more people need help due to COVID-19, Legal Aid continues to expand

by *Danilo Powell-Lima*

The economic impact of COVID-19 caused more people to become eligible for free legal assistance from The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. As a result, Legal Aid is taking on an increased number of cases, especially in the areas of housing law and employment law. Already, compared to the same time last year, the organization has seen a 25% increase in landlord-tenant cases and a 46% increase in work-related issues such as unemployment.

Legal Aid is open and available to both new and returning clients, offering online intake 24/7 and phone intake during certain business hours. Hundreds have already benefitted from Legal Aid's assistance and representation during the pandemic.

One person Legal Aid assisted recently is Melissa Benjamin (name changed to protect privacy). Melissa lives with her husband and their three children. She worked as a Lyft driver to make ends meet, but lost her income when Ohio's "stay at home" order took effect in March. Unable to make the family's mortgage payments, Melissa contacted Legal Aid. Her attorney knew that the CARES Act prevented banks from filing new foreclosures, so she submitted a

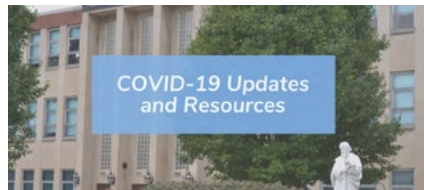
forbearance request, which was quickly approved. Thanks to Legal Aid's intervention, the Benjamin family is safe in their home as their payments are deferred, giving them time to save.

Anyone struggling with a legal issue that threatens a basic need such as shelter, income, health, safety, or access to education should contact Legal Aid. A toll-free phone line, 888-817-3777, is available from Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and 9:00am to 2:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To apply for help through online in-take, available 24/7, visit [lasclv.org/contact/](https://lasclv.org/contact/).

For renters with questions about Ohio housing law and their rights, Legal Aid's Tenant Information Line is available. Cuyahoga County tenants can call 216-861-5955. Ashtabula, Lake, Geauga and Lorain County tenants, call 440-210-4533.

If you are working or are recently unemployed, call Legal Aid's Worker Information Line for answers to work-related questions. Leave a message at any time, and a specialist from Legal Aid will return your call within 1-2 business days, between 9:00am and 5:00pm. All Legal Aid services are free of charge.

## Updates regarding VASJ and COVID-19



by *Kristen Mott*

The health and safety of our VASJ students and families is our top priority. Our administration has been hard at work creating a plan for a safe and responsible reopening of the school.

With new information coming out every

day regarding COVID-19, we know this can be an overwhelming time. We've created a resource center on our website to make it as easy as possible for our students and parents to get the information they need. Check it out at [vasj.com/covid-19-updates](https://vasj.com/covid-19-updates).

We'll continue to add information to the resource page in the coming days and weeks, so please check back there frequently for updates. We'll also continue to share information with our community via email and the school's social media platforms.

We ask for your prayers and support as we navigate these uncharted waters.

## 2020 Census And You

by *Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff*

Taking the US Census has never been easier, faster or more secure than it is today. Offered in 59 languages, 13 offered online, the US Census is an important count of every person living in all 50 states, D.C. and five US territories.

The Census helps to paint a picture of our nation and determines how government resources are allocated locally. The US Census not only impacts Ohio and Cleveland; it impacts Collinwood.

More than \$675 billion in federal funding will be spent according to US Census response, for schools, roads and other public services for communities across the nation. The Census also determines where congressional districts are drawn and the number of seats Ohio will have in Con-

gress, as well as representation in US government at all levels.

Occurring once every 10 years, the US Census provides residents of Collinwood an opportunity to be heard. Results from the Census have a lasting impact on communities. It is important that head-of-households count every person of all ages in the home as of April 1, children and those recently moved included. Your personal information on the Census is confidential, and federal law protects your responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics and legally cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

For more information about how your response is counted, please visit Complete Count CLE - What Is The Census? To complete the 2020 Census online, please visit <https://my2020census.gov/> or call 844-330-2020.

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# COVID

## GCDC To Host PPE Distribution

by *Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff*

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation and Washington Wellness Institute will host a PPE distribution, Saturday September 5th, 11:00AM - 3:00PM. The distribution event will be held at Five Points Plaza at 1010 E. 152nd Street.

GCDC and Washington Wellness staff will be onsite to distribute masks, hygiene

products and PPE supplies, as well as providing voter registration and absentee ballot applications. They will also assist residents in taking the 2020 Census right at the event.

Pre-registration is not required. Social distancing will be required and face masks will be provided. For more information, please contact Kristian Hunter or Krystal Sierra at 216-268-2138.

## Tri-C Metro Campus Sets COVID-19 Testing Dates



by *John Horton*

Drive-thru and walk-up COVID-19 testing will be offered at the Metropolitan Campus of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C\*) during fall semester through a partnership with Care Alliance Health Center.

Testing began at the end of August and will be offered on three more Thursdays — Sept. 24, Oct. 22 and Nov. 19 — for Tri-C students, faculty and staff, as well as community residents. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The program offers testing to individuals regardless of their symptom status, insur-

ance status or ability to pay. Individuals will not be charged for the test.

No appointment is necessary, though individuals are asked to call 216-317-1250 to get pre-screened to expedite the process. Testing will be done on a first-come, first-served basis.

Metro Campus is located at 2900 Community College Ave. in Cleveland.

Testing will also be offered at three other Tri-C sites — Eastern Campus in Highland Hills, Western Campus in Parma and Westshore Campus in Westlake. Visit [tri-c.edu/covidtest](https://tri-c.edu/covidtest) for more information.

Individuals can also call to schedule testing appointments at the Care Alliance Central Clinic, located at 2916 Central Ave. in Cleveland.

Care Alliance is a nonprofit, federally qualified community health center providing comprehensive primary and preventative medical services to residents regardless of their ability to pay. It serves more than 16,000 Clevelanders each year.

## Save The Date With Collinwood Counts!

by *Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff*

Collinwood Counts, a new voter and Census engagement initiative from Greater Collinwood Development Corporation, is gearing up to launch a series of pop-up events to provide information about the importance of civic engagement, registering to vote and responding to the 2020 Census. The initiative and events aim to assist residents of Collinwood in taking the 2020 Census, registering to vote and applying for absentee ballots.

The following are important dates to remember:

SEPT 5 - COLLINWOOD COUNTS PPE DISTRO AT FIVE POINTS PLAZA  
SEPT 22 - VOTER EDUCATION DAY  
SEPT 22 - COLLINWOOD COUNTS PARADE  
OCT 5 - VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

OCT 6 - ABSENTEE/ EARLY VOTING BEGINS  
OCT 31 - DEADLINE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION  
OCT 31 - DEADLINE FOR TAKING THE 2020 CENSUS  
NOV 2 - DEADLINE FOR ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING  
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Stay tuned for more information about Collinwood Counts and how you can get involved by following GCDC Facebook page or by contacting Kristian Hunter, GCDC Community Engagement Manager, at [khunter@greatercollinwood.org](mailto:khunter@greatercollinwood.org).

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## Councilwoman Cheryl Stephens Champions Support for Greater Cleveland Food Bank



by Pam Turos

One of the ways Cuyahoga County Councilwoman Cheryl Stephens has always kept in touch with her constituents is by getting to know the people and organizations that serve them. Since early 2019, this has included monthly volunteer visits and an ongoing relationship with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank in Collinwood.

Each month, Stephens looked forward to working alongside other volunteers and staff, getting to know people and listening to their perspectives and concerns. Prior to COVID-19, the food bank annually served 350,000 of our community's most vulnerable residents including seniors, children and individuals with health issues — this number has increased exponentially since mid-March when the first drive through food pantry took place as shut-downs and school closures began to affect working families.

Stephens recalls that the food bank staff expected 500-600 families would be served within a two hour period of time, already a significant increase from their usual monthly distribution to 300 families. Instead, cars lined up for over a mile and volunteers spent 4.5 hours placing non-perishable food boxes and produce into the trunks of over 1,300 families. The warehouse service staging area was virtually empty by the time the last car pulled out of the driveway, and this is an image that has stayed with Stephens for nearly 6 months.

Last week the drive through pantry served 2,300 families. "What do you need from the County?" Stephens asked Greater

Cleveland Food Bank president Kristin Warzocha last March, knowing the compounding effects of food insecurity on a community in crisis. Within days, Warzocha provided detailed information about the expected needs of their organization and Stephens immediately asked County Council and County Executive Armond Budish to support emergency legislation that would designate \$200,000 to the Food Bank.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support provided by our partners at Cuyahoga County, in large part thanks to the tireless advocacy of Councilwoman Cheryl Stephens," said Kimberly LoVano, Director of Advocacy & Public Education at the food bank. "The support provided by the County, in the form of CARES Act dollars, will allow us to respond to the unprecedented demand and put a dent in the growing level of food insecurity among children."

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank partners with more than 1,000 programs and agencies in Northeast Ohio. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, or would like to support the food bank, you can visit [greaterclevelandfoodbank.org](http://greaterclevelandfoodbank.org) where there is an interactive map of food pantry and hot meal sites. You can also call the Help Center, Monday – Friday from 7am – 6pm, at 216.738.2067 for information about food assistance.

To reach out to Councilwoman Cheryl Stephens directly, you can email [clstephens@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:clstephens@cuyahogacounty.us) or call (216) 698-2022.

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S.Y.O.B. done strategically, fits 20 items a bag

by Greater Collinwood Development

Corporation Staff

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation and Dress For Success Cleveland will be hosting a sidewalk sale of professional work attire, Saturday September 19th, from 11AM - 2PM. The sidewalk sale is one of three DFSC inventory clearance sales hosted in Cleveland.

Shoppers will pre-register for the sidewalk sale here. Social distancing and masks will be required. Shoppers will fill their own bags from a selection of 15 racks at \$20/first bag, \$10/each additional bag, \$10/coats and prom dresses.

To register for the DFSC sidewalk sale, please visit this form or contact Krystal Sierra, GCDC Economic Development Specialist, to register by phone at 216-268-2138.

## Grow, Eat, Learn: Collinwood Friends Garden Brings Fresh Food to the Fore



by Kate Bigam Kaput - Originally published on WISHcleveland.com

Brittany Quinn didn't eat a lot of fresh veggies growing up. "My mom has always planted beautiful flower gardens and enjoys being active outside," she says, "but growing up, it was always canned vegetables with dinner. It wasn't until I moved out that I really started having fresh vegetables and an eventual interest in eating cleaner."

Still, she couldn't have imagined where her life's path would take her: "I never thought back then that I'd be running a community garden!" says Quinn, 33. By day, she's an arts educator at Cleveland School of the Arts, but for nearly a decade, she's also been operating the Collinwood Friends Garden, which she co-founded in 2011 with friends.

While doing research for a Cleveland State class on community gardening, Quinn reached out to her local community development corporation to learn more—and was surprised to be invited to serve as a garden leader for a plot of vacant land on East 156th Street, in the Collinwood neighborhood where she lived.

"Even though I had no clue what I was doing, I said, 'Sure, why not?'" she says. She reached out to two friends who also lived and worked in the area, and as the trio started brainstorming ideas for the space, Collinwood Friends Garden was born.

Their mission was to make the space pretty and usable, replete with free resources for anyone who wanted to use them. Each year, Collinwood Friends Garden receives free seeds and sprouts to share with their community via Summer Sprout, a community gardening program run by The Ohio State University Extension that provides soil testing, seeds, starter plants, educational outreach, and support to 157 participating gardens within the Cleveland city limits.

When it comes to additional supplies, Quinn and her fellow gardeners make it a point to buy local and small: flowers from Cavotta's Garden Center, lumber from Lakeland Lumber, soil from Setser's Yard Supply on Euclid Ave, and so on. "We do our best to keep our spending to the mom and pop places," she explains.

The garden occupies four vacant lots where abandoned apartment complexes once stood, and its community gardeners represent a diverse group of neighbors—young, old, Black, white, high- and low-income, male and female—who might not otherwise find opportunity or cause to come together. And in recent years, its founders have expanded the garden's mission to focus on education and job opportunities for local youth.

"I'm an art teacher, so that aspect is what happens naturally to me," Quinn says. Most of the garden's youth participants are her own students from Cleveland School of the Arts, some of whom live in the neighborhood while others commute from areas like Kinsman and Cleveland Heights. Their first garden project, back in 2013, involved learning about the importance of water conservation and studying the work of local rain barrel artist Linda Zolten Wood

before ultimately coming together to paint three 55-gallon rain barrels that are still in use in the garden today.

Co-founder Kayla Palmisano, a professional pastry chef, also combines the professional with the personal as she folds culinary education into her work with the garden. Young gardeners learn the basics of growing their own food and maintaining a public space for the community—and they learn how to prepare what they grow. "Chef Kayla," as she's affectionately called, provides students with free culinary lessons, then serves up a healthy lunch for both the kids and their families.

"I think adding the culinary aspect really changed things," Quinn says. "The kids are more excited about growing the vegetables when they know what to do with them." Quinn has benefited this aspect of the garden, too. Since taking classes with Chef Kayla, she's learned to better take control of her own health, motivating her to keep active and eat more healthfully.

Each year, student gardeners participate in Freshtoberfest, a youth cooking competition that brings in professional chefs to help students prepare delicious, creative dishes using ingredients grown in their own urban gardens. Last year, Collinwood Friends Garden's participants placed in each category, winning first place overall.

Some of the young gardeners aspire to become professional chefs, while other participants have gone on to pursue different careers inspired by their work with the garden. As Quinn points out, "The garden provides education and opportunities both in visual art and culinary art—and it really sticks with the kids."

One of her past students, who as a sixth grader, took part in the rain barrel project, now studies at the Cleveland Institute of Art and recently took part in the painting of the Black Lives Matter street mural in Cleveland. Another garden graduate is now majoring in environmental science and took on a leadership role at the garden this year.

"Watching the kids grow up and become young adults in the community is really rewarding," Quinn says. "It gives me a lot of hope."

And there's never been a more critical time for hope: Like so many other businesses and community projects, the Collinwood Friends Garden has been forced to adapt to the challenges of COVID-19, asking gardeners to follow CDC and state guidelines if they chose to continue visiting the garden. Rather than gathering in person, as usual, they've opted for online ordering for seeds and sprouts and have been making contactless deliveries.

While the garden has ceased in-person education with its students, Quinn and her fellow organizers continue to provide resources to teach youth about how to garden at home—including information about the WWI- and WWII-era trend of planting "victory gardens," which have seen a resurgence in the age of coronavirus.

Recently, with the support of a Neighborhood Connections grant, Quinn and Palmisano delivered culinary kits, complete with recipes and how-to videos, to 13 students' homes in the hopes of guiding them to successfully cook dinner for their families.

"It's definitely different from anything we've done in the past, but it's something," Quinn says. "I'm just glad we're able to keep this going."

## The Magic of DayGlo



by Amy Callahan

The Gallery at Waterloo Arts has been dark since March, when it closed down due to the pandemic, right before opening the annual DayGlo exhibit. In April there was a virtual preview of the show on Zoom and on September 4th, Waterloo Arts is excited to open the doors and let the public in to view the artwork in person. Those who are familiar with the event will remember the opening reception as a crowded and lively affair and not one of social distancing. While we love the energy of that celebration, we obviously cannot do it this year so instead we are providing a safe way for ev-

eryone to experience the Magic of DayGlo. As always, the gallery will be lit with black light and the artwork will be glowing. It is a unique experience that is delightful for all ages so bring the whole family.

This year's DayGlo exhibit honors the origin of the fluorescent paint company with a theme of Magic. It all started with a near fatal accident in the summer of 1933 when Robert Switzer, a pre-med student, fell at his summer job at H. J. Heinz Company in Berkeley California. With a fractured skull and severed optic nerve, it was necessary for Rob to convalesce in darkness for several months, where he was kept company

## GCDC, Famicos, Councilman Hairston Partner For Graffiti Heart Mural Installation At Euclid-Green



by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

GCDC, Famicos Foundation and Councilman Anthony Hairston partnered to bring Graffiti HeArt to Euclid-Green for a mural installation that celebrates the history and community of the Cleveland Ward 10 neighborhood. The mural, extending over 100 feet long and 12 feet at its highest, is located just east of Ivanhoe/ Belvoir on Euclid Avenue and can be seen at its fullest on the north side of the street.

GCDC, Famicos Foundation and Councilman Hairston sought community input for themes and images to be included in the mural. Among those included for visioning sessions were Euclid Park School and Ward 10 residents and stakeholders at Greater Faith Baptist Church and Five Pointe Community Center. Graffiti HeArt attended the visioning sessions to provide insight to the

mural project.

The Euclid-Green mural was installed August 8th - August 9th. Euclid-Green residents were encouraged to show their support by honking their horn or participating in the community portion of the wall. The mural, celebrating the history and future of Euclid-Green, includes images of Collinwood High School football helmet, Dugan Park water park, Chandler Cars, King Cole's Pizza, Black Lives Matter and an homage and quote from the late Congressman John R. Lewis.

The Euclid-Green mural project was made possible by generous funding from Neighborhood Connections, Cleveland City Council and Famicos Foundation. To view videos and photos of the mural installation, please visit GCDC and Graffiti HeArt on Facebook. [Info@waterlooarts.org](mailto:Info@waterlooarts.org) 216-692-9500

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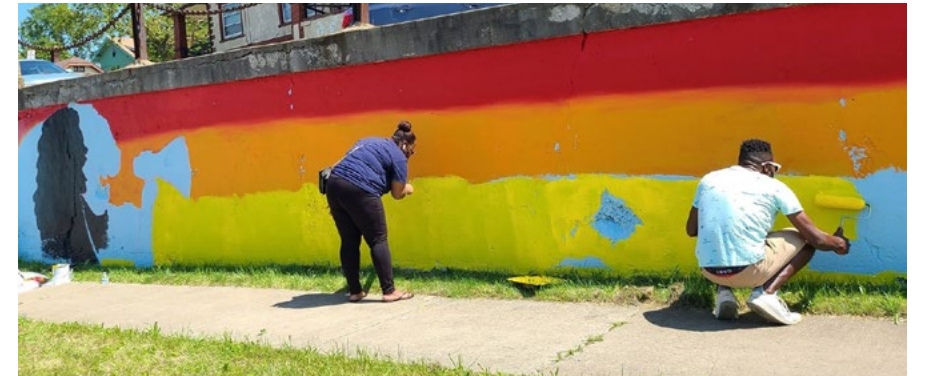
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by his younger brother Joseph, an amateur magician. Joe was working on a theatrical trick and needed something fluorescing to pull it off. The boys searched through the compounds in the family's pharmacy business and found naturally fluorescing compounds they then mixed with shellac to make the first fluorescent paint. The trick was a hit and the industrious boys opened a business the following year -selling paint to the public.

Looking for other applications, the Switzer brothers worked with San Francisco artist Delmar Gray to develop store displays and advertising, which caught the interest of Warner Bros Pictures and led to a meeting with Continental Lithograph, their advertising subsidiary in Cleveland. To demonstrate the application, the Switzers and Delmar Gray set up a fluorescent movie poster display in the lobby of Cleveland's Hippodrome Theater - the largest movie house in the country seating 4000 people. Continental was sold and they soon went into business together. With continued innovation the Switzer developed products for use in WWII, machine flaw detection substance, and then commercial packaging. In 1946, they founded Switzer Bros. (now DayGlo Color Corp) and later sold the company in 1985 using a portion of

the proceeds to create the Robert and Patricia Switzer Foundation, providing research fellowships to environmentalists.

To reserve free tickets for this year's event, visit [www.waterlooarts.org](http://www.waterlooarts.org). The gallery will be open to ten visitors at a time and if you don't have a ticket, you can come in as space allows. On the opening night, viewings are scheduled every 15 minutes and for the rest of the month they are 20 minutes each. Masks will be required in the gallery and while waiting in line and we ask that you keep 6 feet from others not in your household. It has been difficult not to see friends and family as often as we would like to but scheduling a visit with a group you haven't seen in a while could be a good way to spend some time together. On September 4th, there will also be exhibits at Photocentric Gallery, Praxis Fiber Workshop and Framed Gallery so you can enjoy a full evening of art out in the community. The Magic Of DayGlo will be in the gallery September 4 - 26, with viewing times on Thursdays & Fridays from 5-7 pm and Saturdays 12-4 pm. Waterloo Arts Gallery 15605 Waterloo Rd Cleveland, OH 44110 [Info@waterlooarts.org](mailto:Info@waterlooarts.org) 216-692-9500



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## David Simpson Hospice House Seeks Reception Desk Volunteers



Maryellen Dombek of Mayfield Hts. is one of many volunteers welcoming visitors.



Jacob McClellan of Cleveland Hts. enjoys helping out as a reception desk volunteer at David Simpson Hospice House.

by Laurie Henriksen

Are you looking for a way to give back to the community to make a positive difference? Hospice of the Western Reserve is seeking reception desk volunteers at David Simpson Hospice House, its hospice inpa-

ting the facility provide a safe and secure environment for patients, visitors and staff. During the pandemic, receptionists play an especially vital role, screening all visitors and taking temperatures. (Training for these procedures is provided.)

"Many of our volunteers find it especially meaningful to serve other families in this role because their loved ones had received hospice care here," said Lori Scotese, Volunteer Service Manager. "It's a way to give back to help others going through this difficult time. Their personal experiences and deep appreciation for our mission makes the experience very fulfilling for them."

Scotese said reception desk volunteers work three-hour shifts, so a variety of convenient time options are available to fit almost any schedule. The reception desk is staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. Social distancing, masking and stringent sanitization procedures are in place to ensure a safe environment.

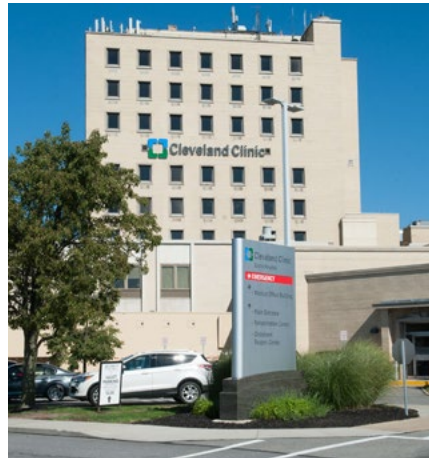
"If this sounds like a volunteer opportunity you may be interested in, we'd love to

hear from you," Scotese said. "The first step is to set up a virtual interview and complete an application. Hospice of the Western Reserve conducts a background check for all prospective volunteers and performs a required TB test at the agency's expense. Flu shots are also required.

Prospective volunteers are enrolled in virtual training classes where they learn more about Hospice of the Western Reserve's mission, the David Simpson Hospice House facility, their new role and the requirements of the position. Virtual volunteer training is offered once or twice a month and consists of four three-hour sessions. "We take the time to work with them to provide all the support and resources they need to do a great job," Scotese added.

For more information about becoming a reception desk volunteer at David Simpson Hospice House, contact the Volunteer Team at 216.255.9090, email volunteering@hospicewr.org, or go online at Hospicewr.org. Visit the volunteer page to fill out an application.

## Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital Receives Award for Stroke Care



by Ellie Westerburg

Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital received the American Heart Association/American

Stroke Association's (AHA/ASA) Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Silver Plus achievement award.

The award recognizes the hospital's continued success in using the AHA/ASA Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Program. The program promotes following established guidelines for stroke care, which has proven to improve patient outcomes. Euclid Hospital is one of several Cleveland Clinic hospitals to receive the recognition. "Earning this recognition demonstrates that our stroke program follows national guidelines regarding quality and patient safety, which can significantly improve outcomes for stroke patients in our community," said Teresa Dews, MD, president of Euclid Hospital.

## Cleveland Plogs returns to East 152nd!



Ploggers pose triumphantly outside the Collinwood Rec Center after an evening's haul back in July!

by Stephen Love

Hey neighbors!

Cleveland Plogs had another great socially distant plogging last month up and a down East 185th. A small but mighty group of ploggers stayed 6ft apart (which is easy to do when you keep moving!) and wore gloves and masks but didn't let COVID-19 get in the way of keeping or community clean!

Missed out on the fun last month? No worries because the fun continues this month when Cleveland Plogs heads to East 152nd St Wednesday September 30th! Ploggers will meet outside Five Points Community Center at 6pm (813 E 152nd St, Cleveland, 44110). The Plogging route will cover East 152nd north to Lakeshore Blvd. and south to St. Clair. We will have bags, gloves and hand sanitizer.

In order for everyone to keep their dis-

tance, small groups will be heading out on different routes. Masks are required when meeting to pick up supplies. Once everyone has picked up trash on their route, we'll meet back at Five Points around 730pm for a socially distant but fun plogging photo. We hope to see you there.

Please plog responsibly. Wear protective gloves when picking up litter and bring along hand sanitizer. Please wash your hands with soap and water at least 20 seconds when you are done. Please wear a mask.

Need a plogging refresher? Plogging is a fitness and litter cleanup craze from Sweden that is quickly spreading throughout the world and right here in Collinwood. Plogging involves a combination of jogging and picking up trash along your running route using a small bag to collect the litter you find along your route. Plogging is great exercise and a great opportunity to meet new people and make a positive impact on our environment and our neighborhood! Check out - City Lab - Pick Up Trash While You Exercise. It's Called Plogging <https://goo.gl/xRFVRC>

You can check out our 2020 schedule and meet up locations below or on facebook.

**Cleveland Plogs 2020 Schedule:**

October 28th - Waterloo - Halloween Themed Plogging! - Meet at the Waterloo Tower 15600 Waterloo Rd. - stay tuned for more details on social media!

Like Cleveland Plogs on Facebook - facebook.com/cleplogs  
Happy plogging!

## Hunger Center Is Open!

by Rev. Ron Rollins

After a 2-week shutdown during a COVID scare, the Hunger Center CCC3 Hunger Center on Lakeshore in the Collinwood Community is NOW open!

"Word about our re-opening has been very slow and we rely heavily on word-of-mouth to get the word out," says Hunger Center Coordinator Mella Young.

The Hunger Center is a part of the Cleveland Hunger Network. It supplies 3-days' worth of food - 3 meals per day - to qualified individuals. This service is offered once every 30 days. People living north of I-90 are provided service through this facility.

## Northeast Shores Development Corporation Board of Trustees Report to the Community: "Moving Forward and Making Progress"

by Caroline Peak

Dear Community Member,

I come to you in writing due to my inability to attend community and block club meetings during the current COVID-19 Pandemic. I want to thank Councilman, Michael Polensek for allowing me the opportunity to share this update in person to you via his monthly mailings and his Assistant, Mary Louise Daley for pulling it all together for us.

I am sharing with you a brief update of the work and progress that has taken place in the last year. A little bit of history: The former Executive Director, resigned in 2017 and was followed by Ms. Camille Maxwell taking over as Executive Director. During this time, NSDC Offices were moved from the 317 East 156th street to Hospice of the Western Reserve. She subsequently left the organization as well. The Board of Directors led by Scott Mills as President resigned on October 31, 2018 leaving the organization in a very vulnerable position. To cover the gap, three new individuals were elected to the Board and took office as of November 1, 2018. I was elected to serve as President of the Board at that time, a position I still hold today. Based on legal precedence and advice, NSDC needs to continue to exist on paper to manage its ongoing obligations for approximately two more years at which time the organization will dissolve. During this transition, Greater Collinwood Development Corporation is providing a wide array of programs throughout Collinwood and other service areas they have identified. To find out what NSDC apartments are available for rent, please contact Greater Collinwood Development Corporation at their Main Office- 216-383-9772.

After many meetings and discussions with legal advisors, we have been able to narrow the responsibilities of NSDC down into three (3) major areas as we move toward dissolution:

- 1) Finances
- 2) Property
- 3) The LaSalle Theater

The Board works very closely with Councilman Polensek and the City of Cleveland to guide the process to keep our neighborhood stable. The Board has also entered into formal agreements with Greater Collinwood Development Corporation, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress (CNP), New Village Corporation (NVC), to help guide us through the dissolution process. To this end, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress is guiding us in our financial operations under the direction of Colleen Gilson, Vice President of CDC Advancement, and New Village Corporation under the direction of Linda Warren, President, who is helping us with real estate.

Brief updates and summaries are listed below:

**REAL ESTATE:** Working with New Village Corporation with special help and support from the Community Development Department of the City, the NSDC Board has been managing the orderly disposition of 26 properties owned by NSDC. To date, 25 of them have transferred, which includes the office building at 317 East 156th Street, or are about to transfer to new owners as follows:

- 13 vacant lots to the City of Cleveland's Landbank
- 6 properties to the 1st mortgage holders
- 3 vacant houses to the County Landbank to be demolished (post determinations that

## Unique Shore Acres Weather Station -Shares Accurate Information to All



Local weather enthusiast Bill Hogsett



Hogsett's roof anemometer



Pole in the back yard used to measure various parts of the weather.

by Emily Holody

When Shore Acres resident and local hobbyist Weatherman Bill Hogsett moved onto the lake in 2005, he found a great way to combine his hobby of computers and computer programming with his new interest in Lake Erie and the weather patterns in his neighborhood.

Hogsett, a retired corporate lawyer, decided to invest in a personal weather station. He was fascinated with the idea of getting the most accurate weather forecast possible. "A lot of the time even six blocks inland, the weather pattern is totally different," shared Hogsett. With your own personal weather station, you can receive the most accurate information out there.

Every six to seven seconds the weather is updated. This is done from a pole in Hogsett's backyard, on the pole are devices that measure rainwater, temperature, and humidity. He also has a large seven-foot anemometer on his roof that measures wind speed and patterns. The weather station console is located inside the house and measures barometric pressure. All of this data is then transferred wirelessly to the weather

station console and Hogsett's computer. From there, the data is passed through software that pumps the information out to public websites for all to enjoy.

Hogsett's main website can be viewed at <http://billhogsett.com/weather>. This site includes unique Lake Erie information, capturing wave height and strength as well as water temperature, from a buoy located in Lake Erie on the far east side of Cleveland. Hogsett offers an online weather forecast option that is specific to phones at <http://billhogsett.com/wd/pwsWD/>.

"With the internet, we all have easy access to weather information. What my sites provide is information specific to Collinwood-actually Shore Acres. So, the weather information is going to be much more accurate much of the time compared to what an app would show for Cleveland" Hogsett shared. If you are planning an event or just looking for the most accurate Collinwood weather information, be sure to check out Hogsett's sites, and pack that umbrella if it says you need it, you now know the forecast is right!

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the properties were beyond repair)

- 3 properties being sold to a buyer/former tenant

**FINANCES:** Regarding finances and working with Neighborhood Progress, NSDC has engaged an accounting firm to manage the organizational and asset/property management financial matters of the organization. Due to pressure from creditors, the organization is proactively pursuing a debt reduction strategy to eradicate its significant financial liabilities.

**LaSalle Theatre:** The LaSalle Theatre is still owned by Northeast Shores Development Corporation and NSDC is managing it via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with New Village Corporation. Updates on the ongoing programs and operations of the LaSalle Theatre will be published in the Collinwood Observer on a regular basis. In 2019 Greater Collinwood Development Corporation entered into a property management agreement with New Village Corporation for the LaSalle Theatre, collecting rents, facilitating building maintenance and providing a neighborhood-based presence for the residential and commercial tenants of the facility.

Additionally, as Northeast Shores Development Corporation finalizes the disposition of their properties Greater Collinwood Development collects rents and assist with communications between tenants and the board of Northeast Shores. There are five (5) residential units at the LaSalle. At the writing of this report, one (1) unit is available for rent at \$500/month for a qualifying income-based tenant.

Please look for more information on how residents who purchased bricks will be honored in another way and feedback from the community for upcoming and continuous improvement and programming of this community asset.

As I close, I want to also thank Hospice of the Western Reserve for their support for office space up to our move out last spring. The Board could not have completed this work without the guidance, legal support and planning of the organization mentioned in this report along with Elva Brodnick, Secretary, former Treasurer, Rhonda McLean and former Property Expert, Crystal Williams and Janus Small and Associates.

With warm regards-Caroline J. Peak

## Kucinich Calls for Immediate CPP Rate Cut; Cites Massive Surpluses Over Last Three Years



CLEVELAND (Aug. 14) -- Dennis J. Kucinich, Cleveland's former mayor, who staked his career on a long and successful battle to save Muny Light, (now known as Cleveland Public Power) today said that while a just uncovered 2019 consulting report cited CPP's utility rates as being on average 12.7% higher than the area's private power company, CPP has been sitting on massive and growing surpluses since at least 2017. Kucinich called for an immediate rate cut for CPP customers.

"It is unconscionable that at a time when people are hurting financially, and when CPP's rates are higher than First Energy's, for the city to be stockpiling cash."

Kucinich cited figures from the most recent Mayor's Estimate, which showed an actual \$18.5 million surplus in CPP's account in 2017, increasing 15% to \$21.3 million in 2018. In 2019, the unaudited surplus climbed to \$26.4 million, or an increase of 24%.

CPP, based on its own numbers, is looking at a 2020 surplus of anywhere from 24% to 38.5% in 2020 (1.6 rate of progression from 15% to 24%), which means the CPP surplus could reach between \$32.8 million to \$36.6 million.

"The city for one year sat on a consultant's report which criticized CPP's high rates, while the surpluses kept building! The consultant also recommended wholly unnecessary rate increases, which, given the city's policies, would build even more surpluses and damage CPP's standing with its customers," Kucinich said.

The whole idea of public power is to offer customers lower rates. The system ought to, at least, break even every year, not sit on large cash surpluses, especially during these hard economic times. The city must distribute most of this surplus back to CPP customers in the form of a rate reduction of 12.7%, (from a projected 2020 revenue base of \$216 million) to make sure CPP's public power rates are not higher than the private power company.

for further information: contactkucinich@gmail.com

## Car on Walkway



If it was you driving this car, please contact us at The Observer and tell us this story.



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## Collinwood Counts! GCDC Editorial



by Greater Collinwood Development

Corporation Staff

Okay, Collinwood neighbors - It is officially election season!

If a little part of you is open to the idea of voting, this article will be sharing information with you about how to navigate the 2020 election and how to contribute to the process we all cherish.

September 22, 2020 is National Voter Registration Day. First observed in 2012, it is a nonpartisan civic holiday celebrating our democracy. To date, nearly 3 million voters have registered to vote on the holiday. Celebrated the fourth Tuesday of each September, volunteers and organizations from all over the country will "hit the streets" in a single day of coordinated field, technology, and media efforts; working to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote. (How Cool!)

Monday, October 5 is the deadline to register to vote. You can do this, online, by clicking here. You will need your Ohio driver's licence or Ohio identification card, name, date of birth, address, and the last four digits of your Social Security number.

Alternatively, you can register via mail, by printing out a voter registration form, filling it out, and sending it to your local election office.

Vote early! Beginning Tuesday, October 6, early voting begins.

All Ohio residents whose registration is up to date have the option to vote early. This is the preferred method for those looking to avoid the lines at the polls and people who enjoy taking time in researching candidates and issues. (These are also the first votes to be counted on election night!)

To do so, you must request an absentee ballot, fill out the application completely, and submit the request to the Cuyahoga County election office. Upon receiving, follow instructions and drop the absentee ballot off at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Alternatively, it can be mailed to the Board of Elections.

Your application must be received by the Board of Elections by 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

Your ballot must be received by the Board of Elections by 7:30 p.m. on November 3 if delivered in person, or must be postmarked by the post office by November 2 and received by the Board of Elections no later than 10 days after the election if sent by U.S. Mail.

Finally, election day is November 3!

## Will voting give our jobs back to us?

by Jeanne Coppola

Why does the government consider many of us non-essential workers and forbid us to work, and close businesses, and make companies go bankrupt, while the politicians get to keep their jobs? Why should we vote and give jobs to the politicians when they take our jobs away from us?

When Governor DeWine closed businesses, he let people who could work from home keep their jobs. But blue collar workers were denied their right to have a job. Everyone has the right to work, as written in Article 23.1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Under DeWine, many businesses could not afford to open at half capacity, and closed, and now there is no place for their employees to go back to work.

According to the Ohio Restaurant Association, 54% of restaurants could close within the year.

Now DeWine wants bars to close at midnight. How long can they stay in business if they do not make a profit? Can someone tell me why DeWine thinks a virus can only be contagious after 12:00 am?

If the virus is so prevalent why haven't any politicians died from it? Why haven't any federal, state or local government politicians died from it? How many congressmen and senators and governors and mayors and city council members have died?

What about presidential candidates? Why haven't they chosen an alternative to take their place if this virus is so dangerous?

Why hasn't anyone in the CDC died from the virus?

If the CDC is concerned that over 150,000 people died from the virus this year, why aren't they concerned (and why isn't any politician concerned) that 400,000 people die from medical errors EVERY YEAR?

People should be allowed to sue for lost wages and for lost future wages, and for the masks we are forced to wear that injure us by causing mouth fungus and tooth decay and bad breath. Dentists call it Mask Mouth.

On youtube.com there is a video by Dr. Ted Noel showing how masks do not help, and how vaping goes right through all types of masks. "Dr Ted Noel | Quick Demo Of How Masks DON'T Help."

The ohiostatehousenews.com website says that masks can harm unborn babies: "Expectant Moms Forced to Mask-Up to Work; Unborn Babies at Risk."

Politicians should stop making people wear masks and be made to pay people their lost wages, or else politicians should quit their jobs like so many of us were forced to do.

## This Is Cleveland Launches New Clean Committed Business Program



by Greater Collinwood Development

Corporation Staff

Okay, Collinwood neighbors - It is officially This Is Clean, a division of Destination Cleveland, recently launched a new Clean Committed business program that encourages small businesses to pledge their commitment to Covid-19 health and safety practices. The guidelines are simple and set forth by the Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Cleveland healthcare providers to help slow the spread of Covid-19.

The new Clean Committed business program is free and offers small businesses lots of perks for the pledge such as access to bulk ordering of PPE supplies through a

partnership with Supply Side Group, a free box of PPE items to distribute to customers, Clean Committed marketing materials and a listing on the This Is Cleveland website as a Clean Committed business. The pledge offers small businesses an opportunity for greater exposure across Cleveland while encouraging best business practices for health and safety during Covid-19.

To learn more about the program and its benefits, contact Krystal Sierra, GCDC Economic Development Specialist, at ksierra@greatercollinwood.org or visit Clean Committed - This is Cleveland website here.

## RJEC Hosts 5th Annual Collinwood Community Fair



by Greater Collinwood Development

Corporation Staff

Renee Jones Empowerment Center, a local non-profit working to eradicate human trafficking in Northeast Ohio, hosted the 5th annual Collinwood Community Resource and Empowerment Fair, Saturday August 15th.

Arriving, one could immediately perceive the buzz of a splendid and well-organized day of community, togetherness, and empowerment.

Located at the People's Church of God in Christ at 900 East 152nd Street, participants had the opportunity to play a sort of community resource hopscotch in which each person received a sticker after successfully visiting each respective community organization, easily facilitating a quick but comprehensive summary of the resources available.

Additionally, there was a separate track for both adults and kids, with personal care items and school supply giveaways awarded to each upon successful completion of visiting each organization.

Partnering organizations included: Greater Collinwood Development Corporation; Church of the Holy Angels; SOAP Cleveland, Bellefaire JCB; Greater Cleve-

land Food Bank; The Gathering Place- Facing Cancer, Embracing Life; Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) Erie Shores Ohio Chapter; People's Church of God in Christ; Stella Maris, Inc.; GEMS Life Skills Academy, Cleveland Public Library- Collinwood Branch; Metro Health Cancer Center- Community Outreach; UPS; National Congress of Black Women- Greater Cleveland Chapter; Northeast Ohio Voter Advocates; Consult to Code, LLC; Proper Kreations; Collinwood Neighborhood Ministries; and Cleveland Kids.

A special note of gratitude to: Church of the Holy Angels for making lunches for all the guests and volunteers in addition to the enormous amount of school supplies, backpacks, games, and toys for the children; National Council of Jewish Women/Cleveland for the abundant toiletry and cosmetic supplies; Children's Museum of Cleveland for putting together 100 unique craft bags for the kids; and finally, to Cleveland Hope Exchange for the personal hygiene gift bags.

To see photos from the 5th Annual Collinwood Community Resource and Empowerment Fair, please visit GCDC and Renee Jones Empowerment Center on Facebook.

See you next year!

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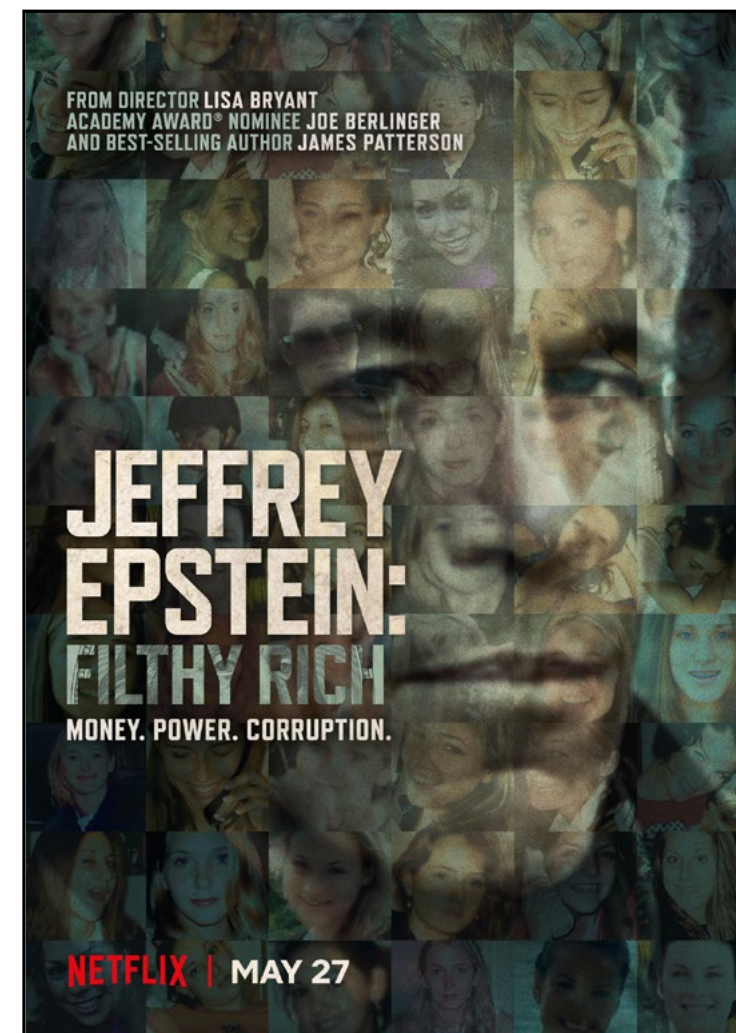
## The Old Guard Movie Review



by Brian Friedman

Charlize Theron anchors this action movie about modern-day immortals. Action scenes are impeccably choreographed and filmed. Dialogue and acting is decent but a slightly off sound mix makes some scenes difficult to hear unless you have your remote handy to adjust the volume. Lots of B-roll filler and significant plot holes tested my patience throughout. The film feels like it was created to set up a sequel or ongoing series. So, I remain curious where this is heading. Streaming on Netflix. Grade - B minus.

## Jeffrey Epstein Filthy Rich Documentary Review



by Brian Friedman

Streaming on Netflix, this four episode documentary follows the investigation and victims as they recount attempting to seek justice from one of America's most rich and powerful. The story is truly upsetting in the volume and length of time it covers. The documentary is well structured and well shot but there is a lot of establishing shots that make the series take a little longer to view than it should. Grade - B plus.

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