Finally, it’s springtime in Cleveland! I want to take a moment to thank all of you who put their faith in me to represent the new ward 17. While our ward number and boundaries have changed a few times throughout my tenure, I greatly appreciate the dedication and involvement of our neighborhood. We may have lost some great supporters of West Park in the redistricting process, but I want to welcome any new residents to our ward and look forward to meeting you and working with all of the new ward to make a great ward 17.

We are finally warming up after a record breaking frigid winter! The harsh weather has certainly taken its toll on our city, especially our infrastructure, and I assure you that crews are working diligently to tackle road repairs and preparing our parks for summer recreation. The city continues to identify and fill potholes, but there will always be some that we miss. If there is a pothole on your street that needs filling, you can report potholes on the city’s website or by calling 664-2510 and it will be added to the list for scheduled repair. In addition to potholes, our ward will have some extra orange barrels this summer with the Warren Road and Triskett Road improvement projects. More information on these projects can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

As the weather continues to warm up, our ward will be the host of some great spring and summer entertainment. The Hooley on Kamm’s Corners, West Park’s annual kick off to spring, is Saturday, May 10 – join us for exciting entertainment, food and music. Ward 17 Golden Agers are welcome to join me for the annual Senior Day Celebration on Wednesday, May 14, 10 a.m. at Cleveland Public Hall. The event features a resource fair, lunch and entertainment – all free for Cleveland seniors! Also, the Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market holds its final indoor market on Sunday, May 18, and will hold the first outdoor market on Sunday, June 8 in the parking lot behind Walgreens.

The rough winter has effected all of us in one way or another, but none more than our local businesses. As always, please shop locally. Our local business are our neighborhood partners and they take great pride in calling West Park home.

In closing, I want to remind you all that you are the eyes and ears of our community – please remain vigilant. We continue to work hard to improve our neighborhoods. If you see something out of the ordinary, please call the police. I encourage you to call the ward 17 office at 664-4239 with any questions and concerns. I wish you all the best and I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

Sincerely,
Martin J. Keane, Ward 17 Councilman

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**Look Local for Fresh Food**

**Indoor Market - May 18**
Final Weekend
Cretan Center 3853 W. 168th Street

**Outdoor Market Begins June 8**
Every 2nd Wednesday, 10am - 2pm
Municipal lot behind Walgreens
West Park’s Homecoming
CELEBRATION
SATURDAY
MAY 10, 2014
Noon – 8 p.m.

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The Senior Transportation Connection serves Ward 17 residents 60 years of age or older who have limited options for transportation services. Rides are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Two (2), one-way trips are provided per week for a fare of $1 per one-way trip. First time riders need to call 216-664-2833 to sign-up for the service. To schedule a ride once you register, please call 1-800-983-4782. See below for more information.

The Economic Security Project is an effort by the Department of Aging to help residents 55 years of age or older make ends meet. Even if you are on a fixed income, this program can help you with economic assistance that includes: money management; possibly reducing credit card debt; reviewing your mortgage payments; and, help with out-of-pocket prescription costs.

And more… for more information on the services provided by the Department of Aging, call 216-664-2833. Additional helpful senior services include: health and social services; home maintenance; senior education and information; financial assistance; weatherization and energy conservation; housing; senior safety; volunteering; and, senior employment. Check out the Department of Aging page on the City’s web site at www.city.cleveland.oh.us.

City of Cleveland Department of Aging
216-664-2833 www.city.cleveland.oh.us

Access to Benefits Coalition - 216-421-1350 ext. 185. The Cleveland Department of Aging is a lead agency in the Greater Cleveland. Access to Benefits Coalition which helps seniors find savings on prescription drugs.

Benefits Check-Up - 216-664-3418 Walk-in: Tues. and Thurs. 10am to 4pm. This program is a computerized screening program that provides older adults over the age of 55 with an efficient, effective and confidential method of determining eligibility for federal, state and local community assistance programs to help pay for prescription drugs, health care, utilities and other essential items or services.

Cell Phone Recycling Program - 216-664-3685. Collected cell phones will be sold and proceeds will go to Cleveland Department of Aging programs.

Cleveland Care Calls - 216-664-6316, Weekdays 8am-5pm. This free automated telephone reassurance system calls Cleveland seniors. If a senior does not respond, Public Safety may be called to check on them.

Senior Guest House - 216-664-2833. This home is for persons 60+ years of age and provides a safe environment for those in crises or unsafe conditions.

Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) - 216-621-8010. WRAAA is responsible for planning, coordinating and administering state and federally-funded programs and services for older adults.

Homestead Water Rate - 664-2833. If you are 65 years of age or older, there is a possibility you could receive a reduction in your water bills.

Need a Hand with your Heavy Trash Carts?

Assistance available for residents with disabilities

The City of Cleveland is in the process of implementing a new waste collection program that includes new, 48 gallon refuse containers. The new containers, depending on fullness, require 5-8 pounds of force to wheel them to the curb and 3 pounds of force to wheel them back when empty. If you are physically unable to do this, the City offers an exemption and will have the containers carried to and from the curb by City employees.

The exemption can be permanent or temporary. Reasons for a temporary exemption could include a broken limb, post surgery recovery, etc. The application process includes a “Doctor’s Certification for Exemption Services” that needs to be signed by the appropriate physician.

To receive an application, call Doris at 216-664-2397 (Division of Waste Collection and Disposal). She will send you an application packet. Once the application is completed, including the certification signed by a physician, notify Doris and she will schedule a one time on site evaluation. The completed application packet will be processed after the evaluation. Upon approval, the nearest station will be notified that you qualify and your refuse container will be carried to and from the curb by the City. It takes approximately 14-21 days from approval for the City to start carrying the containers to and from the curb.

If you have been approved, but the City is not taking the container to the curb, call Doris at 216-664-2397. She will contact the nearest station to verify the approval and make sure it gets picked up. Please note that the pickups will be on the same day as regular waste collection but not necessarily the same time; a different crew takes containers to the curb.
Councilman Keane At the Table

This winter, Councilman Keane was reappointed as the chair to the newly named Transportation Committee, which handles all matters relating to the city-owned airports, aviation, bridges, harbors and river and lake travel as well as public transportation and limousine and taxi operations. In addition, the committee oversees the Department of Port Control, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority.

The committee has been busy this spring, introducing and passing legislation regarding public improvements and constructing infrastructure along the Burke Lakefront Airport shoreline.

Road Work Ahead

The weather is finally warming up here in Cleveland, but the warmer weather means it’s orange barrel season. Our neighborhood is going to be seeing many new construction projects with spring and summer season which may be a hassle for drivers. Once done, however, these necessary projects will improve the roads as well as the aesthetics of our neighborhoods.

Construction has already begun on the western half of Warren Road from Lorain Road to Munn Road. Once Phase I of the project is completed, Phase II work will begin with lanes on the eastern half of Warren Road. Two-way traffic will be provided on the eastern half of Warren Road during this project and access to all businesses, residences and side streets will be maintained.

Additionally, Triskett Road will be undergoing similar reconstruction from Lorain Road to West 117th Street after the completion of work on Warren Road. The improvements for both projects include pavement rehabilitation, curb, sidewalk and driveway repairs, ADA compliant ramps, replacement of existing catch basins, additional catch basins if necessary and upgrade of the traffic signal system.

Warren Road is scheduled for completion this summer and Triskett Road is scheduled for completion in late fall of 2015.

This winter has proven to be exceptionally tough on our infrastructure. The freeze-thaw cycles and consistent salting this frigid winter has had a significant impact on our streets. The city pothole crews are working to get potholes patched as quickly as possible. Residents can report potholes to 664-2510 and then will be added to the list for scheduled repair.

Gunning Golden Age Center

The Gunning Park Center provides daily hot and nutritionally balanced meals to elders (age 60+). The Congregate lunch meals are available at no cost to seniors; donations are accepted.

Supportive Services

Anyone who attends the center has access to individual counseling in a variety of areas assisting them to remain and thrive in their neighborhoods. Some areas of counseling include:

- Resources for independent living
- Assisting in consumer knowledge
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Recreation and Socialization

Group adult development activities are offered. The activities offered cover areas of health and wellness, arts & culture and lifelong learning.

- A walking track
- Library
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- Bingo
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- Dancing
- Shopping and trips
- Arts and Crafts

Transportation

The Gunning Park Center offers transportation to and from the center and to weekly outings. Please contact us to learn more information regarding our transportation services.

City of Cleveland Automated Waste Collection and Recycling

As the city continues to roll out the Automated Waste Collection to more and more neighborhoods, it is important for all residents to do their part in keeping the neighborhood safe and clean.

Trash setout guidelines:

- Trash in cans or other containers should weigh less than 70 lbs.
- Set out trash no earlier than noon on the day before your regular trash collection day
- Remove your waste containers no later than noon the following day
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- Place all newspapers, cardboard, magazines, glass, aluminum and plastic material in your blue cart
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- Bulk items such as furniture and yard waste will be collected by a separate truck on your collection day

The Cleveland Department of Aging presents

Senior Day

Wednesday, May 14, 2014
Cleveland Public Hall
500 Lakeside Avenue
10 a.m. – Information Fair
11 a.m. – Program
Noon – Lunch
12:30 p.m. – Entertainment

ALL seniors invited to attend this FREE event.
For more information call (216) 664-2833
www.cleveland-oh.gov

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Gunning Park Center is a wonderful place for older adults to enjoy a nutritious lunch, stay active and socialize with friends. Gunning Park is the only center that is located in a City Recreation Center, which allows them to provide a unique range of activities to members. For good preventative health assistance, Gunning Park Center has health screenings and health lectures on a regular basis, and offer special entertainment events twice a month.

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Show off your neighborhood pride!

Please call or email our ward office if you didn’t get one or if you need more!

216-664-4239
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In School, On Time, Every Day!

For more information, please visit www.literacycooperative.org

Requests for the City of Cleveland’s 2014 Sidewalk Repair Program are being accepted until June 1, 2014. Requests received after that date will be considered for construction in the 2015 construction season.

The goal of this program is to repair unsafe sidewalks through a partnership between the City of Cleveland and its residents where each party pays 50% of the cost.

Please call 216-664-2232 to request a cost estimate.

Qualifying Criteria for the 50/50 Sidewalk Hazardous Repair Program:
- Property must be zoned residential
- Adjacent sidewalk slabs have a height difference 1-inch or more
- Sidewalk slabs that have a large amount of surface spalling/chipping greater than 1-inch deep
- Sidewalks with a large number of cracks that result in rocking or movement
- Sidewalks that pond water causing ice to form

Don’t Bag It!

The City of Cleveland has changed the way it collects recyclables.
Recyclables should no longer be bagged; place the items loose in blue recycling carts and City of Cleveland drop-off dumpsters.

For more information call the Department of Public Works Division of Waste Collection at 216-664-3717 or visit www.cleveland-oh.gov.