

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER BASIC TRAINING TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 16TH

Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition, the Center for Neighborhood Development at CSU, and Organize! Ohio will once again offer **Community Organizer Basic Training**, thanks to funding by Neighborhood Progress, Inc. The five-day training will take place on Monday, October 16th, Wednesday, October 18th, Thursday, October 19th, Friday October 20th, and Monday, October 23rd.

Each session will run from 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Lakefront State Park, 8701 Lake Shore Boulevard. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served each day. There is no charge for the training, but participants must have their Executive Director sign the registration form ensuring their participation in all five days. Sessions are open to both community organizers and resident leaders and will include:

- Team Building
 - An Overview of Community Organizing
 - Issue Identification
 - Engaging Residents
 - A Continuum of Approaches to Community Organizing
- Trainers will include experts as well as current community organizers. For more information go to www.cndc2.org/workshops-training.htm Space is limited and you must register no later than Monday, October 9th.

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HOME House Project Nov. 3rd – December 22nd at the Cleveland Institute of Art

The Cleveland Institute of Art will sponsor the *HOME House Project, The Future of Affordable Housing*, from November 3rd to December 22nd. The project originated at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECA). The exhibit is now traveling throughout the United States through 2007.

With the HOME House Project, SECA challenged artists and architects to propose new designs for single - family houses for low - and moderate - income families using Habitat for Humanity's basic three - and four - bedroom house as a "point of departure". In addition, the design criteria included environmentally friendly and sustainable materials, technologies, and methods. The response we received from the global community was simply overwhelming as more than 790 individuals and teams from the United States and 16 foreign countries registered for the project. The exhibition includes 100 framed works, 13 computer animations, video/film suggestions, and other material. For more information on the exhibit, go to <http://www.secca.org/homehouse/info.html>

Cleveland Housing Network, Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition, Cleveland Public Art, EcoCity Cleveland, Enterprise Community Partners, Habitat for Humanity, Parkworks, Neighborhood Progress, Inc., and Shorebank, Cleveland are all co-sponsoring this exhibit. A series of public dialogues by local practitioners will be held from November, 2006 through October, 2007.

Public Policy Notes

Update on Local Efforts to Prevent and Reclaim Abandoned Property. Approximately one year has passed since the release of the National Vacant Property Campaign's "Cleveland at the Crossroads" report, a study commissioned by Neighborhood Progress, Inc. (NPI). Many of InfoMail's readers will recall the ensuing series of large well-attended public meetings held with the authors of the report to review findings and recommendations in detail.

Soon after the conclusion of these meetings, CNDC and NPI convened a group of key individuals from public and private entities involved with preventing, reclaiming and redeveloping abandoned properties. The overall purpose of the group - the Vacant Property Coordinating Council - is to ensure a strategic collaborative approach to the many problems rooted in and emanating from the causes and repercussions of abandoned property.

The Vacant Property Coordinating Council is composed of representatives from: the City of Cleveland's Mayor's Office, Department of Building and Housing, Department of Community Development; Cleveland City Council; Cleveland Municipal Housing Court; Cuyahoga County Department of Development; Cuyahoga County Treasurers' Office; Enterprise Community Partners; First Suburbs Consortium; CNDC; and NPI. This collaboration among agencies - a first - continues with regular meetings and communication.

In addition to the establishment of the Vacant Property Coordinating Council, initial funding from the Cleveland and the George Gund Foundations and Enterprise Community Partners has been raised to support many initiatives designed to implement recommendations made in the "Cleveland at the Crossroads" report, including:

- an independent assessment of the operations of the City of Cleveland's Department of

Building and Housing with an eye toward more efficient and timely action against abandoned property

- an expansion of Case Western Reserve University's NEOCANDO data system, which now has Water Department and foreclosure data and can serve as an early warning system to flag recent vacancies or occupied houses in foreclosure
- the initiation of the County's Foreclosure Prevention Program (Don't Borrow Trouble)
- the activities of NPI's Land Assembly Team, through which NPI, in collaboration with the Urban Development Law Clinic at CSU's Cleveland-Marshall School of Law and Case Western Reserve University's NEOCANDO, is developing new tools for the acquisition of abandoned property
- the formation of ReBuild Ohio, a statewide coalition launched early this year to develop and advocate for policy that will enable local governments, nonprofits and other civic organizations to better prevent, reclaim and redevelop abandoned properties. CNDC serves as co-coordinator of ReBuild Ohio, sharing the responsibility with Greater Ohio, a Columbus-based statewide organization concerned with land use policy.

Independent events of the past year have bolstered local efforts. Promising state legislation was signed into law this summer, including H.B. 294 and S.B. 185. H.B. 294 will allow faster treatment of tax foreclosures of abandoned properties through a board of revisions. S.B. 185 will stem abusive lending practices with new regulations on mortgage brokers and appraisers. The City of Cleveland has adopted a new policy of filing affidavits of fact upon condemnation with the County Recorder, a measure that may prevent flipping and mortgage fraud. The Cleveland Housing Court has agreed to start hearing foreclosure cases, which will speed the process of foreclosing on receivers' and other liens on abandoned property. Finally, the County has added permanent parcel numbers to the foreclosure data system so that filings can now be tracked by location.

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JOB OPENINGS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Old Brooklyn
Community Development Corporation

Dynamic Cleveland community development corporation in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood including Wards 15 and 16 with over 50 thousand residents and 200 businesses seeks a highly motivated, experienced candidate for the position of Executive Director. The executive director is responsible for managing staff, housing, commercial development, fund raising, and financial management.

Five years experience in non-profit or service sector management is required. Bachelor's Degree required, Master degree is preferred. Experience or interest in community newspaper publishing is a plus. The compensation package includes full benefits and competitive salary.

Application deadline is October 30, 2006. Email responses to Maribethf@obcdc.com.

ASSET MANAGER

Famicos Foundation

Famicos is currently seeking an experienced asset manager to join its staff. In this role, the asset manager will ensure that Famicos properties are effectively managed and maintained, in accordance with the financial, physical and social goals of the organization and its funders.

The successful candidate will have at least five years of experience in affordable housing property management or development; familiarity with all aspects of property/asset management including fiscal, physical and maintenance, regulatory/compliance, and tenant relationships; an in-depth knowledge of affordable and supportive housing programs and funding sources, specifically HUD and the Low Income Housing Tax Credits program. Supervisory experience, strong analytical and communication skills are also critical. A Bachelor's degree is preferred.

Interested candidates should e-mail resumes to:
Lmerritt @thrd.com
The Human Resource Department Ltd.
23240 Chagrin Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44122
www.famicos.org

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Ohio City
Near West Development (OCNW) Corp.

OCNW is a non-profit, community development corporation (CDC) serving Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- Identifies and recommends development and reinvestment projects.
- Coordinates predevelopment assessment including appraisals, financial packaging, market feasibility analysis and identification of resources or partners for specific projects.
- Provides technical assistance regarding development funding sources, market conditions, and community compliance/requirements to owners and developers considering projects.
- Oversees due diligence in development and property transactions.
- Oversees planning approvals, community presentations and other public reviews for specific projects.
- Works with the City's Department of Building & Housing and Municipal Housing Court to help improve and bring nuisance properties up to code.
- Manages and markets home repair programs, including 1-on-1 counseling with residents.
- Assists with coordination of Court Community Service workers.
- Serves as liaison to Board Committees as assigned.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in urban planning, urban studies, business administration or related field.
- Working knowledge of government programs that support community and economic development.
- Relevant experience in development, real estate lending, and/or urban economic development project management.
- Experience with land/property acquisition and real estate finance.
- Ability to manage real estate development projects and project teams.

Please mail or email (jmazzola@ohiocity.org) resume to:

Joseph C. Mazzola, Executive Director
Ohio City Near West Development Corp.
2525 Market Avenue, Suite A
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

PROJECT MANAGER (REAL ESTATE)

Union Miles Development Corporation

UMDC is seeking a candidate who will develop, coordinate and manage all aspects of new and rehabilitated housing projects from inception to completion to promote development and revitalization within the community and meet organizational goals.

Candidate will establish and direct project teams and outside contractors ensuring project requirements are completed in accordance with quality standards, established schedule and budget.

The candidate must have a Bachelors degree with significant experience in housing project management or architecture, engineering, construction management, financial analysis or law. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, analytical thinking, and software proficiency.

Mail your resume with salary requirements to:

Union Miles Development Corporation
9250 Miles Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44105
Attention: Project Manager

FOUNDATION RELATIONS MANAGER

Cleveland Housing Network (CHN)

Responsibility is to meet CHN's grant writing and private foundation fundraising goals. Specific areas of accountability include grant writing, proposal assembly, prospect research, grants submission planning, and overall donor cultivation. This position is supported by the work of an accomplished external relations team. The successful candidate will have a BS/BA in a related field, excellent writing and verbal skills and 1-5 years of successful grant writing/fundraising experience.

Strong personal motivation, leadership skills, ability to work effectively in a team environment. Occasional evenings and weekends may be required. Familiarity with Microsoft Word, Excel, mail merge software, and Power Point. Experience with Adobe graphics products (PageMaker, Photoshop and Illustrator) a plus.

Forward resumes to CHN – FRM 2999 Payne Avenue Suite 306 Cleveland, Ohio 44114 . 216.685.1659; email: manderso@chnnet.com

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Policy Page

Although much has been accomplished in the past year, much remains to be done. This will include:

- monitoring the implementation of H.B. 295 and S.B. 185
- exploring ways to facilitate inspection of abandoned buildings
- examining the correlation between foreclosures and predatory lending, and foreclosures and abandonment
- developing new models for rehabilitating vacant properties
- finding new resources to expand prevention, reclamation and redevelopment efforts

InfoMail will keep readers and CNDC members apprised of the Vacant Property Coordinating Council's progress on these and other projects.

To subscribe to the ReBuild Ohio listserv, send an empty message to rebuild.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 as a member of one of its committees.

PERMISSIBLE VOTER AND ELECTION ACTIVITIES FOR 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS

- voter registration (subject to restrictions of funding sources)
- voter education on the process of voting
- nonpartisan voter guides on candidates and ballot measures
- candidate forums
- educating the candidates
- encourage voter participation
- voting rights and election reform
- help on election day: volunteer poll workers, election monitors, etc.
- issue advocacy during an election
- support or oppose ballot questions

A 501(C)(3) organization may not support or oppose any candidate for public office. (Source: Non-profit Voter Engagement Network, www.nonprofitvote.org).



www.ciri-cleveland.org

Located in Cleveland since 1847, Cleveland Range, Inc. is a 159 year-old producer of pressure-less steamers, steam jacketed kettles, and skillets for the commercial food industry. They have been in Cleveland for all but 8 years of their existence. In the mid 1990's, Cleveland Range began the process of site selection and almost moved to suburban Aurora to accommodate current manufacturing practices and expansion. This would have been a devastating loss to the Collinwood neighborhood, where many of Cleveland Range's 175 workers walk to work. The local Councilman, along with CIRI, the Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation (CNVDC), and the City of Cleveland Department of Economic Development all worked to help prevent this loss. They assisted Cleveland Range in expanding to a formerly vacant retail building next door to their facility. Technical assistance and follow-through were offered to ensure all issues were dealt with in a timely manner. The investment in this project was approximately \$1.2 million and was completed in 1999.

In early 2003, during a visit with the company, CIRI discovered that the company was again in desperate need of space due to exponential growth. The parent company of Cleveland Range, Enodis, wanted to relocate the plant to their Toronto, Canada, facility where there was ample space available. The president of Cleveland Range, however, wanted to remain in Cleveland.

CIRI quickly stepped in and brought together a development team, along with representatives from Cleveland Range, for a meeting in the Mayor's office to show the strong support that could be offered to help the company remain in Cleveland. Representatives from CIRI, the Mayor's office, Department of Economic Development, the local Councilman, CNVDC, and the State of Ohio came up with a plan to acquire, clean, and sell to Cleveland Range nine parcels of land surrounding the company. The land was needed to build the company's 40,000 square foot expansion. The City of Cleveland and the State of Ohio put together an aggressive financial package, and CNVDC

acted as the primary acquisition agency for the parcels. CIRI played a critical role in keeping the company, City, Councilman, and CNVDC updated on current project status as well as playing a role in the acquisition, demolition, and environmental surveying of the parcels.

The direction provided by the development team has helped Cleveland Range's 175 employees to remain here in Cleveland and see the company continue to prosper in its name-sake city. The nine parcels have been prepared for Cleveland Range. Once construction starts in Fall 2006, the new 40,000 sq ft expansion along with approximately 40 new jobs, should be in place by early Spring 2007.

Nominations Open for \$20,000 Award for a Nonprofit Organization

Nominations are now being accepted for the \$20,000 Anisfield-Wolf Memorial Award from The Cleveland Foundation and The Center for Community Solutions.

The Anisfield-Wolf Memorial Award is given annually to a nonprofit organization for outstanding service provided to Greater Cleveland residents. Adoption Network Cleveland received the 2005 award.

Anyone may nominate an organization for the award. Nominations are due on Wednesday, January 17, 2007. Forms may be downloaded from <http://www.communitysolutions.com/images/upload/resources/AW07web.pdf> or obtained by calling 216-781-2944 ext. 424. The award will be presented at Community Solutions' 65th annual Human Services Institute on March 23, 2007.

This award was created through the will of Edith Anisfield Wolf, poet, philanthropist, and civic leader. She created two awards that continue to benefit Greater Cleveland: The Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards and the Anisfield-Wolf Memorial Award, both of which were named after her father, John Anisfield, and her husband, Eugene Everett Wolf. Both funds are held by The Cleveland Foundation. Community Solutions, then known as the Welfare Federation, was named in her will as the administrator of the award for outstanding service by a community organization.

Member News

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland announces the launch of its new website at www.nhscleveland.org. The new site provides an in-depth and thorough explanation of programs and services offered by Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland. The site includes programs and services such as homeownership education, home repair loan programs, refinancing and home maintenance seminars and highlights the Cuyahoga County and Ohio statewide foreclosure initiatives, as well as other useful information.

As a member of NeighborWorks® America, a network of over 250 organizations working in over 4,000 urban, suburban and rural communities in the area of community development, Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland is committed to the betterment of the communities of northeast Ohio and this new and improved website will allow our stakeholders to have a comprehensive resource at their fingertips.

If appropriate, please do not hesitate to link to our site. For more information call 216-58-4663.



Verb Ballet performs as part of the summer celebration in the St Clair Superior district.

2006 COSE small business CONFERENCE

Discover ■ Connect ■ Succeed

The *2006 COSE Small Business Conference*, October 12-12, 2006 is going to be one of the largest gatherings of small business owners and entrepreneurs, expected to draw over 1,100 attendees from across Northeast Ohio. The conference will connect participants through two days of national small business keynote speakers, exhibitors and a business resource center. It will also provide access to new ideas and networking opportunities, with more than 50 workshops and countless opportunities for formal and informal meetings. The 2006 conference, *Discover, Connect, Succeed*, will look at the opportunities presented and the challenges faced by all small business owners and entrepreneurs in a time of change. The conference will focus a bright light on small business efforts, challenges and successes in Northeast Ohio. Specific tracks include: marketing, sales, Operations, finance, advocacy, personal development, human resources and technology.

For more information and registration forms, please visit www.cose.org/sbc.

COMMITTEE CORNER

Housing Committee Report: The August subcommittee meeting was a program planning session focusing on subcommittee structure. Members agreed to proceed with issue-based working groups, rather than with standing subcommittees organized by job function. Three issues were to be chosen by survey, and at the September general committee meeting.

Retail Commercial Support Initiative: The committee heard an update about the “Retail Design on a Dime” program, active in nine Cleveland neighborhoods. The committee also discussed policy concerning small business support and discussed ways to work with the City on this issue. The committee will review some of the questions and comments raised during the discussion and draft a statement paper at the October meeting.

Wednesday October 4 - Please join WIRE-Net at 3:00 PM for Workforce Forum 2006. [Register online](#) at www.wire-net.org/forms/eventenrollment or e-mail [Anne Schaum](mailto:aschaum@wire-net.org) at aschaum@wire-net.org. The Forum will be followed at 4:30 PM with a reception to celebrate the launch of WIRE-Net's new and improved WorkSource and Employment + Programs. For details contact [Rebecca Kusner](mailto:rkusner@wire-net.org) at rkusner@wire-net.org.

Friday-Sunday, October 6, 7 and 8 - Visit the 14th Annual **St. Stanislaus Polish Festival**, in the heart of Slavic Village. ALL homemade Polish foods and desserts, guaranteed! Dance to great Polka music nightly! Don't miss it!

Wednesdays, October 11, 18, and 25– The Consortium of African American Organizations (CAAO) presents a three part **Roundtable on Minority Access to Capital**. Sessions are from 5:30– 8:30 P.M. at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, 3900 Euclid Avenue. Please contact the CAAO office for registration information., 216-432-9481.

Tuesday, October 17 - **Greater Cleveland Voter Coalition** will host a non-partisan town hall meeting to update voters with the newest information on the November 7th election. The meeting will be at Laborer's Local #310 Hall, located at 3250 Euclid Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all, with free light refreshments and free parking. For more information please call 391-0900 x 13.

Friday, October 20 - **Cleveland Marshall School of Law, Cleveland State University**, Moot Courtroom, 1801 Euclid Avenue, will host a Fair Housing & Lending Conference from 8:30 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. Call The Housing Advocates at (216) 391-5444 for additional information.

Saturday, October 21– **Year of the Dog Ball**, sponsored by St. Clair Superior Development Corporation. The festivities begin at 5:30 at Josaphat Arts Hall, 1433 East 33 Street and feature a nine course Chinese dinner. For more details and ticket information, call 216-881-0644.

October 25-27– **Enterprise Network Conference 2006**, held in Los Angeles California. Get all the detail and register online at: www.enterprisemeetings.org.

Thursday, October 26 - **“Effective Leadership of Non Profit Boards”, Business Volunteers Unlimited** sponsors the highly acclaimed seminar presented by Ann Kent and Elizabeth Voudouris, 8:30-11:30 A.M. at Key Center, 27th Floor. For further information call BVU at (216) 735-7711.

Friday, October 27 - Plan to attend **OPC Cleveland's 18th Annual Planning & Zoning Workshop** from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at The Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University, 2000 Prospect Avenue. Workshop is \$85 including lunch. Registration information can be obtained by calling Kristin Hopkins at (216) 443-3737 or e-mail her at khopkins@cuyahogacounty.us.

CNDC Calendar

RETAIL COMMERCIAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE	10/05	8:30 A.M.
NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY COMMITTEE	10/18	1:30 P.M.
INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE	TBA	9:00 A.M.
HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE	10/25	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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Deadline for submission is the 20th of each month.
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