

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZING
PLANNING PROCESS UNDERWAY**

Thanks to a grant from the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, CNDC, Organize! Ohio, and the Center for Neighborhood Development have begun a planning process to develop a sustainability plan for CDC community organizing in Cleveland. The first session was held on June 1st where a panel of CDC community organizers described their current models of community organizing.

Upcoming sessions are as follows:

- July 6, 7 - panel discussing citywide and neighborhood wide organizing models and reaction and presentations from national experts
- August 3 - goal session to develop a shared vision for CDC community organizing
- September 7- collaboration and creating a support system for CDC community organizing

A final session on September 25 will also involve CDC Executive Directors and board members to discuss the final plan. A detailed schedule of each of the sessions is available by calling CNDC at 928-8100 or on the CNDC website www.cndc2.org/

**Cleveland City Council Passes
Legislation to Streamline Loan
Process for Small Businesses**

On June 5, 2006, Cleveland City Council passed an ordinance that authorizes the director of the City’s Department of Economic Development to make loans of up to \$250,000 without going through the full legislative process. The exception pertains to Core City Funds, which have a separate process for distribution. It is anticipated that the current time frame of 120-150 days from the receipt of a loan application to distribution of funds will be dramatically shortened by the new procedures.

Crain’s Cleveland Business reports that Kevin Schmotzer, the city’s Executive of Small Business Development, informed City Council that while small business owners appreciate City assistance, the long timeline to receive the funds presents an operating problem for many small businesses.

The new procedures would eliminate various steps in the approval process by not requiring a city ordinance for each loan application. Currently, two City Council committees review each loan application ordinance, which takes at least two weeks, and then the ordinance must be read and approved by the full council, which can also take several weeks.

Some council members were reluctant to cede their authority over the way City money is spent and

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Public Policy Notes

An Update on ReBuild Ohio. Rebuild Ohio, a consortium of local government, nonprofit and civic organizations concerned with the debilitating effects of vacant and abandoned property in Ohio, seeks to reduce the number of problem properties in the state, to prevent the cycle of abandonment, and to remove the barriers to the redevelopment of residential, commercial and industrial land through research, education and advocacy. CNDC is co-chairing this new statewide initiative with Greater Ohio, a Columbus-based statewide group that works to improve Ohio's land use policies. In addition to co-coordinating ReBuild Ohio, Mary Helen Petrus, CNDC's Director of Policy Development, is co-chair of ReBuild Ohio's Advocacy Committee.

The Advocacy and Communications Committees of ReBuild Ohio are working together to develop a media strategy. The strategy involves developing a "rolodex" of experts and practitioners in various aspects of problem property prevention, reclamation and redevelopment. The committees are compiling a list of media personnel throughout the state who have demonstrated an interest in vacant and abandoned property issues, and plan to contact the media in order to educate them about the importance of securing public policy remedies. The plan also calls for developing press releases and other materials to publicize the inception and completion of ReBuild Ohio's two studies. The Committee, with the generous assistance of Burten Bell Carr's Jeff Sugalski, plans to develop a website for ReBuild Ohio through the summer of 2006; the National Vacant Properties Campaign is hosting a ReBuild Ohio web page in the interim.

ReBuild Ohio has begun work on the first phase of a Vacant Property Costs Impact Study. The purpose of the study is to document and demonstrate the debilitating effects of vacant and abandoned properties on communities in Ohio. ReBuild Ohio intends to pursue a second major study that will examine state law and policy affecting vacant and abandoned property acquisition and redevelopment. The recommendations that emerge from this study will form the basis for ReBuild Ohio's policy agenda.

To download a fact sheet on ReBuild Ohio, see

www.cndc2.org policy alerts. To receive updates on ReBuild Ohio, subscribe to the ReBuild Ohio listserv by sending an empty message to re-build.ohio-subscribe@law.csuohio.edu. Please contact Mary Helen Petrus, maryhelen@cndc2.org, if you'd like more information about ReBuild Ohio and if you'd like to participate one of its committees.

S.B. 185 successfully passed for Governor's signature. S.B. 185, to take effect in January 2007, will apply the Consumer Sales Practices Act to mortgage brokers, loan officers and non-bank lenders in Ohio. Aimed primarily at predatory lending, the law will require brokers and lenders to work in good faith for home buyers, and protect borrowers from unfair and deceptive practices including unreasonable contract terms, loan flipping, and broker or lender collusion with appraisers. The law will require licenses and criminal background checks for real estate appraisers and credit counseling for borrowers of high cost loans. The State Attorney General and county prosecutors will be able to press criminal charges against those brokers and lenders who pursue the prohibited practices. The successful passage of S.B. 185 is due in large part to the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO). COHHIO has advocated for consumer protections for home buyers for several years, the push for S.B. 185 its latest cause.

H.B. 294, to be signed into law this summer, will take effect late September. The new law expands the jurisdiction of Boards of Revision to include certain tax foreclosure cases, and will enable speedy transfers of deeds of abandoned properties to community development corporations. The Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office is preparing a practice guide for distribution.

Harvard releases 2006 State of the Nation's Housing Report. Some findings in the report for 2005, available at www.jchs.harvard.edu, include: a decrease in single-family starts in half the nation's states and metropolitan areas; an increase in real terms in subprime originations to \$625 billion, from \$210 billion in 2001; an increase in housing prices by a record 9.4 percent nationally. Affordability remains a challenge: between 2001 and 2004, the number of households spending more than half their income on housing increased by close to 2 million – 14 percent – to 15.8 million.

JOB OPENINGS

PROGRAM MANAGER

OHIO CITY NEAR WEST DEVELOPMENT (OCNW)
CORP.

Organization Summary

OCNW is a non-profit, community development corporation (CDC) serving Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood. The organization sponsors special events to promote Ohio City as the historic neighborhood of choice in Cleveland that exemplifies the best of urban living.

Position Summary

The Program Manager's primary responsibilities include the Storefront Renovation Program, Open Air in Market Square and the Ohio City Design Review Committee. Staff the Ohio City Design Review Committee and OCNW's Historic Heritage Committee. Work with the City's Department of Building & Housing and the Municipal Housing Court to help improve and bring nuisance properties up to code. Assist with home repair programs, including the paint program and weatherization programs. Assist in providing 1-on-1 counseling for residents interested in home repair and renovation. Represent OCNW at city-wide functions related to commercial and housing issues. Serve on special project teams and special events as assigned by the Executive Director.

Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in urban planning, urban studies, business administration or related field. Previous experience in CDC program coordination, special event coordination, construction and design review/historic preservation preferred. Team player with the ability to work independently.

Salary commensurate with experience.

To apply, please mail or email your resume.

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Ohio City Near West Development Corp.
2525 Market Avenue, Suite A
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

MOUNT PLEASANT NEIGHBORHOOD DEV. CORP.

Qualifications: Minimum Bachelor's degree (General Business, Business Administration, Urban Planning or Urban Studies). Five years experience with supervision of real estate projects and neighborhood mission related programs. Familiar with community and economic development related programs. Experienced with raising public and private funds for not-for-profit organizations.

Please respond to:

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tstone@mtpleasantnow.org

MPNDC

13815 Kinsman Avenue
Cleveland Ohio 44120

RTA SEEKS ARTISTS FOR PUBLIC ART OPPORTUNITY

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) seeks artists to design and install art pieces for two of its rapid transit station renovation projects.

GCRTA has two separate public art opportunities:

- Puritas Rapid Transit Station Reconstruction Project
- E. 55 Rapid Transit Station Reconstruction Project

Both of these stations are presently being designed and GCRTA has set aside 1% of the construction cost for public art.

Registration applications and guidelines can be found at http://www.riderta.com/bc_contractopps.asp

Deadline for proposals is Friday, July 21, 2006.

Questions? Contact Wesley Keshtkaran, Office of Management and Budget, GRCTA
216.566.5065, or wkeshtkaran@gcrt.org

**MAKING BETTER DECISIONS WITH
MORE AND BETTER
INFORMATION:**

**A SOCIAL INDICATORS
TRAINING SEMINAR**

Do you want to use community data to:

- * Understand the broader community and your organization's place in it?
- * Conduct long-term, strategic, or operational planning?
- * Make a case, convince others, or write a grant?
- * Monitor, track, assess, evaluate, adjust, or report on your programs?

The Center for Community Solutions, United Way of Greater Cleveland, and Cleveland State University invite you to a free training seminar to explore the use of demographic, social, economic, and health data from the Social Indicators Project and other local, state, and national sources.

The seminar will help you understand how data can be used more effectively and confidently: When should you use an average or median? When is a percentage misleading? How do you explore for trends? How confident can you be that the data are accurate and reflect reality?

The seminar will also demonstrate data from the Social Indicators Project and present information on other data sources, including Internet data resources.

The seminar will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Room 25, Cleveland State University.

The seminar is free of charge, but advance registration is required.

To register, please contact Pam Williams at The Center for Community Solutions, pwilliams@CommunitySolutions.com, or by phone, 216-781-2944, ext. 203, before July 15.

**NONPROFITS CAN RECEIVE FREE
PLANNING SERVICES:**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING
CONSULTATION**

The Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations at Case Western Reserve University will again offer area nonprofit organizations assistance in designing strategic planning visions.

Since the Mandel Center began this program in the nonprofit community, more than 90 organizations have been served with over \$2 million in estimated contributed costs.

Nonprofit management graduate student teams work under the supervision of Professor John Yankey, Ph.D., a leading national expert in strategic management issues. Teams of students are assigned to work with selected organizations from September 2006 through April 2007.

In order to be considered, nonprofit organizations must attend one of two pre-submittal informational sessions on July 18 or July 25.

If interested in pursuing the help of the Mandel Center, the nonprofit organization must submit a notice of intent proposal by August 7, with the proposal deadline set for August 21.

The only cost for the assistance from the Mandel Center is a small fee to cover nominal expenses.

To learn more about these strategic planning consultations and view the full Request for Proposals, visit the Mandel Center's web site on the home page under "News and Events" at www.case.edu/mandelcenter.

The Mandel Center is committed to building exceptional leadership skills in the nonprofit community. For further information on obtaining a certificate or masters degree in nonprofit management, please go to <http://www.case.edu/mandelcenter/grad/>

CLEVELAND AREA PROGRAM DIRECTOR

OHIO CITIZEN ACTION

This is a community organizing position with the primary responsibility of directing Ohio Citizen Action's "good neighbor campaign" to prevent air pollution in Cleveland. Founded in 1975, Ohio Citizen Action is Ohio's largest environmental organization, with 100,000 members. Ohio Citizen Action is an equal opportunity employer.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Working with residents of the Cleveland area in communities surrounding the Flats, including organizing public meetings, leadership development, group projects, and citizen-based testing for air pollution.
- Working with Ohio Citizen Action's door-to-door and phone canvass, program staff, board members, and others to develop, maintain, and carry out a campaign plan.
- Coordinating outreach to the public and key decision-makers.
- Working with the media and providing campaign materials for Ohio Citizen Action's website, www.ohiocitizen.org.
- Fundraising.

QUALIFICATIONS: At least two years community organizing experience preferred, and previous work with canvassing organizations helpful; Strong interest in working with neighborhood leaders on environmental health issues; Excellent communications skills necessary, including interpersonal skills, public speaking, and writing; Ability to motivate and train staff and volunteers, and to maintain focus and discipline in campaign planning and execution; Must be available to work some evenings and weekends locally, and for occasional out of town trips; Bachelor's degree or some college education preferred.

BENEFITS: Excellent benefits package, including health insurance. Salary commensurate with experience.

TO APPLY: Please send your resume to Sandy Buchanan, Executive Director, Ohio Citizen Action, 614 W. Superior Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113. Fax: 216-694-6904, email: sbuchanan@ohiocitizen.org. Please apply by July 20, 2006.

Member News

NATIONAL TRUST CONFERENCE OFFERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CDCS

Is there a Heritage Lane in your community's future? Increase your understanding of historic preservation as a neighborhood revitalization tool by attending the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, October 31 – November 5, 2006. Share cutting-edge ideas and tactics for financial institution partnerships, revolving funds, affordable housing, real estate rehabs, adaptive uses, and organizational development. Learn about the latest in green architecture, historic site preservation, and advocacy.

The deadline for early bird registration and discounts is July 31. The extended registration deadline is October 20. To request registration information from the National Trust, visit www.nthpconference.org, or e-mail conference@nthp.org or call (800) 944-6847.

The Cleveland Restoration Society, a local partner of the National Trust, would like to hear from any local community development professionals who plan to attend the conference. The phone number is (216) 426-1000.

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voiced their hesitation. Kevin Schmotzer pointed out that the new procedures require a letter of support from the councilperson in whose ward the applicant company is located, and that council members could request any loan application to go through the council process.

See Jay Miller's article in the June 5-11, 2006 issue of *Crain's* for more information.



www.ciri-cleveland.org

Growing on the Cutting Edge

Heidtman Steel has accomplished something rare. They have continued to grow their steel business in a time where most other steel processors are struggling.

Heidtman Steel was established in 1954 and has grown to be the industry leader in steel sales and processing. The company is the largest privately held flat rolled steel services network in the U.S. with capabilities in pickling, slitting, galvanizing, and much more. Annual processing and distribution capacity is over 4 million tons.

Heidtman has 11 processing facilities and 5 re-



gional sales offices located in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, and of course Ohio. The Cleveland plant is a 250,000 square foot facility located at 4600 Heidtman Parkway adjacent to the ISG mill. In the past year they have increased employment to approximately 70 employees performing both pickling and slitting operations at the facility. Heidtman added a new heavy gauge slitting line in May 2005. During Heidtman's multi-million dollar investment project, CIRI served as a link between the company and the City of Cleveland, helping to resolve issues and move the project forward.

Heidtman has built a network of centers that offer broad capabilities, innovative technology, high quality processes, and competitive pricing. The com-

pany has strategically located itself in close proximity to its 1,200 customers and mill suppliers and as a result has reduced travel time, freight costs, and created a process that optimizes service and value to customers. Through continuous innovation, Heidtman stands apart on the cutting edge of steel processing technology.

Groundbreaking in Glenville

On June 21, 2006, Glenville Development Corporation broke ground for the \$4.7 million Parkside Townhomes. Mayor Frank G. Jackson joined Cleveland Cavalier LeBron James, Ward 8 Councilwoman Sabra Pierce Scott and Executive Director Tracey Kirksey for the ceremony. The Parkside Townhomes include 2,000+ square feet of living space, with two or three bedrooms and a two-car garage, a rooftop deck with spectacular views. Parkside Townhomes, now under construction, will be available in fall 2006 at prices ranging from \$260,000 to \$325,000. For information log onto www.info@glenvilledev.org or contact the Glenville Development Corporation at (216) 851-8724.

BROADWAY DIVERSITY IN PROGRESS

Broadway: Diversity in Progress, in association with Karamu House, is pleased to welcome the Karamu House players and their production of 'Tales of My Folk' to the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood. The play and discussion will be held Sunday, July 23rd at 6pm at the Jones Road Congregational Church (8000 Jones Road). 'Tales of My Folk' is an original Karamu House production about a traveling storyteller who visits a village where storytellers are not welcome. Now he must win them over with his many tales and charming personality. This play emphasizes the need for tolerance and understanding in an ever-changing world. Reception and discussion to follow after the play. This event is free and open to the public. Call Tom O'Brien at Slavic Village Development at (216) 429-1182 x 111 for more information.

COMMITTEE CORNER

Community Organizers' Committee: The first in a series of community organizing training sessions took place (see article on page 1).

Retail Commercial Support Initiative: The committee was briefed by the Visual Merchandising Subcommittee about the logistics for the Retail Design on a Dime program. An RFQ will be issued, with responses due on June 23. A session to meet and match artists and merchants is scheduled for July 13. Nicole Stika of COSE spoke about several small business support initiatives for the fall.

Friday, July 7 - Cleveland Green Building Coalition luncheon from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Environmental Center (use Lorain Ave. office entrance), 3500 Lorain Ave. The LEED rating system provides two possible credits for storm water management; one for rate and quantity, and one for treatment. There are a variety of strategies for handling storm water including bioswales, green roofs and porous pavement. Join us for this LEED@Lunch session to talk about challenges and successes in achieving LEED points for storm water management. Registration: \$20 Cleveland GBC Members, \$25 non-members. Registration required by Wednesday, July 5th. Register at <http://www.clevelandgbc.org/GreenBags/index.html>

Friday, July 7-16 - Second Annual iNGENUity Festival takes place in downtown Cleveland. The festival showcases the work of local artists, musicians, dancers, actors and other performers in a series of exhibits, performances and exciting venues. For more information, visit www.ingenuitycleveland.com

Wednesday, July 12-15 National 2006 Community Land Trust Conference “Building and Sustaining Communities” will be held at Boulder Millennium Hotel and Resort in Boulder, Colorado. Call (888) 845-8759 or visit www.communitylots.org for registration information.

Thursday, July 13 - ParkWorks sponsored, “Movie Under the Stars” movie series will feature “Wallace and Gromit: Curse of the Wererabbit” on Mall B at 9:00 p.m. Free lawn games will be at the public’s disposal. Contact ParkWorks at (216) 696-2122 x 113 for additional information.

Wednesday, July 19 - The City Club of Cleveland presents “Redeveloping Cleveland: Revitalizing Housing—Bottom Line Building” at 12:00 p.m. Panelists are: John J. Carney, Paul Volpe and Nathan Zaremba. Keith Brown, president of Progressive Urban Real Estate will serve as moderator. Tickets for each program are \$15 for members/students and \$25 for non-members. Lunch is included. Reservations and cancellations are required at least 24 hours in advance of the event. They can be purchased by calling The City Club at (216) 621-0082 or visiting the website at www.cityclub.org.

Thursday, July 20 - UHCAN Ohio and the Ohio Covering Kids & Families Coalition present “Linking Uninsured People and Immigrants with Free and Affordable Health Care Resources”. Conference is being held at the Steven A. Minter Conference Center, The Cleveland Foundation, 1422 Euclid Ave., 12th floor, Cleveland, Ohio from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Charlotte Rudolph at (614) 456-0060 or <mailto:crudolph@uhcanohio.org>

Thursday, July 21 - ParkWorks sponsored, “Meet Me on the Mall” music series will feature Cats on Holiday, Mall C at 12:00 noon. Contact ParkWorks at (216) 696-2122 x 113 for additional information.

Saturday, July 29 - HUD Training for Workers, Lead-Safe Work Practices Training will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Corporate College East, Room TBD, 4400 Richmond Road, Warrensville Heights, OH 44128. To register, call (216) 987-3075 or (216) 987-5875.

CNDC Calendar

RETAIL COMMERCIAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE	7/06	8:30 A.M.
COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS’ COMMITTEE	7/06	11:30 A.M.
(TRAINING SESSIONS)	7/07	9:00 A.M.
HOUSING COMMITTEE LOCATION TBA	7/26	NOON

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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