

City of Cleveland Neighborhood Retail Assistance Program Broadens Scope

City of Cleveland Economic Director Tracey Nichols, accompanied by staff members Kevin Schmotzer, Executive Small Business Growth and Ifeoma Ezepeue, Business Development Officer, met with CNDC’s Retail Commercial Support Initiative in May. Director Nichols announced that the Neighborhood Retail Assistance Program received increased funding for PY 2009 and several changes were incorporated in the legislation. Funds may now be used for interior renovations as well as purchasing machinery, furniture, fixtures and other items needed for the business. NRAP monies can also be used for marketing and research studies, although they cannot be used for marketing activities (i.e. newspaper ads). Farmers that sell to local markets and restaurants are now eligible to apply for funds. NRAP also accepts applications from non-profit entities, such as CDCs, on behalf of a group of merchants. For example, a set of planters for the retail district or a uniform identity feature may be eligible. Maximum financial assistance is \$40,000 and “green” elements may qualify for grant status instead of a loan. She reminded the committee that approval of NRAP applications is a streamlined process and efforts are underway to create a simplified contract as well.

Director Nichols encouraged potential applicants to contact her office to discuss options that are eligible for NRAP funds. Please contact Kevin Schmotzer at 216-664-3720 (kschmotzer@city.cleveland.oh.us) or Ifeoma Ezepeue at 216-664-3622 (iezepeue@city.cleveland.oh.us) for more information.

CNDC Housing Committee Meets With Essential Partners

Members of the CNDC Housing Committee welcomed staff from the City of Cleveland, Department of Aging and Marge Misak, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga Community Land Trust at their meeting in March.

Lisa Kassouf and Mary McNamara from the Department of Aging gave us a brief overview of all the available services for our senior population. The Department of Aging is committed to ensuring Cleveland is an elder friendly community by enhancing the quality of life for Cleveland’s seniors through advocacy, planning, service coordination, and the delivery of needed services. Available services include:

- Geriatric Outreach Workers conduct an assessment of the older person’s needs and assists them in accessing these services.
- Senior Homeowner Assistance Program (SHAP) which provides grants for critical health, safety or maintenance repairs.
- Cleveland Care Calls to check on the seniors well-being.
- Chore Services provide home maintenance which may include housework, lawn mowing and simple repairs.
- The Senior Guest House which provides temporary respite for persons 60 or older for those in crises or unsafe conditions.

There are many more services that the Department of Aging can offer the elderly in our population, please call Lisa Kassouf at 216-664-4472 or Mary McNamara at 216-664-3811.

Marge Misak from the Cuyahoga Community Land Trust educated committee members about the Land Trust.

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SPOTLIGHT ON.....



This spring, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO) was honored for its innovative accomplishments, projects and operations with particular regard for the development of the Gordon Square Arts District (GSAD). A model for using the arts as a tool for economic development, GSAD is exploding in this near west side neighborhood. Over 25 new businesses have opened or are about to open at the intersection of Detroit Avenue and West 65th Street. Additionally, the continued development of Eco Village, the \$100 million Battery Park Community, along with nearly \$500 million of additional investments in the neighborhood, is helping Detroit Shoreway become Cleveland's hottest and most exciting neighborhood.

DSCDO was selected as winner of the Oberlin Research Group's Innovation Award for Most Innovative Services. The college-led group analyzed DSCDO's internal and external operations for innovative practices, employee empowerment and pioneering project development. Following a site visit by the group, DSCDO was honored at a reception in May at Oberlin College. The awardees were impressed with the development of EcoVillage, a national model in sustainable urban living. They also found the development of GSAD, Battery Park innovative collaborations with various partners and agencies set DSCDO above other well qualified candidates.

FIGHTING FORECLOSURES ONE HOUSE AT A TIME

Like many neighborhoods across Cleveland, Detroit Shoreway witnessed an alarming increase in the number of foreclosures and subsequent vacant homes over the course of the last three years. Since 2005, 14% of all single family homes in the neighborhood have been through foreclosure while 6% of all single family homes have been demolished.

DSCDO has developed strong collaborations with advocacy organizations and utilized strategic targeting of "at-risk" homeowners to preserve and expand homeownership. Since December of 2008, DSCDO, along with staff from ESOP have begun an aggressive door-knocking campaign. To further alleviate the negative impacts of the foreclosure epidemic, DSCDO and ESOP have created a satellite office in the Gordon Square Arcade.

CAPITOL THEATRE PROJECT RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

DSCDO has received recognition for the Capitol Theatre project from a number of different national organizations. The 1921 movie house is being transformed into a three-screen, all-digital cinema specializing in art and independent films. The theatre is the cornerstone of the \$30 million effort to develop the Gordon Square Arts District as a regional destination for theatres, plays, shopping and dining.

DSCDO was recently honored with award nominations that focus on different aspects of the Capitol Theatre project, but they all recognize the innovative financing tool of the leveraged New Market Tax Credits which DSCDO used to fund this \$7.5 million project.

Awards include:

- Second place for best tax credit project in the country by the Community Development Finance Association at their Annual Summit in May in Pittsburgh.
- The National Development Council selected the Capitol Theatre as a semi-finalist in the Community Development Category for its innovative funding structure leveraging New Markets Tax Credits. The project was showcased at a Capitol Hill reception in Washington DC that was attended by legislators and development professionals from across the country.
- Inside Business/Team NEO selected the Capitol Theatre as a finalist in the category of Asset Creation. The awards recognize organizations and companies that have made outstanding contributions to attract, retain and expand businesses in Northeast Ohio. Winners will be announced this month at their annual awards dinner.



Member News

WECO Fund Receives Certification from US Department of the Treasury

WECOFund, Inc., has received certification as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) by the US Department of the Treasury. The certification will allow the non-profit to expand its financial products and services, and access technical assistance from CDFI itself. WECO is now one of only two CDFI lenders in the State of Ohio.

The 38 year old asset building organization's mission is to advance the ability of low and moderate income individuals and small businesses in Cuyahoga County to achieve financial success. WECO's service focus is on financial education and coaching; its current financial products are Individual Development Accounts (matched savings accounts) and microloans.

A CDFI is a specialized financial institution that works in market niches that are underserved by traditional financial institutions. CDFIs provide a unique range of financial products and services in economically distressed target markets, such as mortgage financing for low-income and first-time home buyers and not-for-profit developers, flexible underwriting and risk capital for needed community facilities, technical assistance, commercial loans and investments to small start-up or expanding businesses in low-income areas. CDFIs include regulated institutions such as community development banks and credit unions and non-regulated institutions such as loan and venture capital funds.

CNDC congratulates WECO, one of our member agencies, on obtaining this designation.



22nd Annual Clifton Arts & Musicfest

Your summer starts here. The sun will shine, the music will soar, the food will sizzle and the artists will be stocked with fine art for sale at the 22nd Annual Clifton Arts & Musicfest on Saturday, June 20th. Clifton Boulevard at West 117th on the northwest side of Cleveland is the place to be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to enjoy the myriad of fine art experiences amid a lively, urban setting.

Lively entertainment venues will be interspersed throughout the event with a wide variety of talent including Straight Six Dixie, Cletus Black Revue, Panic Steel Drum Ensemble, Brand New Hat, Crazy Marvin Braxton and other street performers.

The Clifton Arts & Musicfest is a free family event. Children and adults alike will enjoy the Children's Art Corner, Nature Tracks, the Cleveland Museum of Art's Art Crew and Jocko the Clown. New to Clifton Boulevard this year is BIG FUN CLEVELAND, a second location to the popular Coventry Road original.

Produced by Cudell Improvement, additional information is available by calling 216-228-4383.

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The Cuyahoga Community Land Trust promotes stable, sustainable homeownership opportunities for moderate-income families in Greater Cleveland through the sale of permanently affordable homes. One unique tool that they utilize is the land lease: The buyer purchase the house, but the Land Trust retains title to the land on which the house is located. The homeowner receives a 99-year lease to the land. If the homeowner decides to sell the home, the homeowner agrees through the lease terms to sell at a price that will be affordable to another moderate-income buyer. This land lease is the distinctive feature of community land trust development

The Land Trust is also very proud of their first Green Cottage. Located in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood, the Green Cottages are meeting Enterprise Green Communities and LEED for Homes Gold Standard. For further information regarding Green Cottages and the Land Trust please call 216-334-1620 or go to www.cclandtrust.org.

JOB OPENINGS

HOUSING PROGRAMS COORDINATOR UNION MILES

The qualified candidate will have strong analytic, technical, leadership and project specific experience from project inception to completion. Must be well versed in facets of housing, proforma development, analysis, procurement of financing commitments, reviewing contracts, land and housing acquisition. Candidate must have a working knowledge of Tax Credit programs and requirements. The applicant must be well organized, computer literate and good negotiation skills.

The position will include Model Block program implementation and program evaluation including federal compliance; vacant property initiatives; Miles Avenue strategic plan implementation; site acquisition for Senior Housing Facilities; Land holding and reuse strategies.

At least a 4-year degree bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR UNION MILES

The qualified candidate will have strong interpersonal, human resource, organizational, time management and technical skills. Must be versed in community outreach, special events and marketing.

The position will include organizing the community through engagement with block clubs and neighborhood grants; special events coordination for educational events, community network events, and support with the annual summer Expo; regular work with clients in foreclosure prevention mitigations and client intakes; organizing neighborhood groups including business, schools and churches to promote a holistic approach to quality of life in Union Miles. This position also includes the coordination of the code enforcement partnership with the City of Cleveland.

At least a 4-year bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is preferred.

**If interested in either position please fax resumes to:
216-341-0226
Attn: Debra L. Prater, Executive Director**

NEIGHBORHOOD FARMERS MARKETS ARE SPROUTING UP ALL OVER THE CITY

The weather is warm, the sun is shining and all across the city the neighborhood Farmers Markets are about to open for the season. Celebrate the summer and grill a delicious meal with locally grown produce, bread, jams and other items. The following is a list of where to find these fresh goods:

- The Tremont Farmers Market will open on Tuesday, June 16th and every Tuesday through October 20th. This year the market has relocated to Tremont's Lincoln Park and will be open from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Celebrating its second season and a new name, the volunteer-run Gordon Square Farmers' Market is a great source for all your produce needs. The market will open Saturday, July 11 with an Ice Cream & Berry Social in the parking lot of Bethany Presbyterian Church at the corner of West 65th and West Clinton Avenue. The market is open every Saturday, from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. Gordon Square Farmers Market has a full schedule of events to take you through the Thanksgiving holiday. Please visit www.sites.google.com/site/ward17farmersmarket/.
- Opening day for the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market will be Sunday, June 7th. Enjoy everything good from 30 fabulous vendors, live music, carriage rides, and chef demonstrations. The market is open every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is located at West 168th and Lorain. Parking is free. This project is financed in part through a cost share advertising program from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. For further information visit www.kammscorners.com.



JOB OPENINGS

PROGRAM ASSISTANT WATER AFFORDABILITY CLEVELAND HOUSING NETWORK

This position is responsible for reviewing and qualifying applicants of the water affordability program. In addition, the program assistant will input data into the system and screen clients needing water conversation services.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Input job information into water affordability system.
- Ensures proper documentation in all files.
- Assist with mail pick ups, processing correspondence.
- Track progress and produce reports as needed.
- Schedule appointments for inspectors, answer client inquiries.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Knowledge of data systems.
- Excellent computer skills; MS Office/Excel.
- Excellent organizational/follow up skills.
- Excellent customer service and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and in a team structure.

This is a full-time position with a rate of \$12/hour

Please forward resume to:

**Cleveland Housing Network
2999 Payne Ave. #306
Cleveland, OH 44114
Attn: Human Resources
Fax: 216-685-1659
Email: scurlett@chnnet.com**

PROGRAM ASSISTANT HWAP CLEVELAND HOUSING NETWORK

This position is responsible for assisting in processing weatherization applications for HWAP and Housewarming.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Input information into HWAP and/or Housewarming system.
- Ensures proper documentation in all files.
- Assist with meeting deadlines.
- Review job packets for accuracy and completeness.
- Track applications and produce reports as needed.
- Schedule appointments for inspectors, answer client inquiries.
- Other administrative tasks as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School Diploma or equivalent.
- Knowledge of data systems - developing, monitoring, updating, reporting, etc.
- Excellent organizational/follow up skills.
- Excellent communications skills.
- Excellent customer service and interpersonal skills.
- Must be very detail-oriented.
- Ability to work independently as well as within a team structure.

This is a full-time position with a rate of \$12/hour

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Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corporation is seeking a **part-time Property Manager**. Must have a minimum of five years experience with strong marketing/leasing skills, knowledge of fair housing laws, affordable housing compliance and regulations. Must be proficient in MS Word/Excel and have knowledge of QuickBooks. Respond to Mt. Pleasant NOW, 13815 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120, Attn: P. McKinney. You may also fax your resume to 216-751-1411 or by email to : pmckinney@mtpleasantnow.org. No phone calls please.

JOB OPENINGS

INTAKE WORKER II HEAP CLEVELAND HOUSING NETWORK

This position is responsible for the overall monitoring of client files as well as providing staff with written feedback to improve any documented errors found during review.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Review all files at various off-site locations.
- Document all staff error ratios and provide feedback.
- Assist clients with HEAP application process.
- Review all documentation provided by client to ensure program guidelines are met.
- Communicate applications status.
- Contact utility companies to ensure continuation or re-establishment of energy services.
- Educate clients on HEAP guidelines.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Associates degree or higher.
- Knowledge of HEAP a definite plus.
- Excellent computer skills including strong working knowledge of MS Office/Excel spreadsheet.
- Excellent organizational/follow up skills.
- Excellent communications skills.
- Excellent customer service and interpersonal skills.
- Must be very detail oriented.
- Ability to work independently as well as within a team structure.
- Reliable, insurable transportation - ability to travel within the city.

**This is a full time position with a salary range of
\$25,000-\$35,000**

If you believe you meet the qualifications please forward a resume along with salary history to:

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ARTSPACE Cleveland Presents: The 2009 LIVE/WORK STUDIO TOUR

Saturday, June 27, 2009

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Board the Trolley at
1400 East 30th Street



Adults \$10

Seniors (55+)/Students/Artists \$5

Children (under 10) Free!

Reservations: (216) 241-4355 or

www.gouldloft@sbcglobal.net

Take in comfort on a Trolley to visit 13 creative artist live/work studios, 5 unique galleries, and 3 urban gardens. Also preview the 7th Annual ArtSpace Cleveland Member Show exhibited at the Tom Belli Gallery. Experience Cleveland's flourishing live/work arts community!

CNDC would like to extend a warm welcome to Nicole McGee, new Citywide Community Organizer. Nicole will be working across the City promoting the STEPS program with the City of Cleveland, Department of Public Health. The Citywide Community Organizer position is a collaboration between Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition and Steps to a Healthier Cleveland with a goal of engaging all Clevelanders to live longer, better, healthier lives. Find out more at www.clevelandhealth.org/steps.

WELCOME

Friday, June 5th through Sunday June 28th—Habitat for Humanity—Please consider donating new or used tools and/or building materials to help Habitat fund the building of homes. Contributions will be placed directly into service or on job sites or sold through the ReStore location on West 110th St. to support the mission of eliminating poverty housing. Call 216-429-3631, ext. 238 for donation instructions or visit Clevelandrestore.org.

Saturday, June 6th—Archwood, Brooklyn Centre Street Fair—Please be sure to check out this great event sponsored by the Brooklyn Centre Community Association. All the fun will take place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Archwood Avenue between Fulton and Pearl Rds. There will be live music, 40-plus yard sales, local service providers and great food.

Saturday, June 20th—Tremont Trek Walking Home Tour—Take a rare peek into six private homes in Cleveland's historic Tremont neighborhood. This progressive dinner party provides guests with a different course at each home. Food is provided by Tremont restaurants and benefits the Tremont West Development Corporation. The event runs from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person in advance. The tour is limited to 230 guests and usually is a sell-out. Call Scott Rosenstein at 216-575-0920 for tickets and further information.

Saturday, June 27th—Waterloo Arts Fest—North Collinwood's Summer Arts Bash!! This 7th annual event is Cleveland's fastest growing grassroots, arts-centric eclectic family friendly festival. Now seeking local artists, performers, community groups, food vendors and volunteers. Call Arts Collinwood at 216-692-9500 or by email at festcoordinator@artscollinwood.org. Presented by Arts Collinwood.

Saturday, June 27th—St. Clair Superior CultureFest—Celebrate Cleveland's wide variety of cultures at the first ever CultureFest. Enjoy arts, entertainment, activities and more at this family friendly event. FREE admission and much more. The fest will take place at Tyler Village, 3615 Superior Avenue and runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For further information please visit www.stclairsuperior.org for more details.

Thursday, July 2nd—Famicos Foundation Annual Meeting—To be held at the Famicos Foundation located at 1325 Ansel Road, 44106. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. For further information, call 216-791-6476.

Monday, July 6th—Bellaire Puritas 13th Annual Golf Outing—This annual event will take place at Columbia Hills Country Club. Registration begins at 11 a.m., buffet lunch at 11:30. Shotgun start at noon with a putting contest at 6 p.m. followed by a steak and chicken dinner. Sponsorships are available with individual tickets costing \$185/person. Questions? Contact Toni Jones at 216-671-2710 or t.jones@bpdc.org.

CNDC Calendar

COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS' COMMITTEE 6/04 11:30 A.M.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

BELLAIRE PURITAS 6/10 NOON
14703 PURITAS AVE., 44135

RETAIL COMMERCIAL

SUPPORT INITIATIVE 6/18 9 A.M.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, MEETINGS ARE HELD
AT THE OFFICES OF CNDC, 3751 PROSPECT AVE.
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The Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition serves as the collective voice of community development corporations in the city of Cleveland. Its mission is to assist members by proactively engaging in advocacy and public policy that benefits Cleveland's community and economic development industry, providing strategic opportunities for broad and meaningful peer interaction and developing customized training programs with exposure to the best practices in the field.

STAFF

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We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity.
Please submit all articles to lynn@cndc2.org**