



Ward 12 News

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A message from Councilman Brancatelli

Dear Ward 12 neighbor:



I am happy to announce that this year's city budget, presented by Mayor Frank G. Jackson and recently approved by City Council, includes **\$5 million for demolitions and**

\$5 million for residential rehabilitations.

This will give us a welcome boost in ridding our neighborhoods of ugly eyesores and restoring our stock of historic buildings.

Throughout our ward – from Slavic Village to Old Brooklyn to Tremont and Brooklyn Centre – our housing stock has good bones with beautiful character – housing that is in need of rehab investment by committed individuals willing to add love and dedication.

The infusion of city dollars, along with additional dollars from other government resources, will allow us to

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continue sprucing up and preserving our historical neighborhoods. I am happy to announce **Ward 12's participation in the Cleveland Restoration Society's "Heritage Home" loan program** this year with an interest rate as low as 1.4% (see bottom of page 3 for details).

In other news **the landmark, 94-year-old bank building** in the western part of our ward – corner of Pearl and Broadview roads – has recently undergone a \$3 million dollar transformation from an empty building into a special-event hall and residential suites.

This historic, stone edifice now has a new life and has become a neighborhood anchor, signaling promises of attracting more development in the area.

Back on the east side of Ward 12, the final touches of our **Green Streetscape investment** on Fleet Avenue continue to take place as new ones begin such as the E. 71st Main Water Line Replacement and road resurfacing.

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The Old Bank Building is Transformed to the Ariel Pearl Center



Images from the March 13th Ariel Pearl Center ribbon cutting ceremony. PHOTO CREDIT: City of Cleveland Photographic Bureau

Ariel Pearl Center, previously the historic Pearl Street Savings & Trust Bank building built in 1923, has officially opened. Designed by the famous architects, Hubbell & Benes, who also designed the Cleveland Museum of Art, West Side Market, City Club, Masonic Temple, and other famous historic buildings, the building is located in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, at 4175 Pearl Road, Cleveland, two blocks south of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

The partners of Ariel Pearl Center (100% women-owned), have transformed this historic bank building, that lay vacant for over 5 years, to create an elegant event center, featuring the restored Grand Hall with magnificent crystal



chandeliers, marble columns and floors, bank vaults and rotunda, stone walls with large arched windows under a decorative sculpted plasterwork ceiling.

Discussions are underway about possibly opening apartments in the top floors.

East 71st Street Neighborhood Improvements

Councilman Brancatelli wants you to know that as part of ongoing infrastructure and water main improvements, construction restarted early April 2017 on East 71st Street between Broadway and Harvard Avenues. This construction **work zone will maintain one lane in the northbound and one lane in the southbound direction while resurfacing of the roadway and Americans with Disabilities Act Ramps are installed. Driveway access will also be maintained.**

The improvements extend along a 0.64 mile section of East 71st Street from Broadway Avenue to Harvard

Avenue and will include asphalt paving, base repairs, ADA compliant curb ramps; casting adjustments and new striping.

Phase I of the project is scheduled for completion in June 2017. Construction for Phase II, from Harvard to Grant, will start this spring.

Road construction invariably presents hazards to the public. All travelers are urged to use caution in construction zones. Public safety and the safety of workers is a top priority.

Contact Traci Hartnett-Mercado the City of Cleveland Chief Inspector, at 216-244-5636.



Rooms to Let: CLE Returns to Slavic Village for a Fourth Year



On May 20th and 21st, 2017 Rooms to Let: CLE will transform a neighborhood street as the innovative art installation returns to Slavic Village for a fourth consecutive year.

Last year over 2,500 visitors and neighbors came together on E. 54th Street in Slavic Village for the two-day event.

Rooms to Let: CLE brings together dozens of artists and makers to create works in vacant homes slated for demolition and vacant lots throughout the event area. The two-day event will also feature live music as well as interactive and performance art.

This year, vacant lots will be transformed with art installations and create the setting for hands-on activities giving opportunities for attendees to create their own art.

After the event, artists, community members, and volunteers will come together for a Rooms to Let clean-up and fix-a-thon.

Surrounding homeowners that sign up will be given assistance with basic curb appeal and home repairs and the event area will be cleaned and beautified. Embracing the neighborhood through the fix-a-thon and a block party that includes food, drinks, and activities for residents is a priority.

Visit www.facebook.com/Rooms-To-Let-CLE or visit www.slavicvillage.org for more information.

Benjamin Franklin Community Garden

While the Benjamin Franklin Community garden plots are full, Old Brooklyn Development Corp. is accepting names for the 2017 wait list. Plot sizes are 20'x25' for \$40 or a half plot 10'x12' for \$25. Call Sandy 216-459-1000 at Old Brooklyn Community Development to be put on the list.

You can support the Benjamin Franklin Garden by attending the upcoming fundraiser Sat., May 6th, from 6 pm to 9 pm. Sachsenhiem Hall 7001 Denison Ave. Admission is \$25 and includes an appetizer, buffet, beer, wine, soft drinks & deserts. Door prizes, Chinese raffle, side boards & 50/50 raffle. For tickets call Greg at 216-789-2086 or at OBCDC office, 2339 Broadview Rd.

Slavic Village Butcher Shop, Saucisson, Opens



PHOTO CREDIT: City of Cleveland Photographic Bureau

The long wait for Cleveland's "Lady Butchers" is over. The butcher shop, Saucisson, opened March 16th.

Since 2013, their artisanal cured meats, sausages and other products have been available at various fleas, farmers' markets and pop-up events around town. Moving forward, these women have a permanent home base on Fleet Avenue (5324 Fleet Ave.) in Slavic Village, in the former home of Jaworski Meats, which relocated years ago.

Fleet Avenue is a great location for the new butcher shop; it has undergone a total renovation and is Cleveland's first complete green street.



Councilman Brancatelli with Saucisson owners Melissa Khoury (center) and Penny Barend

Tony Zajac, Long-time City Council Aid Retires



After nearly 30 years in public service, Ward 12 executive assistant Tony Zajac formally retired on April 1, 2017.

Mr. Zajac came to City Hall in 1990 as executive assistant to former Councilman Edward Rybka and continued as the ward's executive assistant under current Councilman Anthony Brancatelli.

Mr. Zajac graduated from John Adams High School in 1961 and shortly after began a career in banking at the former Cleveland Trust (now Ameritrust) Bank where he worked for 30 years. He earned a degree from the American Institute of Banking and became the manager of the Broadway and Harvard branch before retiring.

A lifelong Clevelander, Tony is an avid gardener with his home garden often on display during the neighborhood Garden Walk. He also is a Cleveland history buff with a focus on industrial and historical buildings. One of his greatest hobbies is collecting postcards and memorabilia of Cleveland. He has more than 1,800 engraved postcards, many of which are over 100 years old.

Mr. Zajac's work and dedication to his city was recognized during the 20th annual Neighbor Summit at Bohemian National Hall on March 11.



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
AGE OUT LOUD: MAY 2017

28th Annual
Senior Day
SAVE THE DATE:
Wednesday, May 24
Cleveland Public Hall, 500 Lakeside Avenue
ALL seniors invited to attend this FREE event

10:00 am: Information Fair **12:00 pm: Lunch**
11:00 am: Program **12:30 pm: Entertainment**

For details call 664-2833 • www.cleveland-oh.gov/aging

Annual Pierogi Dash

The 10th annual Slavic Village Pierogi Dash 5K run will be held at 9 a.m., June 11, 2017, beginning at Aetna Road and East 75th Street.

The race along the Morgana Trail kicks off with polka music and winds through historic Slavic Village. At the finish line, runners are greeted with pierogis, smokies and locally brewed beer.

For more information and registration contact Andrew Kinney at 216-429-1182 ext. 141 or andrew@slavicvillage.org.



A Christmas Story 5k/10k a Great Success

From Amy Kentner, Organizer
A Christmas Story Run

A very special thank you to Tremont neighbors, businesses, churches the City of Cleveland, Councilman Tony Brancatelli, our corporate sponsors, partners and volunteers! From last year's race registration and community support we have **\$95,438 for upcoming 2017 restoration projects.**

For more information about this year's run visit www.AChristmasStoryRun.com



Message continued

We're also seeing new businesses opening in the industrial valley, as well as expansions of companies like ArcelorMittal steel.

Since 2013, ArcelorMittal has invested more than \$100 million in its plant, which sits on 950 acres on both sides of the Cuyahoga River. It employs more than 1,800 workers, including more than 1,400 represented by the United Steelworkers union.

As the weather changes and spring takes on full bloom you may also see more trees taking root. **Through the Cleveland Tree Coalition parts of Ward 12 will be seeing more tree planting taking place.** Through the collaborative group of public and private stakeholders they have partnered with the City of Cleveland to regrow our urban forest canopy.

Finally, in other vegetation news, our urban gardeners here in Ward 12 are getting ready with rakes, hoes, seeds and shoots, hoping for a good growing season this year.

Here in our ward we have more than a dozen community gardens, cultivated, watered and weeded by hundreds of gardeners.

These are wonderful humanitarian projects, bringing people together, working in healthy environments to transform empty lots into lush landscapes – not to mention the taste of hot buttered sweet corn or big, juicy tomatoes.

In closing, I am happy to give you a snap shot of the many good things happening in Ward 12. We've come through some tough times, but that has only made us tougher.

I am excited about the many projects in our ward and I am confident in the future. I won't embarrass myself (or you) by singing *Sto lat*, but I truly want to express good wishes, good health and long lives to all.

Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns. My office number is 216-664-4233.

Regards,



Councilman Anthony Brancatelli

Heritage Home Program Supported by Councilman Brancatelli

For homes over 50 years old:

Free Technical Assistance

- ✓ Impartial rehab advice
- ✓ Site visits to discuss maintenance and improvement work
- ✓ Assistance finding contractors

Low-Interest Financing

- ✓ For home improvement projects
- ✓ Rates as low as 1.4%
- ✓ Most projects are eligible
- ✓ NEW purchase/rehab option!

www.HeritageHomeProgram.org

216-426-3116



Upcoming Events and Activities

Tremont West Development Corporation
2406 Professor Ave. | 216-575-0920

Tremont Farmers' Market

WHEN: Tuesdays, May - October, 4 - 7 pm

WHERE: Lincoln Park

One should expect to find an assortment of local food ranging from fruits and vegetables, to beef and prepared foods like home-made pies and vegan treats. There is always a lively atmosphere with live music and food. Please join us. Visit tremontwest.org for details.

Tremont Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale

Sunday, June 11th, 10 am-4 pm

WHERE: all around Tremont

This annual event is a fun way to explore Tremont and maybe find a new treasure. Call 216-575-0920, ext. 108 to get your address on the map! Visit tremontwest.org for details.

Tremont Trek Home Tour

WHEN: Saturday, June 17th, 4-10pm

Planning for the 2017 Tremont Trek Home Tour is well underway. The tour is set for Saturday, June 17th, with the pre-party starting at 4:30 p.m. at the South Side restaurant and bar's outdoor event space, 2207 W 11th St. **For ticket information and to keep up with details on the Trek, visit our website at tremonthometrek.com.** If you would like to volunteer your home for consideration in this year's trek or volunteer on the trek committee, contact Denise Kadilak at 216-251-0716.

Net profits from Trek are used to support micro grants to support efforts to improve the Tremont neighborhood. The 2017 grant application form will soon be available on the Trek website.

Westside Neighborhood Network Night

Every 4th Thursday of the month @ 6 pm

(Except December and January)

Metro West Community Development Organization

3167 Fulton Road (Locations through summer will vary)

Come discuss issues affecting our community!



METRO WEST
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Questions? Contact Hilda

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CELEBRATION EVENTS

Sun., April 30th

- 10 am: Mass Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E 65th St.

- 11 am: Buffet Polish American Cultural Center food for purchase

- 1:30 pm: Parade returns

to the traditional parade returns to a fully renovated Fleet Avenue, the first Complete and Green Street in Cleveland. Street performers, music, dignitaries! Cleveland Polonia Parish Priests, grand marshals.

- 2:15 pm: Parade After-party Polish American Cultural Center, live music, performances, food to purchase

- Wed., May 3rd @ 7 pm: Constitution Day Reception at the Polish American Cultural Center with Music, historical readings, hors d'oeuvres, light refreshments. Free.

- Fri., May 5th @ 6 pm: Four Eagles Award Banquet - Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus. Honoree is the late Cleveland Housing Court Judge Raymond Planka. For tickets call 216-341-9091.



For information call 216-469-4806 or visit www.depish.wix.com

Volunteers Needed for 28th Annual RiverSweep

Join the hundreds of volunteers who come out to do the annual RiverSweep, this year on Saturday, May 13.

Canalway Partners hosts annual RiverSweep, now celebrating its 28th year. The event, which works to clean up and beautify the Cuyahoga River Valley, is **Ohio's largest done-in-a-day cleanup event.**

Over the course of 27 years Canalway Partners has recruited 19,108 volunteers who have helped extract and recycle 24,044 illegally discarded tires and picked up for disposal 623 tons of rubbish.

In 2015, a new graffiti clean-up component was added to RiverSweep to help beautify the area. For 2017, RiverSweep will target nine areas for cleanup/ spruce-up. They include: The Flats, Mill Creek Falls, Tremont, Big Creek, Morgana Run, Train Avenue/ Walworth Run, Treadway Ravine, West Creek, Johnston Mill Run.

The impact of RiverSweep on the community is undeniable. New parks and trails have emerged in areas formerly targeted for illegal dumping. Former RiverSweep sites that now host new parks and trails, include: Scranton Flats, Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail; Cleveland Metroparks Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation; Hart Crane Park; Mill Creek Falls; Cleveland Metroarks Washington Reservation; The Morgana Run Trail; The Treadway Greenway with trail in Old Brooklyn; and Cleveland Metroparks West Creek Reservation.

Canalway Partners invites all who want to join the 2017 RiverSweep Team. Organizations can contribute as a sponsor and/or as a source of volunteers.

Visit www.canalwaypartners.com and learn more about RiverSweep and Canalway Partners. RiverSweep will be held Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 9 am - 12 pm.

Landfill Being Cleaned and Transformed into a Park

The Western Reserve Conservancy is working to clean up and transform a 28-acre former landfill in Old Brooklyn into a public park by next year.

The conservancy – with the help of employees at Arconic Inc. (formerly Alcoa Corp.) – has been planting hundreds of trees in areas of the former dump known as Henninger landfill.

The ongoing remediation process includes soil testing and ecological assessing which is expected to take up to six months.

During this time, planning continues on the layout of the park which will be operated through a collaboration of Cleveland MetroParks, Brookside Reservation and Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail.

Jeffery Schiffman, project manager at the Western Reserve Conservancy, says the project is expected to be completed and open to the public by next year.



Western Reserve
Land Conservancy



SATURDAY
May 13, 2017
9 AM - Noon

Join Canalway Partners in Ohio's largest "done-in-a-day" environmental cleanup and help prepare these areas for new trails and parks!