

Our Place in the Urban Age

The Levin College of Urban Affairs 30th Anniversary Forum Series

This session continues the Levin College of Urban Affairs' series of explorations of the theme "creating and sustaining communities of choice" with an in-depth look both national community development trends and at the Cleveland Strategic Investment Initiative.

When: November 29, 2007 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: Maxine Goodman Levin
College of Urban Affairs Atrium
Cleveland State University, 1717 Euclid Avenue

Agenda

The National Perspective

Ben Hecht, President and CEO, Living Cities
Living Cities is a national organization with a mission to increase the vitality of cities and urban neighborhoods and improve the lives of people who live there through working with some of the nation's largest foundations including Enterprise Community Partners and the Cleveland Foundation.

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Join our neighborhood restaurants at the



Friday, November 9th - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, November 10th - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sunday, November 11th - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
at the

International Exposition Center (I-X Center)
One I-X Center Drive
216.265.COOK (2665)

New this year: the inaugural **TASTE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD** showcase presented by CNDC features a rotation of local restaurants where attendees sample free delicious food and experience what makes our neighborhoods so special.

Many thanks to our hardworking committee for recruiting restaurants, organizing volunteers and unflagging enthusiasm for the project: Ben Trimble, John Bok-sansky, Jamar Doyle, Hugh Kidd, Gretchen Moore, Sherita Mullins, and Barbara Szaibel. CDC assistance was also provided by Tom Collins and Michelle Davis. Thank you to the I-X Center for its support. Funding for this program has been provided by the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.fabulousfoodshow.com.

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Public Policy Notes

Community Development and Housing Federal Legislation. The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 2895, the **National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007**, by a vote of 264-148, on October 10. The legislation allocates \$1 billion annually from Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and FHA loan fees for the construction and preservation of 1.5 million homes or apartments over the next 10 years for low- and moderate-income families. A bill similar to H.R. 2895 is expected to be introduced in the Senate in coming weeks.

Congressman Brian Higgins (NY) recently introduced H.R. 3498, the **Neighborhood Reclamation and Revitalization Act of 2007**, to designate federal funds to the vacant housing problem and to help communities develop ways to re-use newly vacant land. The bill would: create a new residential housing demolition program administered by HUD for cities with comprehensive demolition plans and that have been especially hard hit by vacant housing and neighborhood degradation; provide grants for cities to study how to reuse newly vacant land; allocate grant funds to supplement existing community development funding programs; and establish a specific federal commitment to demolition – the bill authorizes appropriations of \$100 million over three years. Senator Hillary Clinton has introduced a companion bill in the Senate, S. 2054. To date, Ohio co-sponsors include Representatives Tubbs Jones, Ryan, Kaptur and Sutton. Please contact Congressman Kucinich to urge him to sign on as a co-sponsor of this bill.

Congressman Barney Frank recently introduced H.R. 3915, the **Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007**. The bill would: prohibit mortgage lenders and brokers from receiving incentive payments when signing borrowers on for overly expensive loans; make banks that package mortgage securities into investments liable for violations of lending laws; require state or federal licensing of mortgage brokers and bank loan officers; put strict limits on penalty charges for early payments. Congressman Frank is chair of the House Financial Services Committee, and he planned to begin hearings

on the bill in late October. The bill has been criticized by the mortgage industry for, among other issues, allowing regulations to vary by state, rather than establishing uniform federal standards.

Dominion East Ohio Announces 13th Annual Community Impact Awards Competition

The Community Impact Awards, sponsored by Dominion and *Inside Business Magazine*, recognize cities and community organizations that have made major contributions toward the economic and social revitalization of communities located in Dominion's service area in Ohio. To be eligible, projects must: have been completed between July 2006 and November 2007; have made a major contribution to the economic or social revitalization of communities in northeast Ohio; be located within the Dominion service area in Ohio; and have 501 (c) 3 status, or an eligible fiscal agent. The awards program will distribute a total of \$100,000 in unrestricted grants for winning projects. See <http://www.dom.com> for more information. Deadline for applications is November 26, 2007.

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Cleveland's Strategic Investment Initiative

Neighborhood Progress' comprehensive approach to community development is underway in six neighborhoods of Cleveland to create neighborhoods of choice, stimulate market recovery and retain community wealth. Hear how the Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation and Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization are working with a number of community partners and leveraging their locational advantages in the development of long-term community assets, new housing, neighborhood amenities, jobs, and programs to protect the assets of existing residents.

Panel:

Bobbi Reichtell
Sr. Vice President, Neighborhood Progress

Vickie Eaton Johnson
Executive Director, Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation

Jeff Ramsey,
Executive Director, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization

Oliver "Pudge" Henkel, Esq.
Executive Director, Government Relations, The Cleveland Clinic

JOB OPENINGS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ohio City Near West (OCNW)

OCNW is a high-energy development organization that strives to be in touch with the community and informed by residents and community needs. They are currently seeking an Executive Director to lead the mission, programs, and staff of OCNW.

The Executive Director will lead residential growth, business development, and community-based programs within the neighborhood; further the strategic plans of the organization; identify and obtain new sources of funding; manage and enhance fiscal operations; maximize staff performance; and develop community leadership.

The successful candidate will have proven leadership ability within a non-profit organization, solid community and real estate development experience, and strong financial management and budgeting skills. Excellent leadership skills, fundraising capabilities, and a demonstrated passion for community building, along with at least a Bachelor's degree in urban planning, public administration, business or law.

Please e-mail (*referencing OCNW in the subject line*) your resume to:

Lmerritt@thrd.com

The Human Resource Department Ltd.
23240 Chagrin Blvd., Building 4 – Suite 845,
Cleveland, OH 44122-5403

www. ocnw.org

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Center for Community Solutions

General statement of responsibilities: Provides professional project support with limited guidance and leadership from supervisor.

Essential job tasks include: using computers; writing; editing; publication production; website administration; photography; planning; problem solving; building relationships with members of community, professionals, and decision makers; collection and analysis of data, trends and ideas; recommending projects and initiatives for participation.

Essential competencies include: teamwork; versatility; attention to detail; collection of data and data entry; general and technical writing; knowledge and proficient use of Windows Office and GroupWise software applications and graphics software; ability to perform several tasks concurrently; ability to analyze and assess data and make decisions utilizing own discretion and judgment.

Qualifications: Combination of education and experience normally represented by a Bachelor's Degree and experience in a communications/ community affairs position. Must have excellent writing and verbal skills, including proper grammar, spelling, and word usage. Must be able to edit the work of others. Must have knowledge and experience with page design, event management, and website administration. Must be proficient in use of a personal computer, including the following software programs: Windows Word, Excel, PowerPoint, GroupWise email and electronic scheduling, In Design, and Photoshop.

Salary Range: \$25,000 to \$45,000.

Interested parties should respond in writing to:
Director of Development & Community Affairs
The Center for Community Solutions
1226 Huron Road, Suite 300
Cleveland, OH 44115.

No phone calls accepted. Please include references and a copy of your portfolio (samples of your work using the software applications noted above).

JOB OPENINGS

SPECIFICATION WRITER & CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Neighborhood Conservation Services of Barberton, a non-profit housing assistance agency headquartered in the city of Barberton, Ohio, is seeking an experienced home renovation specialist to write job specifications, manage small renovation projects, and provide basic home maintenance instruction for first time buyers in Barberton and adjoining communities. Applicants should be familiar with local and State of Ohio building codes, construction techniques, and contract management. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits and ample continuing education opportunities.

Send resumes to:
Jay D. Gardner, Executive Director
NCS of Barberton
470 West Park Ave.
Barberton, Ohio 44203
Email: jgardner@barbertonncs.org

CNDC Co-Sponsors Leadership Dialogue

CNDC and Living in Cleveland Center are presenting *How Do We Market the Livability of Cleveland's Neighborhoods? (Part II)* on November 13 at Cleveland State University's Dively Auditorium, in the Levin College of Urban Affairs, 1717 Euclid Avenue. The session is scheduled from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, with continental breakfast beginning at 8:00 AM.

The panel discussion features:
Tamera Brown, Positively Cleveland
Melanie Fioritto, Downtown Cleveland Alliance
Colleen Gilson, CNDC
Jeff Kipp, Living in Cleveland Center
Walter Wright, Neighborhood Progress, Inc.
Moderator: India Lee, Cleveland Foundation

Please RSVP by November 9th to Jeff Kipp:
jkipp@livingincleveland.org or 216.761.5422.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rebuilding Together Cleveland

Rebuilding Together Cleveland, Inc. ("RTC") is a not-for-profit Ohio corporation that unites community and corporate volunteers to provide free rehabilitation and repair of homes owned by low-income individuals and families. RTC is seeking a self-motivated, part-time contractual executive director who will be responsible for the overall development, management and execution of the programs, services and activities of RTC.

Position requires a Bachelor's Degree in social services, business or nonprofit management, or related discipline; supervisory or administrative experience in the field of housing, the nonprofit sector or social services. Necessary skills include recruiting and organizing volunteers, partnering with other organizations to deliver services, supporting a board of directors, developing community awareness of RTC, and fundraising, including grant writing. Salary based on experience and qualifications.

Please submit cover letter and resume electronically to: banngreene@aol.com. Deadline for submission is November 9.

Neighborhood CPR: Community plus Revitalization

On October 10, approximately twenty five economic development staff from various CDCs and neighborhood boards attended a workshop designed to provide participants with real estate development strategies and insights gleaned from some of the most respected practitioners in Cleveland. Speakers were:

David O'Neill, Colliers Ostendorf-Morris: retail leasing and strategies
Radhikah Reddy, Ariel Ventures: proforma analysis and financing tools
Jack Cornachio, Coral Company, and Kathy Stioakis, Paran Management: construction and property management
Ari Maron, MRN: conversion projects

The workshop was sponsored by Partners Environmental, the Greater Cleveland Real Estate Organization, CNDC, and COSE. Plans are in the works for a second workshop early next year.

Member News

Burten Bell Carr Announces the Completion of the St. John's Square Reading Garden

Burten, Bell, Carr will be hosting several community events this fall at the reading garden on East 40th and Central. The Sisters of Charity Foundation supplied funds for the maintenance of the garden and the Solomon Movement, a community youth group, did the landscaping. All residents are welcome to visit the garden to read or host community events. Call Sherita Mullins, Burten, Bell, Carr at (216) 341-1455 for more information.

Parents Address Youth Issues in Mt. Pleasant

A recent article in the Plain Dealer informed readers about the Mt. Pleasant Parent Empowerment Conference, which drew about 40 parents, activists and residents on Oct. 6 to Holy Trinity Baptist Church. The daylong conference included a variety of workshops on such issues as obesity, AIDS, teen pregnancy, mental health and finances, as well as talks from police and community activists. Community groups lined the church room with informational boards and passed out fliers on community center hours and preparing for natural disasters. It was organized by the Weed & Seed Initiative, a federal program designed to weed out criminals and seed the community with support programs. "We're trying to create a support system that connects organizations and people who care," said Diane Coates, Weed & Seed coordinator for Mount Pleasant. "We're starting at the root of the problem. The home is the root." For more information, call Diane Coates @ (216) 283-4400, ext. 2265

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland Highlighted Locally and Nationally

NHSGC's award of funds for the Ohio Home Rescue Fund, an initiative of the NeighborWorks® Ohio Foreclosure Prevention Initiative, was highlighted in the various place-based local newspapers of the *Sun Media*. The *Sun News* article is accessible online at the following address:

<http://www.cleveland.com/westsidesun/news/index.ssf?/base/news-0/119022641438450.xml&coll=4>

For more information about the Ohio Home Rescue Fund, click on this link: <http://www.nhscleveland.org/programs/OhioHomeRescueFund.htm>

On the national front, NHSGC met with an editor from *The Economist* along with Councilman Tony Brancatelli (Cleveland), Mayor Michael Ciaravino (Maple Heights) and Erin Angell from NeighborWorks® America. The resulting article discusses highlights and lowlights on the foreclosure crisis, as well as opinions expressed by *The Economist*. Below is the link to *The Economist* article: https://www.economist.com/opinion/displaystory.cfm?story_id=9905451

Congratulations to:

Kamm's Corners Development Corporation on moving to their new offices. Please note the change of address: 17407 Lorain Avenue, Suite 200, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Phone and emails remain the same.

The **Ohio Canal Corridor**, which recently dedicated a one mile section of the Towpath Trail that runs through Steelyard Commons.

Glenville Development Corporation, which received a \$10,000 grant from Charter One Bank's Uptown Initiative to create a comprehensive website.

Tremont West Development Corporation on the grand opening of Tremont Pointe and the organization of a neighborhood wide effort to welcome the new residents.

Workshop Planned to Assist Artists

ArtSpace-Cleveland is presenting an *Artist Workshop on Affordable Live/Work Housing for Ownership* on Friday November 9th (1:00 – 5:00 pm) and Saturday, November 10th (9:00 am – 1:00 pm.) at the Gould Loft, 1400 East 30th Street. The cost is \$25 for both days.

Laura Weathered, executive director of the Near NorthWest Arts Council (NNWAC), an artist-directed non-profit organization in Chicago, will lead the workshop. Under her direction, the NNWAC initiated the \$3.2m development of the Acme Artists Community permanent affordable work/live space. It is Chicago's first artist housing designed, developed and owned by professional artists, offering a significant hedge against gentrification. The project demonstrates affordable housing from a consumer's perspective offering artists substantial input on design and development.

ArtSpace-Cleveland is working in partnership with The Greater Cleveland Partnership, the St. Clair Superior CDC, Dominion East Ohio, the Cuyahoga Community Land Trust, COSE for the Arts and Community Partnership for Arts and Culture. Sponsors include the city of Cleveland, Forest City Enterprises and the Ohio Arts Council.

Reservations by November 5th – Limit 40

Contact Information:
 Harriet Gould, ArtSpace-Cleveland
 1400 East 30th Street, #403
 Cleveland, OH 44114
 216.241.4355
info@artspacecleveland.org
<http://artspacecleveland.org>

Food Show from page one

Participating CDCS are:

Burten, Bell, Carr

Bordario's Italian Cuisine: 216.432.9040 -
www.bordarios.com
 7700 Carnegie Avenue
 Sampling - Chicken Lorenzo and Sausage Penne

Ohio City Near West

Light Bistro: 216.771.7130 - www.lightbistro.com
 2801 Bridge Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44113
 Sampling - Pickled shrimp with Chilies, lemongrass, chives

Westside Market Cafe: 216.579.6800 -
www.westsidemarketcafe.com
 Sampling - Assorted crostinis

Old Brooklyn

Gentile's imported Italian Foods: 216.351.1161
 4464 Broadview Road Cleveland, Ohio 44109
 Sampling - Eggplant Parmiggiana (Saturday) and Tiramisu (Sunday)

Mt. Pleasant

Ocean Wave: 216.751.9283
 12526 Kinsman Road Cleveland, Ohio 44120
 Sampling - Caribbean flavor

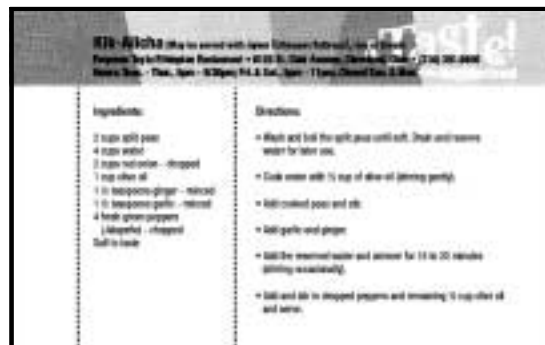
St. Clair Superior

Empress Taytu Ethiopian Restaurant: 216.391.9400
 6125 St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44103
 Sampling - Sambousa (crisp pastry triangles filled with beef or lentils) and Beef Tips sautéed with onion, rosemary, black pepper, garlic, and ginger root

Just Like Mom's Restaurant: 216.685.5555 -
www.justlikemomsrestaurant.com
 3030 Superior Cleveland, Ohio 44114
 Sampling - Mac & Cheese

Tremont

Lucky's Cafe: 216.622.7773 - www.luckyscafe.com
 777 Starkweather Cleveland, Ohio 44113
 Sampling - Sandwiches made on house baked bread



Show attendees will receive a complimentary recipe booklet featuring each participating restaurant and its neighborhood. Shown is a recipe card for Empress Taytu in the St. Clair Superior neighborhood.

Front Back



Thursday, November 8 - Northeast Shores Development Corporation Awards and Recognition Dinner will be held at the Cleveland Foodbank, 15500 Waterloo Road. Doors open at 5:30 PM, event begins at 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Catering by Bistro 185. Tickets are \$25, corporate tables \$150. Call 216-481-7660 for reservations.

Friday, November 9 - Ohio Planning Conference, Cleveland Section, will sponsor a Planning & Zoning Workshop at LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility, 25777 Detroit Road, Westlake, OH 44145. Please contact Michelle at (216) 241-2414x 281 or Mjohnson@mpo.noaca.org for more information.

Friday, November 9 - Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization will host their fifth Annual Benefit at Sai Gon Plaza, 5400 Detroit Avenue at 54th Street. Event will feature live entertainment by the Sammy De Leon Band. Cocktails and hors d' oeuvres will be served. Call (216) 961-4242 for information.

Wednesday thru Friday, November 14-16 - Enterprise will hold its annual conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Hundreds of community development professionals will gather at the fabulous Renaissance Cleveland Hotel to learn the latest trends in affordable housing solutions. For more information call (410) 772-2418 or www.enterpriseconference@enterprisecommunity.org

Thursday, November 15 - Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity presents Celebration 2007 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Czech Cultural Center of Sokol Greater Cleveland, 4939 Broadway Avenue near I-90/I-77. Dinner will be served by the Olive Garden, and live music will be provided by L.R. Smith. A \$10 per person donation to help cover costs is appreciated. RSVP by Friday, November 9th by calling 216-429-1299 ext. 229.

Saturday, November 17 - Tremont West Development Corporation's Turkey Bowl at Dickey Lanes, 3275 West 25th Street from 7:30-10:30 P.M. A price of just \$20 includes an evening of bowling, shoe rental and food. Call Michelle at (216) 575-0920. Support local hunger centers and bring a can of food.

Tuesday, November 20 - Cleveland Restoration Society's 35th Annual Community Luncheon from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at the Marriott Cleveland, Key Center, 127 Public Square. Expert panelists, Jonathan Sandvick, John J. Ferchill and David J. Strauss will share best practices to build a better future. For more information, phone (216) 426-1000 or visit www.clevelandrestoration.org

Thursday, November 29 - Kamm's Corners Development Corporation Wine in the Holidays! Stroll among the huge assortment of holiday wreaths, poinsettias, and gifts before tasting wine, specialty beers, and sumptuous appetizers. Event takes place at Puritas Nursery, 19201 Puritas Avenue, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$40. Call 216-252-6559, ext. 10 or email Jackie.wohleber@kammscorners.com to purchase.

CNDC Calendar

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| HOUSING COMMITTEE | TBA | |
| BOARD OF TRUSTEES | 11/27 | 8:30 A.M. |

Unless otherwise noted,
meetings are held at the offices of CNDC
located at 3751 Prospect Avenue.
Enter through rear entrance.

Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition
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The mission of the Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition is to serve as the collective voice of Cleveland's CDCs 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.