

CNDC to Host Luncheon To Engage CDCs

In an attempt to more fully engage CNDC's Voting Membership in the organization's work plan, the CNDC Board of Trustees will be kicking off a series of bi-monthly CDC Executive Director luncheons to discuss important issues facing our CDC industry.

The first luncheon will take place on Tuesday, October 19th at 12:30 p.m. at Neighborhood Housing Services, 3210 Euclid Avenue. The topic for discussion will be "*Turning Abandonment into Opportunity*", and will center on how to reclaim these problem properties and prevent abandonment.

KeyBank is generously underwriting the lunch. Please plan to attend this important event, as it will be an opportunity to share your ideas with other CDC Executive Directors and assist CNDC in focusing action steps in working to resolve the issue.

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\$60,000 Up for Grabs in Community Impact Awards

Dominion is seeking local projects that have promoted the economic or social revitalization of communities for the tenth annual Community Impact Awards competition. A total of \$60,000 in unrestricted grants will be awarded.

The program, sponsored by Dominion and *Inside Business*, recognizes cities and community organizations that have made major contributions to the economic and social revitalization of communities within the Dominion service area in Ohio. Entry deadline is Nov. 4, 2004. Winners will share in the \$60,000 from the Dominion Foundation. For an on-line brochure, go to www.dom.com.

The Guidelines:

- Project must have been completed between July 2003 and August 2004.
- Project must have made a major contribution to the economic or social revitalization of communities in northeast Ohio.
- Project must be located within the Dominion service area in Ohio.
- Organizations must be 501c(3), or have an eligible fiscal agent.

To Enter:

- Submit a brief summary--no more than three typewritten pages--of the project. Attach a copy of 501c(3) with entry. Support materials, such as photos, press clippings or literature that represents the project can also be included. Submit all material in a three-ring binder. The following judging criteria must be used for the summary:

Public Policy Notes

On September 15, CNDC sponsored an “Advocacy Basics” workshop. Dan McCarthy and Mike Toman of The Success Group, Ltd., a government affairs firm based in Columbus, and Cathy Johnston of the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) were on hand to offer advice on lobbying tactics and advocacy strategy for nonprofits.

Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Toman fielded questions from participants about approaches to legislators and government agencies and emphasized the importance of building relationships. Ms. Johnston stressed the importance of grassroots advocacy, stating that one meeting, letter or phone call could make the difference in any policy campaign. The policy prediction for next year: a particularly ugly budget season, for which advocates should start to prepare.

According to a *recent Policy Matters Ohio study*, the number of Ohioans who lost their homes to foreclosure and sheriff sales went up again in 2003. “Home Security 2004: Foreclosure Growth in Ohio” found that foreclosure filings increased 3 percent and sheriff sales of foreclosed properties increased by 26 percent from 2002.

Policy Matters Ohio analyzed foreclosure data from the Ohio Supreme Court and obtained data on sheriff sales by surveying the state’s county sheriffs. Findings include:

- During 2003, 57,083 new foreclosure filings were made in Ohio courts, up 3 percent from a year earlier, up 31 percent from 2001 and more than double the number in 1998
- County sheriff departments put more than 36,425 foreclosed properties up for sale

- This is a 26 percent increase from 2002 and a 57 percent increase from 2001
- The number of properties put up for sale last year was equivalent to one in every 117 households in Ohio. This figure was one out of every 185 households in 2001
- The number of sheriff sales grew in 76 of the 81 counties for which Policy Matters Ohio obtained data in 2001 and 2003

The study cites a weak economy and predatory lending as the major factors behind the continued increase in foreclosures and sheriff sales. A recent Mortgage Bankers Association of American survey found that Ohio ranks second in the country in new foreclosure rates. To obtain a copy of “Home Security 2004: Foreclosure Growth in Ohio” see http://www.policymatters.ohio.org/pdf/PMO_Home_Insecurity_2004_Embargoed.pdf

Sweeping changes proposed for 2005 Housing Credit Qualified Allocation Plan will have negative consequences for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). One proposed change would award points to applicants for only housing credit experience rather than awarding points for housing development funding experience as well. In order to secure the maximum number of points on this issue, an applicant must have completed 10 housing credit projects, which is more feasible for for-profit developers. Other troublesome proposals that would favor for profits to the detriment of nonprofit CHDOs involve points awarded to Sole General Partners, for profits with identity of interest, and raising the cap on the amount of housing credits that any individual developer can secure to \$2 million. For more information on this issue, contact Patricia Barnes at the Ohio CDC Association, 614-461-6392.



Stockyard Redevelopment Organization's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, October 7th, 2004 at St. Boniface School Hall, 3555 West 54th Street. Guest speaker is Norman Krumholz, Professor at the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University, Author and Lecturer. Appetizers will be served at 5:30 followed by dinner, board elections, community improvement awards and ending with speaker remarks.

Mt. Pleasant NOW Annual Meeting is to be held on Friday, October 15, 2004. Location is Windows on the River, 2000 Sycamore, Cleveland, OH. Cost is \$75 and reservations are required. For further information please call 751-0023 X 230 by October 8th.

Slavic Village/Broadway Community Mural Dedication: Co-partners Broadway School of Music & the Arts and Slavic Village Development invite members of the public and staff of other area CDCs to attend the dedication of the Slavic Village/Broadway Community Mural. A community celebration will take place on Friday, October 22, 2004 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the mural site on the south side of the Jay's Home Furnishings, Inc. building, 5728 Broadway Avenue, one block south of E. 55th St.

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1. Give a brief description/history of the community or organization.
2. Describe the project the community or organization completed to promote economic and/or social revitalization. Include objectives, benefits, impact and measurable results and community interests/involvement.
3. To what extent did the project generate positive change and growth within its targeted area?
4. How many people were impacted/served by this project?
5. How will the results of this project encourage and promote future development and revitalization?
6. Community impact: What effect has the project had in terms of jobs, spending and taxes?

On the summary, include a contact name, title, phone number and complete address. Submit to: Community Impact Awards, Dominion, P.O. Box 5759, Cleveland, OH 44101-0759.

Dominion is one of the nation's largest producers of energy, with a portfolio consisting of more than 24,000 megawatts of generation, 6.4 trillion cubic feet equivalent of natural gas reserves, 7,900 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline and more than 960 billion cubic feet of storage capacity. Dominion also serves five million retail energy customers in nine states. Additional information about Dominion is available on the Internet at www.dom.com.

COMMITTEE CORNER

Community Organizers' Committee: Mikelann gave an update on plans for scheduling the basic community organizer training for spring rather than fall. After discussion, it was agreed that Mikelann would let Kenia know that a basic session was needed this fall - or definitely before the end of the year. The Cleveland Leadership Summit planning is going well.

Industrial Committee Report: Belinda Pesti from the Department of Economic Development spoke to the committee about the City's new industrial land bank initiative. E.D. will soon be hiring a brownfields coordinator who will work solely on assisting with the redevelopment of brownfield properties and staff the new land bank initiative. The committee will focus on helping the City come up with a criteria system that will help identify the best initial sites to be placed into the land bank.

Retail Commercial Support Initiative: James Levin and Thomas Mulready discussed the plans for a major Arts & Culture event in Cleveland and the integration of CDCs into the planning.

Safety Committee: Staff from CWRU's Poverty Center presented sample maps to help the committee decide on what information they want represented on the base maps being created for Re\$Store Cleveland.

JOB OPENINGS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

FirstMerit Corporation
Cleveland Region (open), Stark County Region (open)

Position: Responsible for working with the Corporate Community Reinvestment Department to ascertain and help meet targeted communities lending, service and investment needs in compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act. This position serves as the primary liaison between FirstMerit Bank and key community based organizations/leaders and includes an aggressive business development calling program in a multi-county area.

Experience, skills and abilities preferred: Minimum 5 years Community Development experience. A solid understanding of the Community Reinvestment Act. Excellent organizational skills as well as written and verbal communication skills. Willingness to travel. Knowledgeable in Word and Excel. Bachelor's degree is preferred.

FirstMerit offers a competitive salary, excellent benefits and a team oriented work environment. Send resume to:

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PROTECT OHIO'S FUTURE

If you are concerned about potential cuts to health and human services and public education during the upcoming budget process, then mark your calendars for Tuesday October 12, 2004. At that time, Advocates for Budget Legislative Equality (ABLE) and the Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future will present *Ohio's Current and Upcoming State Budgets: Vulnerable Populations Still at Risk*.

Participants in this important event will have an opportunity to speak about, and create a record of, the impact of budget cuts on health and human services that are important to them. All public officials at the local and state levels are invited and encouraged to come hear from their constituents about this critical issue.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Center from Families and Children. The Center is located at 4500 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided at this time.

LISC PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) seeks a program director for its Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky program. The program director provides leadership and direction in developing and implementing the local program's vision and strategy.

The program director will manage all LISC operations and supervise a three-person staff. The Director will also develop and maintain effective working relationships with corporate, philanthropic, civic and public entities that support a community development agenda.

Required Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in community development, finance or real estate or related field. Masters degree preferred. Five to seven years senior level experience in commitment to community development. Proven ability to work in a culturally diverse environment. Leadership skills and ability to develop program vision. Outgoing personality and excellent interpersonal skills necessary to work effectively with a wide variety of people and organizations. Entrepreneurial, creative and solution-oriented approach to issues. Comfortable speaking in public forums and facilitating relationships within and among various sectors.

Ability to manage multiple agendas and operate effectively. Ability to inspire trust and to motivate staff and clients (CDCs, funders, etc.) Demonstrated management experience, including staff supervision and financial management/reporting. Proven capacity to work with senior level corporate, philanthropic and public sector officials. Demonstrated experience in real estate finance. Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Reports to the LISC Senior Program Vice President and the Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky Local Advisory Committee. LISC offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Qualified candidates should send a resume (including salary history), cover letter and writing sample by October 15, 2004 to:

Evelyn Brown, Senior Program Vice President
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
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Chicago, IL 60602
Fax: (312) 360-0758, or E-mail: ebrown@liscnet.org

RE\$TORE CLEVELAND



www.ciri-cleveland.org

Nottingham Business Campus to get Facelift

A striking mural was proudly unveiled by project participants on Thursday, August 25, 2004 to the Glenville neighborhood, public officials, and area businesses. The mural project communicates progress, as well as excitement for a changing community for which residents and businesses can be proud to call home. The mural and design process instills civic pride within the neighborhood and serves as another blight remediation and beautification strategy. In addition, the mural project inspires youth to develop their artistic talents and instills community pride.

This experience was valuable to the twelve YO! Cleveland students, community partners, volunteers and sponsors because the 30 ft x 12ft mural will be a longstanding visual reflection of the Glenville community's history. Specifically, the students were exposed to the process of mural production, painting techniques, and the sense of accomplishment of working together to achieve a common goal. Lessons taught fostered youth development through art and helped students develop teamwork skills. They learned to understand visual art through educational programming and were provided mentorship through exposure to art and cultural professionals.

On March 9, 2004 neighborhood constituents as well as Northeast Shores Development Corporation attended a meeting of Arts Collinwood and a presentation by Melanie Fioritto, Cleveland Public Art, on how art can be incorporated into the community. Many great ideas based on other installations in Cleveland and beyond were presented by the Managing Director of Cleveland Public Art. Dialogue and ideas will continue as Re\$store Downtown Waterloo looks to add public art to the current streetscape plan to make the area a unique destination in the Cleveland area.

As a direct result of the meeting, Waterloo Road benefited by the installation of 6 bike racks at four locations in the district. If you want to become involved and be informed as to how art can benefit your neighborhood or about upcoming Arts Collinwood meetings, call Sarah Gyorki at the What Not Coffee Shop at 404-0751.

(This article is a corrected version of last month's report. We apologize for any inconvenience.)

The 63 acre, 786,000 square foot complex of industrial buildings located at 170th and St. Clair Ave., currently known as the Nottingham Business Campus, is being sold to businessman Dan Moore. The complex has been mostly vacant for roughly 20 years and has been a priority redevelopment site for the City and Councilman Polensek for that entire time. Mr. Moore plans to invest a substantial amount of money into the property and change the name to the Cleveland Industrial Innovation Center (CIIC). Plans call for Soundwich Inc., an established automobile parts maker, which currently occupies space in the complex to install a new manufacturing line. Also, Keene Building Products, Flow Plymers, and Team Wendy are three companies owned by Mr. Moore that will be moving into the new complex. The facility plans to employ 300 new people by 2008 and anticipates 500 to 1000 people will be working at the site in ten years.

Mr. Moore is also interested in tapping local high school students to assist in the needed remediation and asbestos removal that must be done to improve the site. This project will be a very exciting new development for the Collinwood area and shows that American manufacturing can still thrive into the future. The neighborhood welcomes Mr. Moore and is excited to bring someone of his track record of creating jobs to the area and to this specific site.

WIRE-NET 16th Annual Meeting

Part of "Innovation Day '04" with innovation expert **Robert B. Tucker**. The event will be held at Brennan's Party Center, 13000 Triskett Road between 5-7:30 p.m. on October 7th.

Reservations are required. Cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. Please email aschaum@wire-net.org, or fax information to (216) 651-5096

- Tuesday and Wednesday, October 5 & 6; Monday, November 8 through Wednesday, November 10; and Wednesday and Thursday, December 1 & 2.** — **Ohio CDC Association (OCDCA) presents, *Beyond Basic Skills: Project Development Training from Concept to Closing.*** Seven days of training take place over a 3 month period for intermediate-level developers of single and multi-family affordable housing. Location of training is the Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites, 3031 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43202. For more information and a Registration Form, please contact Celia Elkins, Director of Member Services, at (614) 461-6392 or via e-mail at celkins@ohiocdc.org.
- Wednesday, October 6 — Corporation for Supportive Housing Training, *Supportive Housing Development—Not a Solo Act.*** This full day training helps participants understand the supportive housing development process and to further develop their skills in planning, analyzing, projecting and implementing the funding for supportive housing projects. Location of training; Maxine Goodman Levin, College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, Room 241, Sweet Seminar Room, Cleveland, Ohio. Funding provided by The Enterprise Foundation. Register on-line www.neighborhoodprogress.org.
- Wednesday, October 6th through Sunday, October 10th.**—**University Circle** celebrates the fall season with **Fall for the Circle-Five Days of Fun in University Circle.** The celebration includes events and exhibits at University Circle institutions as well as free activities at the beautifully restored Wade Oval, the park in the heart of University Circle. This event is sponsored by National City and Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. For more information visit their website at www.universitycircle.org or call (216) 707-5033.
- Thursday, October 28—5th Annual Commercial Real Estate Deal Maker Forum: *Convention Centers: Do They Work?***, sponsored by Ulmer, Berne LLP, Attorneys and Northeast Ohio's *Inside Business*. Nationally recognized convention center experts—Marc Levine of the University of Wisconsin and Mark Rosentraub of Cleveland State University—will debate the pros and cons a city faces when deciding whether or not to build a convention center. Location of the forum is the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information call (216) 931-6338 or visit www.ulmer.com by Wednesday, October 13th to register.
- Saturday, November 13th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,** the CNDC will host the *Cleveland Leadership Summit* at St. Ignatius High School, West 30th & Lorain Avenue, Cleveland.
- Thursday, November 18th the Housing Research & Advocacy Center** has partnered with the Federal Reserve Bank for their 6th Annual Fair Lending Conference entitled *Innovative Approaches to Fair Lending in Changing Urban Markets*. The conference will be held at The Historic Gardens of McGregor & Amasa Stone East Cleveland, OH. Check the website for updated information: www.thehousingcenter.org

CNDC CALENDAR

RETAIL DISTRICT SAFETY COMMITTEE	10/5	1:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS' COMMITTEE	10/7	11:30 A.M.
RETAIL COMMERCIAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE BUCKEYE AREA CDC, 11802 BUCKEYE ROAD	10/14	8 :15 A.M.
INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE	10/20	9:00 A.M.
HOUSING COMMITTEE	10/27	NOON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	10/28	9:00 A.M.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the offices of CNDC, 3751 Prospect Avenue.

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The mission of the Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition is to serve as the voice of Greater Cleveland's neighborhood community development organizations and to provide benefits and services to its members through the coordination of programs, the communication of critical information, the development of public policy, advocacy and customized training in response to members' needs. These activities strengthen the members' efforts to enhance their communities with a special emphasis on neighborhood-based development.

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Deadline for submission is the 20th of each month.
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