



A new roof was installed at a home on Rutledge Avenue when the owner took advantage of utilizing a Model Block grant. Similar improvements are available through the Home Improvement Program.

## Wide-Array of Affordable Loan Programs Now Available

### Many Programs Available to Rehabilitate and Beautify Your Home

With warmer weather on the horizon, it is the perfect time to make those much needed improvements to your home. Whether the project calls for a new roof, windows, porch or even a new paint job to create that vibrant home you have always dreamed about, there is a program for you! Many home rehabilitation loan programs, with interest rates well below the market average, exist for residents of Detroit Shoreway offered by local nonprofit organizations and the City of Cleveland.

### Programs Available ▶

The table on the right lists available programs and contact information. You may also call (216) 961-4242 (ext. 223) or email [nmccormack@dscdo.org](mailto:nmccormack@dscdo.org) for more information on any of these programs, income guidelines, or to receive a more detailed brochure for each of the available programs.

## Mayor Jackson Attends DSCDO's Annual Meeting



Pictured above: Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson stands with the 2008 Irene Catlin Leadership Award winners, (left to right) Erma Pugh and Addie Palecek, Housing Court Judge Ray Pianka and Ward 17 Councilman Matt Zone.

On February 26, 2009 Mayor Frank Jackson, Ward 17 Councilman Matt Zone and Housing Court Judge Raymond Pianka joined nearly 300 people to take part in DSCDO's 36th Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is a time for members of DSCDO to elect new Board members and feast on the famous spaghetti dinner prepared by the cooks at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Current Board members Gerri Burns, Donna Gonyon, Natividad Pagan, Cindy Nicholson, Shellie Sedlak, and Paul Ettore were reelected to their respective seats.

At the full Board meeting in January, Mike Dolezal was appointed to a special member position. (continued on pg.2)

### 2008 Annual Meeting honorees were:

**Irene Catlin Leadership Award:** Addie Palecek & Erma Pugh

**Community Spirit Awards:** Ward 17 Farmers Market, Bob Ely, Elmer and Maureen Khal, Alberto Burgos, Dampers Automotive Service, Menyhart Plumbing, Robert Maschke (RA Maschke Architects)

**Neighborhood Improvement Award (Commercial):** Gypsy Beans & Baking, Room Service, duoHOME, Kitsch City, LUXE Kitchen & Lounge, Stone Mad Pub, Reddstone, and Latitude 41°n

**Neighborhood Improvement Award (Residential):** Robert Maschke

**Neighborhood Sustainability Award:** Chuck Ackerman

## Fighting the Foreclosure Crisis One House at a Time

### Grass-roots Effort to Stabilize Housing Market Takes Shape

#### Free Foreclosure Assistance Available Now!

Are you having trouble making your house payment?

ESOP is a non-profit committed to preserving homeownership through foreclosure prevention.

Schedule an Appointment with ESOP by phone at 216.361.0718



#### Calling All Investors

Detroit Shoreway is currently seeking qualified and financially capable persons to buy and rehabilitate vacant houses in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood.

If you are interested in investing in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood and being part of the exciting revitalization taking place please contact Matt Lasko at (216) 961-4242 ext. 231.

There is a renewed sense of prosperity emerging in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood as homeowners and community advocates battle the foreclosure epidemic in an effort to keep families in their homes. Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization, in partnership with Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP), has helped approximately 200 people utilize a foreclosure prevention satellite office in the Gordon Square Arcade since July, 2008.

Like many neighborhoods across Cleveland, Detroit Shoreway witnessed an alarming increase in the number of foreclosures and subsequent vacant homes over the course of the last three years. In 2005, there were only 57 foreclosure filings in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood. These numbers jumped sharply to 198 filings in 2006, 251 in 2007, and 207 in 2008 (NEOCANDO, 2009). The foreclosure patterns (continued on pg.2)

### Cleveland Action to Support Housing

Interest rate: **3.4 %**

Call Cora Donley at (216) 621-7350 ext. 20 or [cdonley@cashcleveland.org](mailto:cdonley@cashcleveland.org).

### Cleveland Restoration Society

### Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program

Fixed interest rate: **1.4 %**

Call Jamie Phillips at (216) 426-3106 or [jphillips@clevelandrestoration.org](mailto:jphillips@clevelandrestoration.org).

### Heritage Home Program

Fixed interest rate: **3.5 %**

Call Kerry Adams at (216) 426-3116 or [kadams@clevelandrestoration.org](mailto:kadams@clevelandrestoration.org).

### Cuyahoga County Housing Enhancement Loan Program

**3%** Below client's approved rate

Contact participating lenders: Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, National City Bank, US Bank Visit: [treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us/homeimprove/helphandout.pdf](http://treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us/homeimprove/helphandout.pdf)

### City of Cleveland Programs

#### Repair-A-Home

Call (216) 664-2045. For residents in Model Blocks area only.

#### Senior Housing Assistance Program

Call (216) 664-2833.

#### Afford-A-Home

Call (216) 664-4218 or (216) 664-4217.

#### Paint Refund Program

Call Nanci at DSCDO (216) 961-4242 or [nmccormack@dscdo.org](mailto:nmccormack@dscdo.org).

#### Home Weatherization Assistance Program

Call Annie at DSCDO (216) 961-4242 or [aslota@dscdo.org](mailto:aslota@dscdo.org).

## Annual Meeting

(continued from pg.1) Mayor Jackson offered formal remarks to the audience and was presented with a framed Detroit Shoreway neighborhood print by artist Hector Vega.

Following dinner, DSCDO honored individuals and businesses for their commitment and dedication to the neighborhood. DSCDO introduced the Neighborhood Sustainability Award this year which seeks to recognize an individual, group or business owner who integrates the principles of sustainability into their everyday lives and serves as an inspiration to the community. The award was presented by David Beach, Executive Director of the Green City Blue Lake Institute.

## Fighting Foreclosure

(continued from pg.1) are drastically changing for the better.

DSCDO has developed strong collaborations with advocacy organizations and utilized strategic targeting of "at-risk" homeowners to preserve and expand homeownership. Renters who live in homes in foreclosure can receive assistance from Cleveland Tenants Organization. DSCDO recently partnered with Neighborhood Progress Inc. and Case Western Reserve University's Urban Poverty Center to obtain data identifying the homes that were labeled as "at-risk". An "at-risk" homeowner is identified as being a homeowner that is already in foreclosure, has a mortgage with a sub-prime lender or has an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) that has recently reset or is about to reset in the next 3-6 months.

Since December of 2008, DSCDO, along with staff from ESOP have begun an aggressive door-knocking campaign. All homes that have been identified as "at-risk" are notified of the sub-prime loan status or that their interest rate is about to reset. All homeowners are encouraged to begin working directly with ESOP which provides FREE assistance with foreclosure prevention. ESOP has been successful in securing agreements with several lenders which allows for fast and reasonable loan modifications for borrowers. To date, ESOP has an 80% success rate in saving homes from foreclosure which directly reduces the number of vacant homes while stabilizing neighborhoods and preserving homeownership.

To further alleviate the negative impacts of the foreclosure epidemic, DSCDO and ESOP have created a satellite office in the Gordon Square Arcade. This office creates a Westside presence for foreclosure prevention. Homeowners who are in need of assistance with a loan modification or halting a foreclosure can contact ESOP and schedule an intake at the Westside location. Currently, ESOP completes intakes in the Gordon Square Arcade office every Friday morning. Call ESOP at (216) 631-0718 to set up an appointment.



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Your Street &  
the Neighborhood.*

*Free paint is available for the  
exterior of your home!*

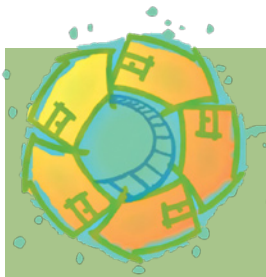
## Paint Program 2009

The City of Cleveland Division of Neighborhood Services will be sponsoring the Paint Program for 2009. The Paint Program provides grants and vouchers to City of Cleveland residents for the exterior painting of residential structures. This program helps to revitalize and improve Cleveland neighborhoods and helps to reduce lead hazards by educating residents on lead safety issues. Residents may qualify for up to \$400 in free paint and supplies and need to register by August 28, 2009.

The Paint Program is only offered to City of Cleveland residents: both homeowners and tenants (with approval from the homeowner).

Paint vouchers will be given out in increments to prevent residents from receiving unneeded paint. The vouchers allow for paint and supplies with an average maximum amount of \$400. In accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, applicants must meet low-to moderate-income guidelines, reside in the house being painted, and attend a lead safe training. Applicants also must provide proof of ownership (copy of water bill, deed, W2) and be able to verify all household income with two (2) current paycheck stubs. This program is based on total household income.

In 2008, DSCDO serviced the program to 70 participants of which 40 finalized the painting projects on their homes. In order to meet the proper standards of the program, lead safe work practices must be followed and the entire exterior of the house must be finalized. All projects must be completed by October 31. Contact DSCDO's Community Involvement Department at (216) 961-4242 or email Nanci McCormack at nmccormack@dscdo.org.



## EcoVillage News

### Save the Date!

EcoVillage is entering its tenth year! To commemorate a decade of success, DSCDO and neighborhood residents will be hosting a Season of Celebration. Join us at all of the fun events this spring and summer.

#### First Annual EcoVillage Greenspace Day 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 30

11 a.m.	Dedication of newly redeveloped Simmons Park	West 58th Street and Bridge Avenue
12 p.m.	Open tours of the recently improved Fir Avenue Cemetery and Greenspace	6015 Fir Avenue
1 p.m.	Party in the Garden Free community BBQ, family activities and entertainment	Ithaca Court EcoVillage Garden – West 57th Street and Ithaca Court

#### EcoVillage Garden Kids Club

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays, July: 8, 15 & 22

Kids of all ages: Join DSCDO at the Ithaca Court EcoVillage Garden to plant your own veggies, make a birdhouse, meet new friends and enjoy homemade snacks. All supplies will be provided.

#### Treasure the Beach at Edgewater Park

July 10-11

Visit: [www.clevelandlakefront.org](http://www.clevelandlakefront.org) for more information.

#### EcoVillage Clean-up and Beautification Events / Garden Planting

EcoVillage neighbors will be hosting several clean-up and beautification events this season. Also, learn about planting a plot at the Ithaca Court EcoVillage Community Garden

Call Lilah Zautner, EcoVillage Coordinator, at (216) 961-4242 ext.227 or [lzautner@dscdo.org](mailto:lzautner@dscdo.org) if you would like to get involved.



## Home Depot Helps

Home Depot, in cooperation with Neighborhood Progress Inc. and DSCDO, donated trees, shrubs, mulch, landscaping materials and labor to further beautify the Model Blocks area. On April 16, 20 volunteers came together and planted 18 trees around West 76th Street, Goodwalt, Herman and Rutledge Avenues in Edgewater Hill.

## Block Club Leader Spotlight

Bernie Rose, West 65th to 70th Block Club



A lifelong resident of the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood, Bernie Rose has led the West 65th to West 70th block club for over a year. She is dedicated to not only improving the block club area she represents but strives to enhance the quality of life for the entire neighborhood.

Bernie was raised at a home on West 65th Street near St. Colman Church and has now lived on West 69th Street for 13 years. Before serving as block club leader, she regularly attended block club meetings and always showed an interest in helping to build the group's membership while generating interest in building a stronger neighborhood. More recently, Bernie took a subtle yet important step of holding block club meetings each month instead of every other month in an effort to sustain momentum.

An avid volunteer, Bernie is visible at nearly all Detroit Shoreway events. She participates in DSCDO's Annual Door Knocking Day, which is a great way to meet neighbors and renew old friendships. She also volunteers her time at the Rite-Aid Marathon's West Shoreway water station. Additionally, Bernie is a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, sings in the choir and helps with the church's summer festival every July.

In her spare time, Bernie enjoys being with her family and is a proud grandmother and great-grandmother. She can often be found in her kitchen baking cookies and making candy, especially at Christmas and Easter. Bernie also enjoys gardening and will be the assistant leader for the Herman Community Garden

## Block Club & Community Involvement News

In February, several block clubs and neighborhood groups wrote grants to the Neighborhood Connections Program of the Cleveland Foundation for community gardens, street fairs, youth programs, fruit orchards and other projects. Grants will be allocated in May in order to help the recipients move forward during the summer and fall seasons. This program considers grant proposals which seek to benefit grassroots groups in the City and offers grants of \$500 to \$5,000 twice a year.

The West Clinton Block Club will be hosting a series of pot luck meetings this summer that have been popular in the past. All of the block clubs will be planning get-togethers and neighborhood cleanups.

Block clubs are extremely important to the fabric of this neighborhood. They are a source of information and provide a medium to meet new neighbors and catch up with longtime friends. They are also great ways to learn about helping with DSCDO sponsored events such as the Annual Door Knocking Day, the Rite-Aid Marathon water stop (May 17) and DSCDO's Annual Benefit (August 6).

Residents who wish to take their commitment to the neighborhood a step further are invited to help the Community Involvement Committee create a Resident Master Plan to supplement the Detroit Shoreway Master Plan

If you have an ideas for improving the neighborhood or want to learn more, contact Nanci McCormack at (216) 961-4242 ext. 223 or [nmccormack@dscdo.org](mailto:nmccormack@dscdo.org).



*Pictured above: Councilman Matt Zone and Judge Ray Pianka prepare to seal the Capitol Theatre time capsule on March 13, 2009.*

## Time Capsule Commemorates Theatre Renovations

Ward 17 Councilman Matt Zone and Cleveland Housing Court Judge Raymond Pianka buried a time capsule with friends and neighbors in the Capitol Theatre on March 13.

The capsule was filled with items from the past and present in anticipation of its opening in 50 years. A scone from the theatre's hey-day along with film strips and movie ticket stubs represented the theatre's history. Pictures of the neighborhood,

theatre renovation and Gordon Square Arts District development along with the day's newspapers, magazines, and a soil sample were included to symbolize the current rebirth of the theatre and neighborhood. Also, a letter to the future, signed by Matt Zone, Ray Pianka and DSCDO Executive Director Jeff Ramsey, was read to the audience and placed in the box along with a sheet containing the signatures of each person in attendance.

The capsule was placed in a column near the Capitol Theatre concession stand. A plaque will be placed on the column to remind visitors of the treasure within the hollow structure.

## Block Club Schedule

<b>Bridge Brigade</b> W. 52nd to W. 58th Franklin to Lorain	1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm Club Room at St. Stephens • 1930 West 54th Street
<b>Bridge Watchers</b> W. 58th to W. 69th Franklin to Fir	1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm Club Room at St. Stephens • 1930 West 54th Street
<b>Franklin Blvd.</b> Franklin Blvd. from W. 58th to W. 85th	3rd Monday of every other month at 7pm Call 961-4242 ext.223 for meeting location
<b>Lorain to Fir</b> W. 58th to W. 65th Lorain to Fir	3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm St. Colman Community Room • 2025 W. 65th Street
<b>North End</b> W. 50th to W. 57th Detroit to Bridge	Last Monday of the month at 6:30pm West Bethel Baptist Church • 5207 Franklin Boulevard
<b>North Shore Neighbors</b> W. 45th to W. 64th Lake Erie to Detroit	2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm Latitude 41°n • 5712 Detroit Avenue
<b>Urbanteers</b> W. 65th to W. 80th from Madison to Lorain	3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm Lorain Branch library • 8216 Lorain Avenue
<b>Wakefield</b> W. 65th to W. 74th between Franklin and Wakefield	Call Nanci at 961-4242 ext.223
<b>Edgewater Hill</b> W. 73rd to W. 78th from Detroit Ave to the RR tracks	2nd Monday of the month at 7pm St. Augustine Towers • 7821 Lake Avenue 6th Floor
<b>West 65th to West 70th</b> from Detroit Ave to the RR tracks	2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm DSCDO Conference Room • 6516 Detroit Avenue
<b>West Clinton</b> between W. 58th and W. 74th W.58th- W.65th-W.74th between Detroit & Franklin	2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm Bethany Presb. Church • W. 65th Street & Clinton
<b>West Eighties</b> W. 80th to W. 85th from Lake to Franklin	Last Tuesday of the month at 6pm Walz Branch Library • 7910 Detroit Avenue
<b>West End</b> W. 81st to W. 85th from Lorain to Madison	3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm Lorain Branch library • 8216 Lorain Avenue

For more info on the block clubs or Community Involvement Committee, please call Nanci McCormack at 961-4242 ext. 223 or email [nmccormack@dscdo.org](mailto:nmccormack@dscdo.org).

## Food for Everybody!

### Gordon Square Farmer's Market

Celebrating its second season and a new name, the volunteer-run Gordon Square Farmers' Market (GSFM) is a great source of locally grown produce, breads, jams and other items. The market will open Saturday July 11 with an Ice Cream & Berry Social in the parking lot of Bethany Presbyterian Church at the corner of West 65th Street and West Clinton Avenue.

A wide variety of fruits and vegetables will be available throughout the season including tomatoes, cucumbers, kale, corn, berries, honey, pumpkins, garlic, beans, sweet potatoes, culinary herbs, eggplant, goat cheese, collards, peppers, potatoes, leeks, peaches, pears, peas, beets, breads, and jams. Locally made items such as soap, original art work and other handmade items will also be available.

GSFM, formerly the Ward 17 Farmers' Market, was founded in 2008 by EcoVillage Produce and neighborhood residents to create a Saturday farmers' market on the west side. This market is decidedly neighborhood based. The founders not only live in the EcoVillage area of Detroit-Shoreway, they garden there. Founding member Barbara Strauss is quick to point out that the market is different because it is affordable. Part of the mission of the Gordon Square Farmers' Market is to help the community access fresh healthy food.

The market invites everybody to walk or roll their way to the market. Not only is it in a residential neighborhood, there are multiple bus routes that run either past or within 2 blocks of the market. Even the West 65th Street Rapid Station is an easy walk or roll at 7 blocks away.

For more information, check out the website at [www.sites.google.com/site/ward17farmersmarket](http://www.sites.google.com/site/ward17farmersmarket).

GSFM is a volunteer run, community supported farmers' market and is open every Saturday from July 11 to October 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The market will re-open November 21 in preparation of Thanksgiving.

### Gordon Square Farmers' Market 2009 Schedule Every Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

<b>Jul. 11</b> – Ice Cream and Berry Social	<b>Oct. 26</b> – Harvest Party
<b>Aug. 15</b> – 2nd Annual Sweet Corn Festival	Closed 10/31, 11/7, 11/14
<b>Sept. 26</b> – Oktoberfest	<b>Nov. 21</b> – Holiday Market & Turkey Pickup

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**Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization**  
*Seventh Annual Benefit "Lights, Camera, Action" Resident Support & Ticket Purchase*

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\$35 ticket includes 2009 DSCDO membership. Reduced ticket price purchase deadline is July 31, 2009. Tickets increase to \$40 at the door. Please mail checks or cash to:  
Detroit Shoreway C.D.O., 6516 Detroit Avenue, Suite 1, Cleveland, OH 44102 – attn: Ian Andrews

<b>Madison Park</b> W.74th and Madison Tue, June 30 & July 7, 1-3pm: Art in the Park
<b>Lake Pool</b> W.85th, just north of Detroit Wed, June 24, 1-3pm: Art in the Park
<b>Herman Park</b> W.59th and Herman, one block north of Detroit Wed, June 17 & 24, 3-5pm: Art in the Park Thurs, July 30, 7pm: CPT STEP Performance

This summer, Councilman Matt Zone, DSCDO and ParkWorks will again offer neighborhood youth an opportunity to discover arts and culture through a variety of interactive summertime events and projects. The series will be offered at Herman Park, Lake Pool and Madison Park. All activities and events will be free and open to the public through the generous support from Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, Charter One Foundation, Weed and Seed, Councilman Matt Zone, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization and ParkWorks.

*Pictured above: Local teens act in the STEP program at Herman Park last summer.*



## DSCDO Announces Seventh Annual Benefit Capitol Theatre Sneak-Peek to Highlight Evening

On Thursday, August 6, 2009 from 5:30-8:00 p.m., Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization will host their Seventh Annual Benefit at the Gordon Square Arcade, 6516 Detroit Avenue. This year, the organization is honoring John Zayac and Betsy Figgie of The Project Alliance with its Community Partner Award. Receiving the Father Frascati Neighborhood Champion Award are: Fr. Robert Begin (St. Colman Church), Fr. David Fallon (La Sagrada Familia Church), Fr. Michael Franz (St. Stephen Church), Fr. Richard Rasch, O. de M. (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church), Sister Annette Amendolia (St. Procop Church), and Fr. Andre Matthews (St. Helena Church). Live music, hors d'oeuvres and complimentary beverages will be served in the Gordon Square Arcade Atrium. The benefit will feature the awards ceremony, along with a coffee and dessert bar in the newly renovated Capitol Theatre. This year's theme is "Lights, Camera, Action" in eager anticipation of the opening of the Capitol Theatre in October. If you wish to be a benefit sponsor, purchase a ticket, or have general questions, please contact Ian Andrews at DSCDO at (216) 961-4242.