

Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition
 Downtown Cleveland Alliance
 City of Cleveland
 Invite
 CDC Directors, Staff and Board Members
 to

***An Introduction to
 Business Improvement Districts***

A Business Improvement District (BID) is created to make improvements to public space infrastructure, address quality of life concerns (i.e. safety or cleanliness) and/or market a given area. It is a self-taxing district because the property owners agree among themselves to pay into the district, in return for services which they also agree on. During this session, all of your questions about BIDs will be answered, such as:

How is a BID established?

What is the formula for determining how much money can be raised?

How are taxes collected? What about property owners who don't want to contribute to the BID?

How are boundaries determined?

Who administers the BID?

Speakers:

Joseph Marinucci, President, Downtown Cleveland Alliance
 Robert N. Brown, Director, Cleveland City Planning Commission
 Fred Thomas, City of Cleveland Law Department

May 19, 2008
 8:30 Coffee
 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. Presentations
 The Higbee Conference Room
 COSE Offices, 100 Public Square

The session is free to CNDC members and their board members, but RSVPs are requested. Contact Lynn Freidel at 216-928-8100 or lynn@cndc2.org to register for the session.

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**Foundation Center–Cleveland Releases
 “Spotlight on Economic Development
 Grantmaking in Ohio”**

The Foundation Center–Cleveland recently released its first look at the state of funding for economic development in its new report, “*Spotlight on Economic Development Grantmaking in Ohio.*” Drawn from the Foundation Center’s annual grants sample, the report analyzes 329 economic development grants to Ohio recipients made by 64 foundations totaling \$24.6 million, \$17.1 million from 34 foundations based in Ohio (259 grants) and \$7.5 million from foundations based outside Ohio (70 grants). Grant dollars awarded to Ohio recipients for economic development accounted for 7 percent of all grant dollars awarded to Ohio recipients (\$376.7 million).

• **GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES FOR
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Giving to four major subcategories accounted for more than 80 percent of all giving for economic development in Ohio. General economic development accounted for nearly one-third of all grant dollars, while, combined, small business development, employment training and services, and urban development accounted for more than half of all economic development grants awarded to Ohio recipients. Over the period 1995 to 2005, grant dollars awarded to economic development in Ohio rose 177 percent, while the number of grants increased 125 percent, illustrating a growing interest in the field. Among specified population groups, the economically disadvantaged benefited from 12 percent of overall Ohio

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Public Policy Notes

REBUILD OHIO PRESENTS
OHIO VACANT PROPERTIES FORUM II:

HIGHLIGHTING BEST PRACTICES IN FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Ohio's high rate of home foreclosures has set a crisis in motion, touching all corners of Ohio, destabilizing local housing markets with a glut of vacant and abandoned properties. Decreases in population and jobs in Ohio have created weak markets that defy traditional redevelopment strategies. These problem properties are eroding local tax bases and draining city budgets, further limiting the ability of cities to manage vacant and abandoned properties and to deliver fundamental services.

In light of the increasing pervasiveness of issues associated with vacant property and foreclosure, ReBuild Ohio will host the **Ohio Vacant Properties Forum II on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at The Greater Columbus Convention Center**. The forum will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Joining the discussion will be participants representing a cross section of community development professionals, public officials, civic leaders, local and state government staff, citizen activists, the financial community, real estate professionals, academics, developers, planners and others.

Program highlights include best practices, policy recommendations and legislative initiatives updates. Topics of discussion will be Land Banking, Foreclosure Prevention Approaches, and Addressing Vacancy and Abandonment. For more information about the Forum or sponsorship opportunities, or to register early, contact the Forum hotline at 614-470-1093 or go to the ReBuild Ohio website at www.rebuildohio.org.

ReBuild Ohio, a consortium of local government, nonprofit and civic organizations dedicated to promoting revitalization and reuse of vacant and abandoned properties, was created from the Ohio Vacant Properties Forum in 2005. CNDC serves as its co-chair.

JOB OPENING

MAY DUGAN CENTER

DIRECTOR

May Dugan Center, a private not for profit organization serving the needs of people on the west side since 1969, is looking for a new Director to lead the organization. The Board of Trustees is looking for candidates to direct the organization and to continue its success in pursuing its mission: *to enrich life and build community through advocacy, education, coordination and collaboration.*

The successful candidate will report to and work closely with the Board of Trustees in seven (7) primary areas of responsibility: *general administration, financial management, personnel, program collaboration, property management and board and public relations.*

Interested candidates must possess the following:

- Fund Development Experience
- Nonprofit Experience
- Community Connections and Knowledge
- Sense of Vision
- Solid Fiscal Management Skills
- Strong Leadership Skills
- Strong Communication Skills
- Strong Work Ethic
- Strong Collaboration Skills & Working Knowledge of Community Served
- Cultural Competence and Sensitivity

Master's Degree in Social Work, Public Health, Public Administration, or related field.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Submit your resume, work-related references and professional credentials in confidence to jeff@sentenia.com
Deadline for submissions is May 15, 2008.



Cleveland Bicycle Week, May 12-16

Join Cleveland Bikes for the biggest gathering of cycling interests and activities *ever* in Northeast Ohio. Week-long activities to celebrate, educate and collaborate for a stronger cycling community during the month of May, national Bike Safety Month, include: Bicycle Advocacy Conference, Bike to Work Rides with contests and prizes, learning about "Rock and Roll Cleveland" or track bicycle racing and riding at a new velodrome and much more. For more information including dates and locations of specific events, visit: www.clevelandbicycleweek.org or call 216.374.7578.

JOB OPENINGS

OFFICE MANAGER

BELLAIRE-PURITAS DEV. CORP.

The BPDC Office Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of office operations, including management of records and supplies and the maintenance of office equipment. In addition, the office manager will assist with the coordination of employee benefit programs and help manage the collection and on-time delivery of various reports to be made to the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development and other funding providers. Finally, the office manager will coordinate office volunteers.

The Office Manager reports to the Executive Director. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Creating and maintaining the agency filing system, including Board minutes, agency audits and tax files, personnel files, contracts and grant agreements and related reports.
- Managing benefit programs available to employees.
- Maintaining current records of employee emergency contact information, job descriptions and qualifications.
- Maintaining employee timesheets.
- Assist director in submitting monthly draw requests on a timely basis.

This position requires a high school diploma or post secondary business school, with a bachelor's in accounting or finance preferred. Must have good written and oral skills, experience in non-profit setting, office management and/or customer service desired.

Interested candidates should submit their resume to:

Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation
14703 Puritas Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44135
FAX: 216-671-9868
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

HOUSING PROGRAM ASSISTANT

BELLAIRE-PURITAS DEV. CORP.

The BPDC Housing Assistant will coordinate code enforcement activities, maintain records for area housing surveys and assist with housing rehabilitation loans and other home improvement programs made available to homeowners and renters in the BPDC service area in the city of Cleveland's southwest side. With this in mind, the position affords flexible daytime hours, with some limited evening requirements.

The Housing Program Assistant is a part-time, salaried position that reports to the Housing Program Director. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Develop calendar and coordinate code enforcement activities for BPDC service area.
- Assist Housing Program Director with surveys and reports regarding local housing vacancies, abandonment and foreclosure.
- Maintain accurate records of all housing rehabilitation work and individual resident loan applications.
- Promote various housing rehabilitation loan programs to the community.
- Coordinate the work of the agency housing programs with area wide agencies and nearby CDCs where the agency has collaborative arrangements.

This position requires a working knowledge of home maintenance and improvement projects, the home improvement contracting process and basics in home finance. College degree preferred, or the relevant college coursework with experience in the field. Computer literacy, excellent verbal and interpersonal skills are essential. GIS experience a plus.

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JOB OPENINGS

AFTER-SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR

BELLAIRE-PURITAS DEV. CORP.

The BPDC After-School Instructor will design and coordinate enrichment programming and assist with computer-based learning instruction for kindergarten to 8th grade students of the 21st Century Learning Center on the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority's Riverside Park Estates. Most of this work takes place during afternoon and early evening hours. Enrichment programming, primarily delivered on Friday afternoons, is designed to help students experience civic pride, civic participation, introduce entrepreneur and business development concepts at an age appropriate level, and build community among young people. The BPDC After-School Instructor will provide access to the BPDC Computer Lab and, with other 21st Century Learning Center instructors, assist students with the computer-based learning programs Monday-Thursday afternoons. The After-School Instructor is a part-time, salaried position that reports to the Youth Development Director. Job qualifications include a college degree in elementary education or relevant college coursework with experience in the education field, familiarity with IBM-compatible computers, office software and the internet. Excellent verbal and interpersonal skills are essential.

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SAVE THE DATE

7th Annual Stockyard Stampede

This annual event happens on Saturday, August 9th and is a 5K run and a 1M walk that benefits SRO. The 5K run begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 1M walk begins at 8:45 a.m. For further information or to volunteer please call 216-961-7687.

CASE MANAGER

CLEVELAND HOUSING NETWORK

The Cleveland Housing Network is seeking an individual who will build and maintain positive relations with families, provide home-based management services, assist families during a crisis and aid the families with goal establishments to achieve a higher level of self sufficiency.

Requirements include a BA in Social Work (Masters and/or LSW preferred) or a related field and a minimum of three years working with unemployed, under-employed, victims of domestic violence and the chemically dependent. Travel required within the city of Cleveland—transportation, valid drivers license with insurance coverage required.

Interested candidates should submit their resume to:

Cleveland Housing Network
HR Department
2999 Payne Ave. #306
Cleveland, OH 44114
FAX: 216-685-1659
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Announcing the Dominion Foundation Community Impact Awards

CNDC is very pleased to announce that four member groups were selected to receive the Dominion Foundation Community Impact Award. A panel of judges selected a total of 9 winners from entries submitted by more than 50 organizations throughout Northeast Ohio in the 13th annual award competition. The award recognizes cities or groups that have made an impact in the community. CNDC is especially proud of the following member organizations for their persistence and outstanding contributions to their communities:

Buckeye Area Development Corporation
CitiRama Home Show
Downtown Cleveland Alliance
The Clean & Safe Ambassador Program
Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity
Cleveland Women Build Program
Slavic Village Development
The Morgana Run Trail Project

Congratulations to all!

MEMBER NEWS

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economic development grant dollars. Ethnic or racial minorities followed with more than 7 percent of grant dollars.

- **TYPES OF SUPPORT**

Grants from foundations located anywhere for economic development activities in Ohio largely supported programs, which encompasses funding for specific programs and projects, conferences and seminars, and seed money. To a lesser extent foundations also provided economic development grants in support of the general operations of organizations, in addition to their capital needs, research activities, and student aid projects.

More information about foundation support for economic development, including statistical charts and data tables, can be found in *Spotlight on Economic Development Grantmaking in Ohio*. Also included are lists of top grantmakers and recipients and profiles of two unique Ohio grantmakers, the Fund for Our Economic Future and the Generation Foundation. The voices of active economic development grantmakers are included throughout. The report is available for free downloading at the Foundation Center-Cleveland's website, <http://www.foundationcenter.org/cleveland>.



**GET CAUGHT UP IN THE
ACTION.....**

RIVERSWEEP

Join friends, family and neighbors on Saturday, May 10 for RiverSweep. The Ohio Canal Corridor will be sponsoring the 19th Annual RiverSweep Environmental Cleanup—the largest in the State of Ohio. The annual environmental awareness and clean-up initiative is a “done in a day” event where volunteers gather at one of seven designated areas in the morning to begin clean-up and end at the Nautica Complex for a celebratory lunch. The event begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. T-shirts are available for volunteers. Please visit www.ohiocanal.org or call 216-520-1825 for more information.

OLD BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

announces

TREADWAY CREEK GREENWAY AND TRAIL DEDICATION CEREMONY

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation cordially invites everyone to the dedication ceremony for the Treadway Creek Greenway and Trail. **This event will take place on Friday, May 16th at 8:30 a.m.** The park is located at Plymouth Road and South Hills Blvd in Ward 15. The City of Cleveland Department of Parks and Recreation restored and preserved 21 acres of prime riparian corridor, wooded ravine and open space through land acquisition and placement of a conservation easement. In addition, a 2/3 mile asphalt paved, all-purpose trail linking Harmody Park with the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail was constructed—thereby creating public access from the surrounding neighborhoods into this natural ravine and to the Towpath Trail. The trail included retaining walls of varying heights planted with native plants, interpretive way finding and educational signage, scenic lookout areas, custom benches, and hand crafted timber railings. Total cost of construction was approximately \$1,350,000. There were many collaborative efforts in obtaining these funds, including OBCDC, Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, CMHA, The Ohio Canal Corridor, The Ohio and Erie Canal Association and allocations from Wards 15 and 16.

AN INVITATION FROM CNDC AND THE OHIO CDC ASSOCIATION

Please join us **Tuesday, May 13 for CDC Education Day** in Columbus at the Statehouse Atrium. The Theme is **“Restoring Communities...One Neighbor at a Time.”** Please consider committing your time from 9:15 a.m. until 2 p.m. for this important event. We will hold a briefing on the OCDCA Policy Agenda from 9:15 until 10 a.m. From 10 –2 p.m., we will provide continental breakfast and then lunch in the Atrium for Senators and Representatives prior to and after their sessions. Event cost: \$35/person. To register, go to www.ohiocdc.org. Additional questions? Contact Celia Elkins at 614-461-3692.



CITY PLANNERS STUDY COHOUSING

The City of Cleveland's Planning Department is exploring how cohousing can expand housing options for existing and future residents of the city.

Given population decline, the region's economic climate and the onset of aging baby boomers, cohousing may be a viable solution for those willing to utilize cooperation in their daily lives.

A cohousing community offers individual housing units that are smaller than what is typical, each unit with its own kitchen. Developments include shared common spaces that are created for daily use. A common house usually includes a large kitchen and dining area that can accommodate all residents, as well as other spaces such as a library, workshop, craft room or kids play room. The residents determine how space is designed and used.

Made popular in the United States during the early 1980's, cohousing incorporates six principles including:

PARTICIPATORY PROCESS—residents actively participate in the development of the plan and design of individual housing units as well as shared facilities and spaces.

DELIBERATE NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN—the physical environment is designed to accommodate people and encourages interaction between residents.

COMMON FACILITIES—designed for daily use, are an integral part of the community, and are always supplemental to the private residences.

RESIDENT MANAGEMENT—residents manage their own communities, which include performing much of the work required to maintain the property.

NON-HIERARCHICAL DECISION-MAKING—leadership roles naturally evolve in a cohousing community, however, no one person has authority over others.

NO SHARED COMMUNITY ECONOMY—the community is not a source of income for its members. Typically, residents do specific tasks, which is considered that member's contribution to the shared responsibilities.

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Several groups have been identified with an interest in being part of a potential demonstration project. The nuts and bolts for future projects will be discussed at a forum event in June. **Neighborhood Housing Services at 5700 Broadway in Slavic Village will host a brown bag pre-forum meeting on Wednesday, May 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Beverages and snacks will be provided. The purpose is to be sure that anyone with an interest has an opportunity to get more information. For more information, contact Kim Scott at 664-3803, Trevor Hunt at 664-2212 or Marka Fields at 664-3465. Please RSVP to kscott@city.cleveland.oh.us by May 5th.

TIME TO UPDATE CLEVELAND RETAIL SPACES WEBSITE

The CNDC sponsored website, www.retailspaces.cleveland.com, designed and developed for CNDC community development members, serves the CDCs by highlighting the retail opportunities in their neighborhoods. Locations, in-depth demographics, assets, and features are included, along with current retail spaces available and contact information. The goal of the website is to interest developers sufficiently so that they contact the local development corporation.



May is the month dedicated for the upcoming updates to the website. Deadlines are as follows: for brand new listings by a member CDC not already included on the website, the deadline is May 9, 2008; for updating information from currently listed CDC's, the

deadline is May 16, 2008. Send information and/or questions to Chris King, webmaster, at chris@creativekeys.net or you may call her at 216-991-8428.

Tuesday, May 13—2008 Historic Downtown Cleveland Luncheon Forum—presented by the Cleveland Theater District, Historic Gateway Neighborhood and the historic Warehouse District. The forum will take place at Windows on the River from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be Christopher B. Leinberger and he will discuss “*Why the Downtown Turn Around is Essential to Metro Cleveland’s Economic Future.*” For further information phone 216-344-3937

Wednesday, May 14—Community Partnership for Arts and Culture presents from “**rust belt to artist belt**”, a daylong exploration of how artists can play a vital role in neighborhood revitalization throughout the industrial Midwest. This event will take place at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs of Cleveland State University, 1717 Euclid Ave and runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring a keynote luncheon with Jeremy Nowak of the Reinvestment Fund. Cost is \$75 full day/\$25 keynote and lunch option. For more information, please call 216-575-0331 or visit www.cpabiz.org.

Friday, May 16—2008 Ohio Business Women’s Conference and Expo—Sponsored by the Hispanic Business Association and held at the Marriott Downtown Key Center. Keynote speakers include Juana Bordas, President of Mestiza Leadership International and Robin Jay, Author and Corporate Trainer. For further information and to register go to www.hbahcco.org.

Saturday, May 17—11th Annual Spring Clean Fling—sponsored by the Glenville Development Corporation and their *Legion of Superheroes*. T-shirts, food and games will make this clean-up fun, fun, fun. For further information contact Lenora at 216-851-8724.

Saturday, May 17—Slavic Village to host Game of Skate—East meets West as skateboarders from both sides of the Cuyahoga will be meeting on the streets of Slavic Village for a tournament of flatground SKATE. The game of SKATE is similar to “HORSE” in basketball. Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 finalists. There is a \$5 entry fee. For further information, contact Jacob VanSickle at 216-429-1182, ext. 111 or log onto www.slavicvillage.org.

Sunday, May 18—20th Ohio City Home Tour—Tour eight Ohio City homes , many of which will be favorites from past years Home Tours. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 day of event. For tickets or further information call 216-781-3222 or go to www.ohiocity.com.

Saturday, May 31—2nd Annual 5K Morgana Run—The race begins at 9 a.m. (registration starts at 8 a.m.) in the Slavic Village neighborhood. This year the race will begin at the E. 75th/Aetna intersection. After the race refreshments and pierogies will be served. If you are interested in being a supporter, please contact Emily Miller at 216-429-1182, Ext. 121 or by e-mail at emilym@slavicvillage.org.

CNDC Calendar

COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS	5/01	11:30 A.M.
RETAIL COMMERCIAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE	5/15	9:00 A.M.
CNDC BOARD	5/27	8:30 A.M.
HOUSING COMMITTEE FAIRFAX RENAISSANCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	5/28	NOON

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The mission of the Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition is to serve as the collective voice of Cleveland's CDC's and to assist them in strengthening neighborhoods through strong and clearly focused issue-based advocacy, strategic opportunities for peer-to-peer interaction and interaction between various sectors of the CDC community, and customized and relevant training programs.

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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 Friedel at
lynn@cndc2.org