

Retail Commercial Support Initiative Reports Positive Activity in Local Retail Districts

The April meeting of the Retail Commercial Support Initiative was an informal roundtable for members to share the current status of their neighborhood retail districts. Far from being a session lamenting the woes of the current economic environment, participants were energized by all the positive movement in the districts. Contact any of the following Retail Commercial Support Initiative members for more details.

St Clair Superior

- The Commercial Manager is receiving more calls and showing more available retail commercial space than ever-people seem to be looking for more affordable spaces.
- The CDC received a award for transit development at Superior and E. 36th –Tyler Village.

Cudell

- A couple of long term retailers left the Clifton Boulevard district but Big Fun, a destination retailer located on Coventry Road in Cleveland Heights, is opening a west side store in the space previously occupied by The Clifton Web.
- The Lorain Station Historic District retail remains steady.

University Circle, Inc.

- A major property reconstruction and renovation is underway on the Circle Building, located at the corner of Mayfield and Ford Roads.

- A Transportation for Livable Communities grant for planning along Mayfield Road is underway. This effort is being cosponsored by UCI and Little Italy Redevelopment. City Architecture is crafting the plan.

Buckeye

- A new brochure listing merchants along Buckeye Road has been produced. The Merchants Association was revived and attendance is steadily improving. -
- BADC created a one time façade improvement grant using unexpended monies from 2008. It is a matching grant program (up to \$2500). Seven merchants have taken advantage of funds.
- There are several ongoing construction projects besides the St. Luke’s project. These include the Harvey Rice School, Rice Public Library, and the Grifols Plasma Care building.

Kamm’s Corners

- The final phase of the extensive, 6.5 million dollar streetscape redevelopment project along Lorain is under construction. Estimated completion is this summer.
- One storefront project is currently under construction and five are in the pipeline.
- The vacant Goodwill building will be divided into a daycare center and a furniture store. Tenants are confirmed.
- KCDC is actively marketing available space to potential tenants. Information sheets for individual spaces were created by the organization and are sent to targeted recipients. The Kamm’s magazine is compiled to serve as a ancillary marketing tool, as well.

Westown

- Inquiry calls about available space have dropped off but the quality of the callers has increased. Callers are bankable and viable business entrepreneurs with

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JOB OPENINGS

HOUSING SPECIALIST DETROIT-SHOREWAY

The Housing Specialist is responsible for working with Housing Court, Building and Housing Department, banks, mortgage companies, servicers, block clubs and residents to improve the building conditions in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood. Success of the program will depend on working with property owners to make them responsible for the conditions of their properties.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work to improve the conditions of the housing stock.
- Track and report on foreclosures and vacant properties.
- Provide testimony at Housing Court.
- Provide testimony and recommendations at BBS and BOZA hearings.
- Survey, monitor and achieve compliance of properties.
- Identify and maintain communication with key property owners.
- Provide referrals to home improvement programs.
- Oversee and implement the City of Cleveland Paint Program.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent work experience).
- Two years experience in community organizing or social service setting.
- General knowledge of building codes.
- Leadership, team building and negotiation skills.
- Self-motivation and an ability to work toward objectives with minimal supervision.
- Willingness to attend evening and weekend meetings.
- Excellent writing skills and proficiency in preparing written reports.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's Degree
- Three or more years of relevant work experience
- Ability to speak Spanish
- Proficiency in the use of Geographic Information System (GIS)

Annual salary of \$25,000-\$35,000 depending on qualifications. Resume deadline is May 22, 2009. **Please submit all resumes to Detroit-Shoreway CDC, 6516 Detroit Ave., Suite 1, Cleveland, OH 44102., Attn: Matt Lasko. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.**

TIME TO UPDATE CLEVELAND RETAIL SPACES WEBSITE

The CNDC sponsored website, www.retailspacescleveland.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 on the website, the deadline is May 15, 2009; for updating information from currently listed CDCs, the deadline is May 22, 2009. Send information and/or questions to Chris King, chris@creativekeys.net or phone her at 216-991-8428.

RESTORING PROSPERITY TO CLEVELAND MINI-SUMMIT

On **Monday, June 8th from 11am to 4 pm**, join corporate, civic, political, academic and philanthropic leaders from the Cleveland area to explore alignment of the Cleveland urban revitalization agenda with state reforms.

The summit will take place at The Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University, 2000 Prospect Avenue.

This summit is part of the Brookings Institution/ Greater Ohio Restoring Prosperity to Ohio Initiative. There is not cost for attendance, although registration is required. Reserve your space early as seating is limited. **To register, please call 216-523-7330 or visit www.urban.csuohio.edu/forum.**

For further information on the mini-summit or the Restoring Prosperity to Ohio Initiative visit www.greaterohio.org

This summit was made possible by Greater Ohio and Policy Bridge in partnership with the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Cleveland State University.

Member News



From April 26th through September 6th, 2009 experience Cleveland's rich history on three unique guided walking tours complete with historical charac-

ters from Cleveland's past.

TOUR SCHEDULE

- 6 pm on Thursdays, Historic Gateway Neighborhood, meet at the Arcade (401 Euclid Ave).
- 10 am on Saturdays, Historic Warehouse District, meet at Constantino's Market (1278 West 9th St.).
- 10 am on Sundays, Canal to Harbor, meet at Settler's Landing RTA Station (1025 West Superior).

OTHER INFORMATION

- Characters you may encounter on your tour include: Tom Johnson, Garrett Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Daniel Burnham, Frances Payne Bolton, Mrs. Alfred Kelley and Abraham Lincoln.
- Each tour will have a trained tour guide.
- Tours will last 1 to 1 1/2 hours in length.
- Admission to tours will be free.
- Sponsors include: Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, Ohio & Erie Canalway Association, Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Positively Cleveland, Ohio Canal Corridor, Historic Gateway Neighborhood and Historic Warehouse District.
- Please call Kelly Lange at 216-771-1994 for more information or to request promotional materials.

RIVERSWEEP



**20TH ANNIVERSARY
SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
9 AM TO NOON**

Join in Ohio's largest "done-in-a-day" environmental cleanup and help prepare these areas for new trails and parks. For location information, call the numbers listed below or visit www.ohiocanal.org.

FLATS - 216-520-1825

TREMONT - 216-575-0920

OHIO CITY - 216-781-3222

BIG CREEK/OLD BROOKLYN - 216-459-1000

WEST CREEK - 216-749-3720

TRAIN AVENUE - 216-961-7687

INDEPENDENCE - 216-520-1825

MILL CREEK/MORGANA RUN - 216-429-1182

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 20th from 10 am to 6 pm marks the day for the 22nd annual Clifton Arts & Musicfest. The festival will take place on Clifton Boulevard between West 112th and West 117th Streets. For more information call 216-228-4383.

Governor Ted Strickland's Office and Representative Marcia Fudge hold briefings on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The Governor's office announced that Ohio expects to receive at least \$8.2 billion in federal stimulus monies. Ohio public, private and non-profit organizations will have the opportunity to compete for more. These resources will save or create more than 130,000 jobs for Ohioans and provide tax cuts to working families, while also helping to protect essential state services that Ohioans rely upon every day. The stimulus resources will enable Ohio to make targeted investments in the critical sectors of our economy that will create and grow jobs, by:

- Producing Clean and Efficient Energy in Ohio
- Investing in Science and Technology to Advance Ohio's Economy
- Modernizing our Roads, Bridges, Transit and Waterways
- Developing a 21st Century Education System
- Implementing Tax Cuts that Make Work Pay and Create Jobs
- Lowering Healthcare Costs
- Providing Assistance to Ohio Workers Hurt by the Economic Downturn

Governor Strickland's office presented an overview of the designation and distribution of ARRA funds in Ohio. Full information is located at www.recovery.ohio.gov. The website serves as a clearinghouse for all information related to the ARRA as well intake of proposals. Information presented included:

A weekly update of funding opportunities, both ARRA and State of Ohio grants can be accessed at <http://governor.ohio.gov/fbci/FundingOpportunities/tabid/187/Default.aspx>.

Jobs created in Ohio with ARRA funds must be posted at www.OhioMeansJobs.gov and at every county One-Stop center. This website also posts other employment opportunities throughout the state. Foreclosure prevention assistance is provided through the Share the Dream program, which provides participants with free legal help, mediation and counseling. Much more information, plus copies of the power points used at the briefings, is available at www.recovery.ohio.gov

Representative Fudge concentrated on initiatives from the US Small Business Administration since the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart the U.S. economy. The Recovery Act provides the U.S. Small Business Administration with program tools that offer new economic incentives to small businesses. They are intended to give small businesses some temporary financial relief to keep their doors open and get their cash flow back on track so they can maintain existing jobs and ultimately create new jobs. Highlights include:

- Temporarily elimination of SBA guaranteed 7(a) and 504 loan fees and offers tax benefits. The fee eliminations are retroactive to February 17, 2009, the day the Recovery Act was signed.
- An increase of loan guarantees up to 90 percent on some types of 7(a) loans to qualified small businesses.
- America's Recovery Capital (ARC) loan program will offer deferred-payment loans of up to \$35,000 backed 100 percent by SBA to viable small businesses that need help making payments on an existing, qualifying loan for up to six months.
- Expanding SBA's microloan program. Locally, the WECO Fund received an additional XXXXXX to increase microloan activity in Northeast Ohio. extra funding for SBA-backed microlenders across the country.

For more information about the programs offered by the SBA under the Recovery Act, contact the local SBA office at 216-522-4180 or visit the SBA Web page at www.sba.gov/recovery

serious business ideas.

- The Variety Theater now has an affiliated non-profit to raise money and coordinate the project. Funds have been secured to purchase the building. Westown anticipates closing the deal in May.
- Kathryn Chilcote, a local artist, coordinated a group of artists to display work in vacant storefronts. She is also working on creating gallery/work space in the Variety Theater.

Bellaire Puritas

- The public input portion of the neighborhood plan has just wrapped up. A draft will be circulated in the summer, with anticipated adoption in the fall.
- The CDC is working on rezoning some properties to create a more cohesive land use. Due to the number of vacant and foreclosed properties in the neighborhood retail/commercial districts, the CDC is encouraging property owners to buy adjacent properties for expansion.
- Industries in Bellaire Puritas are doing well and expanding. The five industrial parks in the neighborhood are almost fully leased. The CDC is working on strategies to encourage employees of the industries to frequent local retail/commercial districts.
- A groundbreaking for the W.150th Street RTA Rapid Station is scheduled for this spring. This station has the largest Park And Ride population in the City-Space for a commercial enterprise is available in the station. An innovative use being considered for the space is a concierge service that will link transit users with local businesses such as dry cleaners, restaurants, etc.

Mt. Pleasant NOW

- CDC is actively recruiting retailers to expand the retail mix along Kinsman Road.
- There are four storefront projects under construction, projected to be finished in the spring, and another 12 in the pipeline.
- There are over 100 security cameras in the district, sponsored by Councilman Reed.
- MPN sponsors a summer jobs program for area youth that pairs teens with area merchants in hopes of seeding future entrepreneurs. In addition to work experience, the teens attend supportive workshops that cover a range of topics from being a good employee to what to do with the money they will earn in the program.

Ohio City

- There has been an upswing, mostly along Lorain Avenue, in projects in which commercial or mixed use property owners are renovating without secured tenants.

Greater Cleveland Community Organizers & Allies

April Meeting Recap

CNDC is launching a free workshop series to give community organizing staff a rich and practical set of new learnings, connections to a mentor network, and ongoing opportunities for peer learning that will support their success in community organizing. The series begins May 7th and continues weekly until June 11th. Each session will be held from 11:30-1:30pm at the CNDC office building. A light lunch will be provided. Space is limited! RSVP is necessary Please RSVP to cgilson@cndc2.org. Participation at each session is strongly encouraged.

Learning in the sessions will be informational, experiential, and on the ground practical, featuring success stories to enrich new learnings and applications. Each session will be facilitated by Jack Ricchiuto, with participation from one or more mentors. Participants in the last session will have the chance to form small Communities of Practice for ongoing peer learning & resource sharing beyond the workshops. CNDC will support the launch and sustainability of these Communities of Practice, linking them with mentors as desired and possible. The schedule of topics for each session includes:

5/7	Dynamic community building
5/14	Fostering collaboration
5/21	Art of organization
5/28	Building your base of support
6/4	Developing your personal capacity
6/11	The power of being proactive

The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC) presented the group with an orientation to the services available through CRCC. CRCC serves 14,000 people in Northeast Ohio each year and will assist in coordinating safety sessions for neighborhood residents.

The next meeting of the Organizers' Committee will be on **Thursday May 7th**, from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm, at CNDC. For more information about the Organizers' Committee, please contact Bob Shores at Ohio City Near West CDC.

JOB OPENINGS

PROPERTY MANAGER CLEVELAND HOUSING NETWORK

This position is responsible for the overall management of a portfolio of scattered-site units. This position is responsible for interpreting and implementing management procedures developed in accordance with the policies and regulations of CHN, Inc. The property manager works closely with residents, resident organizations and community organizations for the purposes of providing safe and affordable housing. The property manager reports to the manager of leasing and marketing.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Leasing of all new units and vacant properties.
- Collecting rent and overseeing the eviction process.
- Performing routine and move-out inspections on all housing units.
- Excellent customer service, including timely follow up on all inquiries from all applicants, effectively handling residents concerns, disputes, etc.
- Processing rental applications, developing and maintaining property waiting lists.
- Maintaining a good key control system.

QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Three (3) years of real estate and/or property management experience.
- Minimum two (2) years tax credit experience.
- Excellent customer service skills.
- Knowledge of landlord/tenant laws, fair housing regulations.
- Good computer skills including working knowledge of MS office.
- Reliable and insurable transportation
- Knowledge of procedures and policies of residential property management.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Interested and qualified candidates should apply by forwarding their resume w/salary requirements to:

Cleveland Housing Network
2999 Payne Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44114
Attn: Human Resources
or by fax to 216-685-1659
or e-mail to scurlett@cnhnet.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER COLLINWOOD NOTTINGHAM VILLAGES

Collinwood and Nottingham Villages Development Corporation (CNVDC) serves the South Collinwood area within Ward 11. It was one of the only wards on the east side of Cleveland with only a slight change in the amount of residents in the last census and the re-districting issues. CNVDC has a reputation for its amount of redevelopment that has occurred over the past few years.

CNVDC is looking for a personable self motivated individual to manage its real estate development activities. Individual must be able to assess available properties for their ability to be redeveloped according to agency standards and also their impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Position requires the ability to evaluate whether or not a property should be acquired and what approximate redevelopment cost should be. Candidate must also be able to work out details with contractors when/if issues arise.

Position also requires a knowledge of the building and housing department as well as municipal housing court for potential and/or existing violations on properties. The usual computer skills are a must, as well as the ability to multi-task and work without constant supervision.

Position is **part-time** to start.

Salary requirements and resumes only to:

Yolanda Anderson
Collinwood and Nottingham Villages
15614 St. Clair Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44110
Or by e-mail to
yrcnvcd@yahoo.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

East-side Development Corporation is seeking a part-time administrative assistant. Answering telephone, 60 wpm, proficient in Excel, meeting arrangements.

Please send resumes/cover letters to:
info@shad.org
NO FAXES/PHONE CALLS

Saturday, May 2nd—Cocktails and Art Auction Reception—To benefit Tremont West Development Corporation’s Community Organizing Program. Hosted by Asterick Gallery, 2393 Professor Avenue in the Tremont neighborhood. The night will include a silent auction, open bar and appetizers from Tremont’s famous restaurants. Tickets are \$60/each or \$100/couple. For more information call 216-575-0920.

Tuesday through Thursday, May 5-7th—Heritage Ohio Annual Conference—The Rebirth of the City: Preservation & Revitalization in Action. This event will be held at the Hyatt Regency at The Arcade and will include updates on our state’s important issues, networking with other Ohio preservationists and Main Street program members, learn and discuss best practices and tour historic Cleveland districts. For further information go to www.heritagohio.org/annual-conference. Heritage Ohio was developed as a statewide, not-for-profit organization dedicated to encouraging and assisting people and organizations to protect and preserve our heritage.

Tuesday, May 5th—Annual Historic Downtown Cleveland Luncheon Forum—From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. reserve your seat at Windows on the River for this annual event. This year’s featured speaker is Daniel Iacofano, co-editor of “The Inclusive City” and a founding principal of MIG. Mr. Iacofano is internationally recognized as an innovator in strategic planning, urban planning, transportation planning, public participation and strategic outreach. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation and the Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation. For more information, call 216-771-1994.

Tuesday, May 12th—St. Clair Superior Development Corporation Annual Meeting—This event will be held at the Slovenian National Home located at 6409 St. Clair Avenue. Registration and dinner begin at 5:30, meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Free hot buffet dinner, door prizes and entertainment. Please RSVP to Cynthia Brookins at 216-881-0644.

Saturday, May 16th—Evening in Ohio City—Progressive food, wine and beer tasting in six fantastic Ohio City homes featuring dishes from award-winning restaurants and transportation to and from the homes via Lolley the Trolley. The evening starts at 5:30 and will end at midnight. Admission is \$125 which includes entrance to the Ohio City Home Tour taking place the following day. Call 216-781-3222 or go to www.ohiocity.com

Sunday, May 17th—Ohio City Home Tour—Tour eight Ohio City homes, plus an eclectic urban garden, representing the diverse architectural styles and personalities in the neighborhood. Admission is \$18 before May 15, \$20 day of event. Tickets are \$15 each if purchased online by the same person in a block of six or more before May 15. Call 216-781-3222 or visit www.ohiocity.com.

CNDC Calendar

COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS’ COMMITTEE	5/7	11:30 A.M.
RETAIL COMMERCIAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE	5/21	9:00 A.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	5/26	8:30 A.M.
HOUSING COMMITTEE BELLAIRE-PURITAS CDC 14703 PURITAS AVE., 44135	5/27	NOON

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the offices of CNDC 3751 Prospect Avenue.

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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

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We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity.
Please submit all articles to lynn@cndc2.org**