

## Living in Cleveland Center Celebrates 25 years

The Living in Cleveland Center recently celebrated 25 years of service. Founded in 1983, the organization works to promote the livability of Cleveland's neighborhoods. LICC finds innovative and unique ways to market City neighborhoods and works to increase economic investment in Cleveland by promoting travel, tourism and residential opportunities throughout the city's 36 distinctive neighborhoods.

On December 10, Living in Cleveland Center hosted a luncheon at Park Lane Villa in University Circle to commemorate its accomplishments over the past 25 years and share its vision for future civic marketing initiatives. Jeff Kipp, Executive Director, states "Living in Cleveland Center is taking more assertive steps in becoming a non-profit marketing agency for Cleveland's community development industry. We are prepared to showcase the numerous



amenities and lifestyle opportunities that exist in our wonderful collection of Cleveland neighborhoods".

Jennifer Coleman, founder and CEO of CityProwl, a company producing downloadable walking tours of City neighborhoods, served as keynote speaker for the event. She addressed the crowd and spoke of the importance and efficiency of using

technology to educate more individuals on the character and history of urban communities.

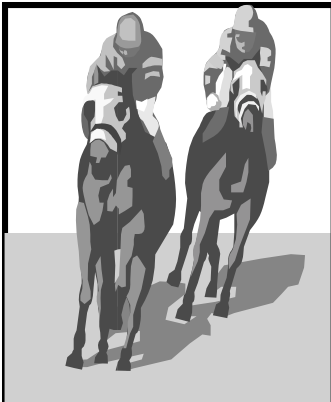
The organization also presented inaugural "Excellence in Neighborhood Marketing" awards. Those receiving awards were:

- **Cudell Improvement**, represented by Anita Brindza, for its presentation of the Clifton Arts & MusicFest, a 21-year-old neighborhood festival showcasing the City's Cudell and Edgewater neighborhoods.
- **Downtown Cleveland Alliance**, represented by Josh Taylor, for the production of Downtown Digs, a comprehensive annual printed publication highlighting Downtown living.

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### **SLAVIC VILLAGE TO HOST 12TH ANNUAL NITE AT THE RACES**

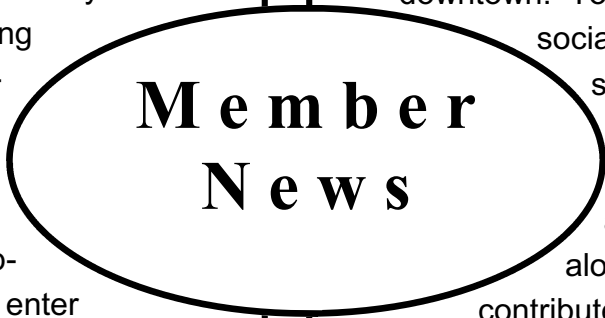
This annual event has become a tradition in the Slavic Village

neighborhood. This year's fun will take place on Saturday, February 7 at the Bohemian National Hall located at 4939 Broadway Ave. The doors open at 6 p.m. and racing starts at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15; tickets purchased at the door will be \$20. For an additional \$20 per horse you will have the opportunity to name your horse, enter that horse in a race and have the name of your horse and your name as the "owner" prominently displayed in the program book. The winning horse in each race will receive a medal and \$30 cash. To purchase tickets and/or a horse please contact Elizabeth Grace at 216-429-1182, Ext. 121 or by e-mail at [elizabeth@slavicvillage.org](mailto:elizabeth@slavicvillage.org).

### **PARK WORKS RECEIVES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

The Downtown Cleveland Alliance recently presented ParkWorks with the prestigious 2008 Downtown Development Award for its installation of the East Fourth summer streetscape.

The award honors projects that significantly enhance and revitalize the physical realm of downtown. Together with McKnight Associates, LTD., ParkWorks designed a streetscape rich in eye catching planters and greenery. This addition of attractive landscaping along East Fourth Street has contributed to the vitality, livability and economic strength of this critical area of downtown. Support from Medical Mutual of Ohio, MRN LTD. and the City of Cleveland enabled this project, which was completed in June of 2008.



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### **SAVE THE DATE**

Mark your calendar! Heritage Ohio's Annual Preservation and Revitalization Conference will be held May 5-7, 2009 in Cleveland. The Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation and The Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation will be the hosts. Look for more information in upcoming issues of INFOMAIL or call 216-344-3937.

### **Union Miles Development announces new retail development**

Miles Point Crossing is a \$6.3 million dollar redevelopment of 6.64 acres at East 131st and Miles Roads. This new retail center will be LEED certified. The site is currently being cleared of six vacant and deteriorated buildings and a municipal parking lot. When completed, the 26,000 square feet of new retail space will include a bank branch. Anchor businesses on the site are Miles Supermarket and Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services Center.

# JOB OPENINGS

## **BANK LENDING OFFICER CLEVELAND ACTION TO SUPPORT HOUSING**

Presently this is a part-time position, not to exceed 20 hours per week.

### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

- Explain the loan process and qualifying criteria to interested parties on the telephone or in person.
- E-mail scanned loan application and documentation to Loan Committee members, when acting for the Loan Program Manager.
- A title report and/or appraisal are ordered when requested by the Loan Programs Manager.
- Verify fees and points.
- Entry of relevant information into the Case Management System. The data base is to be maintained to ensure accurate reports for clients, the Board, the City and the Executive Director.
- The Bank Lending Officer is to attend all Production Team meetings.
- The Banking Lending Officer is to function as the Loan Programs Manager in their absence.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High School diploma with previous counseling and/or lending experience.
- Familiarity with federal, state, local and private housing development and finance programs. Knowledge of construction and real estate principles is helpful. Working knowledge of local housing markets and conditions.
- High degree of integrity and business ethics.
- Demonstrated knowledge of community and housing development and rehabilitation philosophies, principles and techniques.
- Ability to communicate on all levels.
- Effective interpersonal skills, strong negotiation skills.
- Strong attention to detail.

- Computer skills: word processing, spreadsheet software capabilities and data collection programs.
- Works well under pressure, meeting deadlines.

Availability for extended hours during peak periods and attendance at evening/week-end meetings. Frequent day travel to local CDC offices or libraries.

This position description is not intended to be a complete list of all responsibilities, duties or skills required for the job and is subject to review and change at any time, in accordance with the needs of Cleveland Action to Support Housing.

**Please send a detailed resume to  
Marcia Nolan  
Executive Director  
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4001 Detroit Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44113**

**Or by e-mail to [mnolan@cashcleveland.org](mailto:mnolan@cashcleveland.org)**



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# GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many grassroots grantmakers in Cleveland that provide grants to small non profit organizations— and some fund civic associations with fiscal agents. Listed below are a few funders that have deadlines approaching in the early part of next year. Please read the eligibility requirements carefully to see if your organization meets their criteria. Call or e-mail them if you have any questions.

## **CUYAHOGA ARTS & CULTURE**

There are new grant guidelines and eligibility requirements for the Project Support Grant Program (PS). These guidelines and requirements are now available online at [www.cacgrants.org](http://www.cacgrants.org). New for 2009 is a two-step application process that includes (1) Intent to Apply Form and Eligibility Documentation (deadline: 1-14-09) and (2) Application and Supplemental Materials (deadline: 3-11-09). To be eligible to apply for a 2009 Project Support Grant, every organization MUST SUBMIT an Intent to Apply form and required Eligibility Documentation. Your organization must be a non-profit (501 c 3) to be eligible. To receive an application call 216-515-8303 or to download an application go to [www.cacgrants.org/downloads](http://www.cacgrants.org/downloads).

## **THE CLEVELAND COLECTIVO**

The Cleveland Colectivo welcomes individuals, new businesses and community projects to participate. Grant amounts will range from \$500 to \$5,000, based on the number of projects selected. The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2009. For further information, please go to [cleveland-colectivo.org](http://cleveland-colectivo.org).

## **THE OHIO ARTS COUNCIL**

The Ohio Arts Council is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically. They offer a host of community programs that offer training and funds for small and emerging arts organizations. The programs include Art Access, Arts Innovation, Capacity Building and Building Cultural Diversity Initiative. For program specific deadlines, go to [www.oac.state.oh.us](http://www.oac.state.oh.us).

## **THE UNITED BLACK FUND**

The United Black Funds has financially assisted many non-profit organizations in the Greater Cleveland area. An important part of the philosophy is to insure that non-profit charitable organizations serving the poor, Black and other minorities receive an equitable share of the charitable dollars. United Black Funds awards up to \$10,000 and is accepting applications until January 23, 2009. To learn more go to [www.ubfoggc.org](http://www.ubfoggc.org).

## **GARDENING FOR GREENBACKS**

Gardening for Greenbacks provides grants up to \$3,000 for market gardeners in the City of Cleveland. These grants are sponsored by the City of Cleveland's Department of Economic Development in partnership with the Cleveland Department of Public Health, the New Agrarian Center, The Ohio State University Extension and Case Western Reserve University. For more detailed information, contact Ifeoma Ezepeue with the City of Cleveland at 216-664-3622 or at [iezepeue@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:iezepeue@city.cleveland.oh.us).

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### NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Neighborhood Connections provides grants for grassroots organizations in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. All applications must be received by Friday, February 13, 2009 at 5 p.m. For further information go to [neighborhoodgrants.org](http://neighborhoodgrants.org).

### THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE FUND

The Self-Development of People Fund (SDOP) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) makes grants to community groups who are working to improve their economic condition. Projects can either be start-up small businesses or grassroots non-profit organizations. The deadline for submitting complete proposals is Monday, March 16, 2009 (either postmarked by that date, hand delivered by 4:30 p.m. that day to 2800 Euclid Ave, Suite 500, Cleveland, 44115), or sent as a Word document by e-mail to [sgillespie@preswesres.org](mailto:sgillespie@preswesres.org) using their application). Extensions will not be granted. The SDOP committee welcomes proposals from all groups without regard to affiliation. Contact Jeff Nichols at 440-315-6301 for more information.

### AMERICA'S BEST SECRET

The **Waterloo Arts District** was recently named one of "America's Best Secret Neighborhoods" by Travel & Leisure Magazine. The district was ranked alongside neighborhoods in San Francisco, Chicago, New York and Miami among others. Congratulations on achieving this distinction.

## Member News

### THE ART AND SOUL OF BUCKEYE

Cleveland Public Art (CPA), ParkWorks and the Buckeye Area Development Corporation (BADC) in partnership with the City of Cleveland have redeveloped a pocket park in Cleveland's Buckeye neighborhood. A dedication ceremony took place on September 8, 2008.

The \$200,000 park redesign will also result in the relocation of a Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority bus stop designed to the standards of RTA's waiting environments (TWE) program. CPA coordinated a call for artists that resulted in photographer Chip Carter and muralist Francisca Ugalde being chosen to produce temporary installations for the two major building walls that face the park. In addition, CPA commissioned two artists, Angelica Pozo and James Simon to design permanent public art elements for the new park. This project is part of a comprehensive BADC-led strategy that includes major redevelopment initiatives along Buckeye Road.

Funding for the Art & Soul of Buckeye Community Park project was provided by St. Luke's Foundation, the Charter One Foundation, NPI, RTA, the Neighborhood Connections program of the Cleveland Foundation and the City of Cleveland City Works grant program.

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- **University Circle, Inc.**, represented by Chris Ronayne, for the 2008 opening of the Visitor and Living in the Circle Center, which serves as a resource center and welcomes visitors and potential residents to University Circle and its adjacent neighborhoods.

# Member News

## ATTENTION CDCs

The Living in Cleveland Center is currently planning for the 2009 LiveCLEVELAND! Guide—the only comprehensive citywide magazine promoting Cleveland's neighborhoods. 65,000 copies will be distributed to potential visitors and new residents. Be a part of this great promotion by supporting the publication and crafting the marketing message for your neighborhood. LICC is also expanding its website and is looking to gather more marketing information on all Cleveland neighborhoods. For more information on both projects, please contact Jeff Kipp at [kipp@livecleveland.org](mailto:kipp@livecleveland.org). or by phone at 216-781-5422.

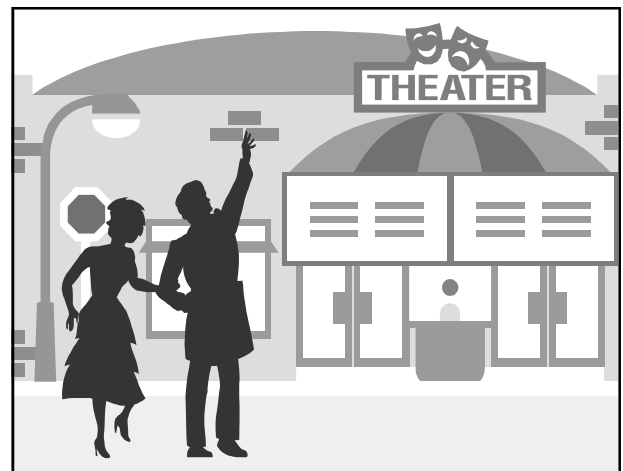
## ENCORES FOR TWO NEIGHBORHOOD THEATERS

Two voting members of CNDC are working to save and restore movie theaters: the LaSalle on East 185th Street in the Northeast Shores service area and the Variety on Lorain and West 118th in the Westown service area.

The Westown Community Development Corporation has raised about \$1.5 million toward an \$8 million restoration project for the Variety Theatre. Gretchen Moore, Commercial Director at Westown, notes that the building is structurally sound and that all of the work will be cosmetic.

The Variety last showed films in the early 1980's before it became a venue for heavy metal bands. In 1986, a judge shut it down, declaring the theatre a public nuisance. Today, the vacant Variety, built in part as a 1900-seat vaudeville house, is a vast cavity of peeling paint and crumbling plaster. Wall and ceilings, detailed in marble, brass and tapestry, are rich with decorative designs and theatrical faces. The theatre still has a grand balcony, original chandeliers, a stage and orchestra pit. Westown is expecting to purchase the theatre building by the end of January. Plans for the theatre are to present movies and live theatre again. Gretchen predicted that it would be three to five years before the Variety reopens under a new lighted marquee.

Northeast Shores Development Corporation is trying to purchase the LaSalle from Park View Federal Bank which foreclosed on the property in February. The bank was fined by Housing Court Judge Ray Pianka for building code violations. The current owners have until January 7, 2009 to correct the violations. The 1,500-seat LaSalle showed its last movie 15 years ago before an antique-car dealer bought the property, removed the seats and leveled the floor in an attempt to display cars. Brian Friedman, Executive Director of Northeast Shores, estimates that it will take about \$1.4 million to restore the property.



**Wednesdays, January 7-March 25—Line Dancing in the Village**—Need to make good on that New Year’s resolution to lose weight? Join in the fun on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 for line dancing classes. Classes take place on the 3rd floor of the Slavic Village Office Building, 5620 Broadway Ave. You do not need to be experienced or coordinated. For further information, contact Roberta “Birdie” Lucas at 429-1182, ext. 121.

**Sunday, January 18—Hidden Cleveland Tours**—Presented by the Downtown Cleveland Alliance and Down & Aroundtown. The tour will focus on different places in and around Downtown that are either off limits to the public or are “off the beaten path”. Each tour lasts three hours and offers a personalized experience of six “hidden” locations via Lolly the Trolley. There are two other tours scheduled for March 22 and May 3. Each tour is just \$25 per person or \$60 for all 3 tours. For more information, contact 216-736-7799.

**Tuesday, January 20—Northeast Shores Development Corporation Annual Meeting**—To be held at the Memorial Nottingham Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Election of officers for the Board of Directors. For further information call 216-481-7660.

**Thursday, January 29—Tremont West Development Corporation’s Annual Membership Meeting**—To be held at the OLA/St. Joseph Center located at 2346 West 14th St. in the Tremont neighborhood. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 7 p.m. For further information call 216-575-0920.

**Saturday, January 31—Self Development of People Workshop**—The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will take place at the Church of the Covenant located at 11205 Euclid Avenue. The workshop will provide an overview of the guidelines for the types of projects the committee will recommend for funding. Call Jeff Nichols to register at 440-315-6301.

**February 22-March 1—Restaurant Week in Downtown Cleveland**—Forty restaurants are already onboard for this fun and exciting event. Each restaurant will be offering a 3-course meal for just \$30. Selected lots close to the restaurants will offer \$2 parking for diners participating in Restaurant Week. More details are coming.....go to [cleveland.com/restaurantweek](http://cleveland.com/restaurantweek) or [www.downtownclevelandalliance.com](http://www.downtownclevelandalliance.com).

**Saturday, March 31—Union-Miles Development Corporation—7th Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser** at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Cleveland honoring Mayor Frank G. Jackson. The theme of this year’s event is “Let the Work Continue...” Further information to follow in upcoming issues of INFOMAIL or you may contact UMDC at 216-341-0757.

## CNDC Calendar

COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS	01/08	11:30 A.M.
HOUSING COMMITTEE	01/14	NOON
RETAIL COMMERCIAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE	01/15	9:00 A.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	01/27	8:30 A.M.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED,  
MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE OFFICES OF CNDC  
LOCATED AT 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

Colleen Gilson, Executive Director  
Wendy Albin Sattin, Director of Planning & Development  
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## VOTING MEMBERS

Bellaire Puritas Dev. Corp.-Buckeye Area Dev. Corp.-Burten, Bell, Carr Dev. Corp.-Clark Metro Dev. Corp.-Cleveland Habitat for Humanity-Cleveland Housing Network-Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Dev. Corp.-Community Housing Solutions-Consortium for Economic & Community Development-Cudell Improvement, Inc.-Cuyahoga Community Land Trust, Inc.-Detroit-Shoreway Community Dev. Org.-Downtown Cleveland Alliance-Eden, Inc.-Euclid St. Clair Dev. Corp.-Fairfax Renaissance Dev. Corp.-Famicos Foundation, Inc.-Flats Oxbow Association-Glenville Development Corp.-Harvard Community Services Center- Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corp.-Historic Warehouse District Dev. Corp.-Kamm's Corners Dev. Corp.-Little Italy Redevelopment Corp.-Living In Cleveland Center-Maingate Business Development Corp.-Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio-Midtown Cleveland, Inc.-Mt. Pleasant NOW Dev. Corp.-Neighborhood Housing Services-Northeast Shores Dev. Corp.-Ohio City Near West Dev. Corp.-Old Brooklyn CDC-Shaker Square Area Dev. Corp.-Shorebank Enterprise Group-Slavic Village Dev.-St. Clair Superior Dev. Corp.-Stockyard Redevelopment Org.-The Quadrangle, Inc.-Tremont West Dev. Corp.-Union-Miles Dev. Corp.-University Circle, Inc.-W.E.C.O. Fund, Inc.-Westown Community Dev. Corp.-WIRE-Net

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Deadline for submission is the **20th** of each month.

We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity.

Please submit all articles to [lynn@cndc2.org](mailto:lynn@cndc2.org)