

LIVING IN CLEVELAND CENTER MOVING TO SARAH BENEDICT HOUSE

The Sarah Benedict House will gain a new tenant in June, as the Living in Cleveland Center will be moving into office space with CNDC on the third floor. Both organizations believe they will immediately realize the value and benefit of working in close proximity to each other. “With LICC and CNDC working directly with the City of Cleveland and community development corporations, we feel both organizations can improve their service and effectiveness through collaboration and improved communication” notes Jeff Kipp, Executive Director of LICC. Colleen Gilson, Executive Director of CNDC add “we re excited to welcome LICC into the CNDC suite. We expect great synergy, a stronger relationship and quality idea sharing to come from this new arrangement”.



Living in Cleveland
C E N T E R

The Living in Cleveland Center markets the livability of Cleveland’s neighborhoods. It is well known for producing the annual LiveCLEVELAND! Guide and representing the City of Cleveland at numerous trade shows and festivals throughout the year. Additionally, LICC manages the LiveCLEVELAND.org website, offers information and referral services within the real estate market and has recently initiated a business outreach marketing program with larger employers in the region.

Kipp notes that this relocation makes perfect sense on many different levels. “We feel that we have to assume that our funding pool will continue to be limited. It is vital that nonprofits be as efficient as possible and limit expenses whenever feasible,” he adds. LICC and CNDC will both realize savings in rent and we are discussing the prospects of shared technology and shared staffing. “In an age of shrinking resources e are proud to send the message to our funding partners, members and supporters that we appreciate their investment in us and will continue to look for ways to best maximize their return” Gilson notes.

“I am very excited about this office relocation. Colleen Gilson and I have been discussing this opportunity for over a year and our Boards are very supportive. We feel this is a fiscally responsible move among two nonprofits in order to collaborate and improve value to the communities and constituencies we serve,” says Kipp. Gilson adds “a special thank you to the Cleveland Restoration Society for helping make this relocation a reality”.

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Public Policy Notes

HB 359 Passes the House

The House recently took action on a bill that gives counties the ability to use surplus delinquent tax collections to deal with a variety of issues surrounding the home foreclosure explosion.

Sponsored by Representative Matt Huffman (R-Lima), the bill grants county prosecutors and treasurers in counties with a population greater than 100,000 the authority to tap up to \$3 million in so-called "DTAC monies to: "abate nuisances related to residential buildings in foreclosure," and: "prosecute alleged violations of criminal and civil laws governing real estate and related transactions, including fraud, abuse and predatory lending."

Rep. Huffman said the new authority would "go a long way in abating the problems the cities have" as a result of abandoned and foreclosed homes and "provide a great tool for developers" in municipalities across the state.

Rep. Jon Peterson (R-Delaware), who is unopposed this fall for the Delaware County treasurer's post, amended the bill to give treasurers authority to determine what constitutes "surplus" DTAC money.

The sponsor won support for an amendment that stripped out a prior committee change requiring disclosures for property that had been used as methamphetamine labs. Rep. Huffman said the matter was being addressed separately in conjunction with federal officials.

The bill passed 91-4 with Reps. Tom Brinkman (R-Cincinnati), Tony Core (R-Rushsylvania), Diana Fessler (R-New Carlisle) and Bruce Goodwin (R-Defiance) in opposition.

THE OHIO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY HOMEBUYERS PROGRAMS

Through OHFA'S First-Time Homebuyer Program every day Ohio heroes can receive a lower rate on the conventional 30-year program. Ohio heroes are homebuyers who are active military personnel or military veterans, firefighters or emergency medical technicians-paramedic, healthcare workers, police officers or teachers. The Ohio Finance Agency can help open doors to new home ownership in your community. OHFA'S First-Time Homebuyer Program provides borrowers with the flexibility of choosing a mortgage product that best meets their needs by offering competitive, fixed rate 30-year programs that include conventional, FHA, VA and USDA Rural Development Government mortgages.

To help with down payment and closing costs eligible borrowers can choose from a down payment assistance grant in the amount of 3% of the purchase price, or a second mortgage in an amount up to 4% of the purchase price. What does this mean to homebuyers?

- Homebuyers have the opportunity to purchase a home with little or no funds
- There is no need to use down payment assistance programs, paid back by the seller, which often results in a higher purchase price.
- Fixed rate mortgages
- Section 8 homeownership vouchers accepted as income
- Can be used in conjunction with grant funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank.

All funds are based on a first come, first serve basis. Income and other restrictions may apply.

For further information please go to the OHFA website at www.ohiohome.org or contact Denise Enderlein at denise.enderlein@ncmc.com.

JOB OPENINGS

YOUTH FACILITATOR

THE CITIZENSHIP INSTITUTE

The Citizenship Institute is a six year old Mandel Foundation initiative in collaboration with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD). The purpose of the Citizenship Institute is to provide Leadership Development and expanded Citizenship engagement opportunities for students in eight city high schools.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Citizenship Institute is seeking a dependable and enthusiastic Youth Facilitator to work directly with 10th, 11th and 12th graders from participating Cleveland Metropolitan School District High Schools. The Youth Facilitator will conduct one-hour, interactive group sessions in an after school setting or a 40 minute interactive group session during an in-school setting as stipulated by the CI model and curriculum on issues involving civic leadership.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work closely with the Director to plan community service projects and leadership activities for CI students.
- Coordinate and oversee service projects and other activities for CI student groups.
- Coordinate curriculum development and weekly activities for students with assigned teacher advisors from participating schools.
- Document and compile monthly reports on student attendance and participation in program activities.
- Assist Director with annual CI Youth Leadership Retreat, Year-end Ceremony Luncheon and the production of the program newsletter.
- Administer pre- and post evaluations and assist in compiling the results.

REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS: A Bachelor's Degree in Teaching, Counseling, Psychology, Social Sciences and or Business or related experience; at least 3 years related work experience; excellent oral, written and presentational skills, time management and organizational skills ; ability to interact with students and adult program participants with professionalism at all times. Own reliable transportation.

WORK HOURS: 10-15 per week, some weekends and evenings.

Resume and cover letter should be forwarded to Shandra Koler at: SKKoler@aol.com.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

ACORN

Acorn (the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) is hiring. Community Organizers are needed to build power in low-income areas. Work with ACORN members to organize campaigns to fight against foreclosures and predatory lending, and to push for more affordable housing, better schools, better wages, etc.

Must clearly want to work directly in the community for social change; prefer candidates with prior experience (paid or volunteer) with non-profit organizations. Strong communications skills required; room for growth in responsibility.

Reliable transportation required, Spanish speaking a plus, but not required. Starting salary is \$26,500 with health benefits.

Please e-mail a cover letter and resume to

www.ohocorncv@acorn.org.

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

HISTORIC HOUSE WORKSHOP SERIES

At Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

The Cleveland Restoration Society is collaborating with Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens to present a series of engaging workshops designed to educate and inform not only professionals in the field of preservation but also the average historic home owner. The following four workshops are available:

- Burning Money: Maintenance & Energy Efficiency of Old Houses; Saturday, June 14 from 9-10:30 a.m.
- House Makeover: Exterior Painting of your Old House; Saturday, June 28 from 9-10:30 a.m.
- Historic Landscapes: The Marriage of House and Gardens; Saturday, July 12 from 9-10:30 a.m.
- Replace or Repair: Ask a Contractor; Saturday, July 26 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Classes are one hour followed by a 30-minute Q & A session . The cost of the workshop is \$25/per session or \$80 when registering for all four at once. *This fee is non-refundable unless Stan Hywet cancels the class.*

For registration information please contact Mark Heppner, VP of Museum Services at 330-315-3227 or mheppner@stanhywet.org.

**THE HISTORIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE
OF OHIO CITY NEAR WEST CDC
PRESENTS:**

**RESTORING AN OLD HOUSE ON A
BUDGET**

The Historic Heritage Committee of the Ohio City Near West Development Corporation is proud to present a home renovation seminar featuring speakers from the Cleveland Restoration Society, Home Depot and Ohio City neighbors with their success stories. This seminar will be held on Tuesday, June 12 from 7-9 p.m. and will be held at Franklin Circle Church, 1688 Fulton Rd. A \$5 donation is suggested, proceeds to benefit the Friends of Monroe Cemetery. Space is limited; please call to reserve. For more information visit www.ohiocity.org or call 216-781-3222.

**ACORN HELPS FAMILIES REMAIN
IN THEIR HOMES**

Every day, a growing epidemic threatens families in Cleveland. The foreclosure crisis has afflicted thousands in our community—shattering lives, dashing dreams and destroying neighborhoods. Almost everyone is affected by foreclosures, either through the loss of property values, blight caused by boarded up homes or increased criminal activity because of vacant properties. The crisis is expected to escalate this year as more sub prime mortgages reset to higher rates. A record 1.3 million filed for foreclosure last year, and experts predict 2 million will file in 2008. In Cuyahoga County so far in 2008, over 5,000 foreclosures have been filed. The good news amid all the gloom is there is hope for borrowers and communities. ACORN (the Association for Community Organizations for Reform Now) has been successful in assisting thousands of homeowners nationwide to modify terms of their loans into more affordable rates. People having trouble making mortgage payments should call 216-431-0573 or 1-866-67-ACORN to set up an appointment. ACORN Housing counselors will contact mortgage servicers on behalf of the borrower to seek solutions for families to remain in their homes. Cleveland ACORN is a grassroots community organization fighting for improvements in low and moderate-income neighborhoods. Community members concerned about growing foreclosures can join ACORN members pushing for local and national initiatives by calling the phone numbers above or go to www.acorn.org/savemyhome.

**Member
News**

**THE 21ST ANNUAL CLIFTON ARTS
AND MUSICFEST**

The sun will shine, the music will soar, the food will sizzle and the artists will be stocked with fine art at the 21st Annual Clifton Arts & Musicfest on Saturday, June 21. Clifton Boulevard at West 117th 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. Live 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 and other street performers. The Clifton Arts & Musicfest is a free, family event also featuring many informational displays and, of course, the Juried Art Venue where festival-goers may vote for the Popular Choice Award. Special sales by local merchants will be featured. The RetroRider, a free shuttle bus, will carry guests between the Clifton Arts & Musicfest and the Gay Pride celebration downtown. Park once, have fun in two places. Produced annually by Cudell Improvement, Inc., this year's event has major sponsorship from Charter One, Cleveland Indians Charities, National City Bank, US Bank and Fifth Third Bank.

**MAXIMUM ACCESSIBLE HOUSING
OF OHIO**

On Friday, June 6 Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio will present "Achieving Accessible Housing" a seminar on visitability, universal design and fully accessible housing. This free seminar is aimed at architects, builders and other housing professionals. The seminar will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Trinity Commons, 2230 Euclid Ave. To register visit www.mahohio.org or contact Laura Miller or Beth Glas at 216-231-7221.

Thursday, June 5—Sparx in the City—Kickoff of their Summer Concert Series—This event has become a downtown tradition. On any given Thursday evening or Friday lunchtime, you will find some of your favorite artists performing for passersby. Visit the Sparx website at www.cleveland.com/sparx for more information.

Friday, June 6—Broadway School of Music & the Arts—Marisela Sager and Friends: A special performance by members of the Cleveland Orchestra to benefit the school's operations and student financial aid fund. This concert will start at 7 p.m. and will be held at Trinity Commons, 2232 Euclid Ave. Reception following the concert with wine, beer and light hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$65. Call 216-641-0630 for tickets and further information.

Saturday, June 7—Shaker Square Area Development Corporation—Summer Concert Series—Hear live music every weekend (typically Saturday evening) through Labor Day weekend. Bands will perform from 6-8 p.m. on the north green. Westbound Shaker Blvd. will be closed during the concerts. Bring chairs, a blanket and pack a picnic.

Sundays, starting June 8—Kamm's Corners Farmers Market—From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Municipal parking lot on West 168th St. off of Lorain. The market features entertainment, health education and cooking demonstrations.

Wednesday, June 11 & Thursday, June 12—The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland—2008 Community Development Policy Summit. This year's forum will be held at the Cleveland Marriott Downtown and will explore a confluence of consumer finance issues including subprime borrowing and unfair and deceptive lending practices. Go to www.clevelandfed.org/2007policysummitproceedings for further information.

Tuesday, June 17—Midtown Cleveland's Annual Meeting—Delos (Toby) Cosgrove, M.D. Chairman and CEO of the Cleveland Clinic will be the keynote speaker. This event will be held at Sammy's University Club, 3813 Euclid Ave., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$45/person. For more information or to register log onto: www.midtowncleveland.org/events.asp

Saturday, June 21—Tremont West Development Corporation Tremont Trek—Guided walking home tour of six private homes in the Tremont neighborhood. Before and after party with food provided by some of Tremont's finest chefs and restaurants. Tickets are \$100/person. For further information contact 216-575-0920.

Saturday, June 21—Ohio City Run And Crawl—

Starting at 7 p.m. this is an evening 5K run through the streets of Ohio City followed by a pub and restaurant crawl featuring dozens of local establishments. To pre-register for the run please call Hermes Sports and events at 216-623-9933.

Sundays starting June 22—Tremont Farmers Market—From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner of Professor and Starkweather Avenues. Local produce, live music, chef demonstrations and nutrition information.

Thursday, June 26—Hispanic Business Expo 2008—This event is designed to help Hispanic and non-Hispanic business owners interested in expanding or developing their business. The event will be held at La Sagrada Familia Hall, 7719 Detroit Ave., from 5-8 p.m. This event is free but there are many sponsor and exhibitor opportunities available. For further information please call Pete Lontor at 216-443-7279 or by e-mail at plomter@cuyahoga_county.us.

CNDC Calendar

COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS' 6/5 11:30 A.M.

RETAIL COMMERCIAL 6/19 9:00 A.M.
SUPPORT INITIATIVE

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
CNDC OFFICES
3751 PROSPECT AVE.
PLEASE ENTER THROUGH REAR DOOR

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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.

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