

Ecofriendly Housing Options Abound!

Located in the nationally recognized Cleveland EcoVillage neighborhood of Detroit Shoreway, these homes are steps away from the new green W.65th/Lorain Rapid Station, Ithaca Court EcoVillage community garden and the soon to be redeveloped Michael Zone Recreation Center Greenspace. EcoVillage is also near new restaurants, shops, theatres, and galleries in the Gordon Square Arts District.



The Green Cottages

These 2 and 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath single family colonials, feature between 1,200 and 1,400 square feet of affordable, accessible, environmentally sustainable living space. Amenities include: Energy Star appliances, windows, doors, lighting fixtures, hardwood floors, low VOC carpet and paint, a full basement, and a 1.5 car detached garage. Prices start at \$126,000.

An energy efficient furnace, air conditioner and water heater, combined with a programmable thermostat and quality insulation result in extremely low utility costs and a reduced carbon footprint for qualified moderate income homebuyers. Income restrictions apply. Call Cuyahoga Community Land Trust at (216)334-1620



Courtland Court

The Townhouses at Courtland Court offer 23-units of spacious city living within the heart of the EcoVillage and Detroit Shoreway. Exciting exterior designs are blended with cultural, yet modern interior designs and floor plans. The townhomes feature 2-car garages, a balcony off the living room and a central courtyard. Only 4 townhomes remain. Prices for the townhomes begin at \$159,000. The townhomes also come with a 15-year tax abatement and reduced rate financing is available through Parkview Federal Savings Bank. Call Michael DeCesare of Denison Homes at (440) 835-8360



EcoVillage Townhomes

Built in 2003 with cutting-edge green building best practices, the EcoVillage Townhomes offer fine, environmentally conscious living just minutes from downtown. The 2 and 3 bedroom townhomes offer bright and spacious floor plans ranging from 1618 sq. ft to 2472 sq. ft. Amenities include: hardwood floors, master suites with private baths, and modern kitchens and dining areas fit for entertaining. Back decks overlook beautifully landscaped communal and private courtyards. All units heat and cool for less than \$700 a year, include detached garages and are tax abated. Green features abound! Some units include basement income suits and solar panels. Contact a local real estate agent for more information.



Bridge Square Townhome Phase III

This model townhome offers many green features, including high efficiency insulation, beautiful bamboo floors in the living area, sustainable finishes such as ceramic tile flooring and granite countertops, lots of natural light, and high energy efficiency furnace and windows. Design features include an open floor plan, a bonus room on the ground level, and high ceilings. This model unit, which has an attached garage, two bedrooms and one and a half baths, is affordably priced at \$149,900 and offers tax abatement through 2021. Call Michelle Anderson at Progressive Urban Real Estate at (216) 619-9696.



Cogswell Hall is Halfway There!

The \$8.8 million renovation and expansion of Cogswell Hall reached the halfway point in May when the new portion of the building was completed, and 23 residents moved to brand new units.

Cogswell Hall is a 100 year old building providing housing and supportive services for adults facing critical life challenges. The staff at Cogswell provide supportive services for their residents in addition to housekeeping and food services. The new units have amenities that did not exist in the historic building including individual bathrooms and individually controlled air conditioning and heating.

In addition to the 23 housing units, the new building contains a state-of-the-art kitchen and large dining room, along with resident lounges, and staff offices. Asbestos abatement of the existing building is expected to be complete in mid-June so that renovation of that portion can begin. The renovation of the historic building will be complete in December of 2009. Cogswell Hall will welcome 18 new residents for a total of 41 residents.

On June 24th, Cogswell Hall hosted an open house and offered tours of the new building to celebrate reaching the halfway point in the project. Cogswell Hall's annual event, Moment in Time, will be held October 24 at Cafe Sausalito. A ribbon-cutting celebration will be planned in early 2010 to celebrate the final project completion. For information on Cogswell Hall please call (216) 961-1568.

Neighborhood Experiences 100 Hours of Power



City Year volunteers conducted 100 Hours of Power where they performed 100 straight hours of community service. During the day volunteers cleaned vacant lots, worked in community gardens, performed general repair work and more. At night, they took part in security patrols and graffiti abatement.

City Year covered or removed a total of 780 individual graffiti tags in Detroit Shoreway and Ohio City. The area covered was from W. 85th to W. 25th Streets and from the lake to I-90.

Detroit Shoreway Awarded for Innovation

This spring, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO) was honored for its innovative accomplishments, projects, and operations with particular regard for the development of the Gordon Square Arts District (GSAD). A model for using the arts as a tool for economic development, GSAD has seen 25 new businesses either open, or plan to open, in the past two years near the intersection of Detroit Avenue and West 65th Street. Additionally, the continued development of EcoVillage, the \$100 million Battery Park community, along with nearly \$300 million of additional investments in the neighborhood, is helping Detroit Shoreway to become Cleveland's hottest and most exciting neighborhood.

DSCDO was selected as the winner of the Oberlin Research Group's Innovation Award for Most Innovative Services. The college-led group analyzed DSCDO's internal and external operations for innovative practices, employee empowerment, and pioneering project development. Following a site-visit by the group, DSCDO was honored at a reception on May 2nd at Oberlin College. The awardees were impressed with the development of EcoVillage, a national model in sustainable urban living. They also found the development of GSAD, Battery Park, and innovative collaborations with various partners and agencies set DSCDO above other well qualified candidates.

DSCDO has received recognition for the Capitol Theatre project from a number of different national organizations. The 1921 movie house is being transformed into a three-screen, all-digital cinema specializing in art and independent films. The theatre is the cornerstone of the \$30 million effort to develop the Gordon Square Arts District as a regional destination for theatres, plays, shopping and dining. Major GSAD projects include the creation of a streetscape along Detroit Avenue, renovation of the Capitol Theatre, renovation of Cleveland Public Theatre and building a new facility for Near West Theatre. The Capitol Theatre will be managed by Cleveland Cinemas, owners of the Cedar-Lee Theatre in Cleveland Heights. The theatre will celebrate a Grand Opening Week October 1-11.

DSCDO was recently honored with award nominations that focus on different aspects of the Capitol Theatre project, but they all recognize the innovative financing tool of the leveraged New Markets Tax Credits which DSCDO used to fund this \$7.5 million project. The economic and community impacts the redevelopment of the Capitol Theatre will have on the neighborhood and City have also been recognized. What set this project apart from others across the country is that the Capitol Theater is just one part of the development of the Gordon Square Arts District.

Award nominations include:

Community Development Finance Association (CDFA) for best tax credit project in the country. The Capitol Theatre was one of three projects nominated across the country for this award. DSCDO presented at CDFA's Annual Summit in Pittsburgh in May and finished in second place.

National Development Council (NDC) selected the Capitol Theatre as one of several projects chosen as a semi-finalist in the Community Development Category. The Capitol Theatre was recognized at NDC's bi-annual Academy, held May 12-14, 2009 in Washington, D.C. for its innovative funding structure using leveraged New Markets Tax Credits. The project was showcased at the Academy's Capitol Hill Reception attended by legislators and development professionals from across the country.

Inside Business/Team NEO selected the Capitol Theatre as a finalist in the category of Asset Creation in the Team NEO Economic Development Impact Awards. The awards recognize organizations and companies who have made outstanding contributions in attracting, retaining and expanding businesses in Northeast Ohio.

Seventh Annual Benefit: November 5, 2009



Detroit Avenue Streetscape – Construction Update



Streetscape construction on the north side of Detroit Avenue is nearing completion.

By early July, 2009, the Streetscape on the north side of Detroit Avenue will be fully complete and construction will have shifted to the south side. The same process – utility pole removal, widening of sidewalks, and placement of artistic elements such as pavers and benches – will repeat on the south until construction is completed in September.

Save the Date:

September 26, 2009 – DETROIT AVENUE STREETScape RIBBON CUTTING AND STREET FESTIVAL!

The Streetscape's official unveiling will take place on Saturday, September 26. The day will kick off with an 11:00 AM Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the corner of West 65th Street and Detroit Avenue, hosted by Mayor Frank Jackson and Councilman Matt Zone.

A Street Festival, organized in collaboration with the West Clinton Block Club, will immediately follow. The Festival will stretch late into the afternoon and will feature local artists, vendors, food and the Gordon Square Farmers' Market. Congratulations to the West Clinton Block Club for being awarded a Neighborhood Connections Grant towards the Festival.

New Westside Housing Center

Housing and financial services under the same roof

Starting July 9, Cleveland residents will have access to foreclosure prevention assistance, financial and homeownership education, and home repair loans all under one roof at the new Westside Housing Center in the Gordon Square Arcade, 6604 Detroit Avenue.



Eight non-profit organizations – including DSCDO – are collaborating to help families facing foreclosure, looking for affordable housing and trying to maintain financial stability.

"Today's rising foreclosure rates make this an ideal time for the first holistic, systematic approach to helping Clevelanders deal with the issue," said Jeff Ramsey, DSCDO Executive Director. "We believe we can help families best by addressing a broad range of needs at a single location."

Grants from the JP Morgan CHASE Foundation, the Eva L. and Joseph M. Bruening Foundation, Third Federal Foundation and Charter One Foundation provided funding for this project.

The center will offer:

Housing Assistance	Education and Financial Literacy
• Foreclosure prevention	• First-time homebuyer awareness
• Home repair loan offerings and application assistance	• Moving from renting to owning
• Promote homeownership and rental housing options	• Individual Development Accounts
• Link investors and home rehabbers with available properties	• Financial literacy
	• Responsible renter awareness
	• Employment assistance

Contact DSCDO at (216) 961-4242 for more information.

Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization

Seventh Annual Benefit "Lights, Camera, Action" Resident Support & Ticket Purchase

Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Ph# _____ Email _____

\$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

Individual Resident Ticket ___ x \$35.00 | Business Ticket ___ \$100.00 (\$10 tax deductible)

Additional Support \$100 ___ \$50 ___ \$25 ___ other (all 100% tax deductible)

_____ Total enclosed

Block Club News

Neighborhood Views is trying something new. Instead of writing about the block clubs, we thought it would be more interesting if the block clubs wrote their own articles. In each issue, Neighborhood Views will feature information, events and behind the scenes news straight from the block clubs. We want each block club to contribute so send your brief stories to Ian Andrews at iandrews@dscdo.org. Next issue's deadline is September 4, 2009 and will highlight summer events and upcoming fall activities.

Edgewater Hill is busy with many activities and projects. Our main project right now is our public art project with artist Mark Reigelman. He has created 45 bluebirds that are made of resin, will sit on aluminum perches, and be installed throughout the neighborhood late this month. We received another grant that will be used for the production of more bluebirds for Edgewater Hill. We were granted money for landscaping and exterior housing repairs from NPI, since we are in the Model Blocks area. Residents are fixing their front yards with beautiful flowers and greenery and improving the look of their homes. Some are painting their houses, others are getting new gutters while others are installing new front doors. Edgewater Hill hosted a Neighborhood Yard Sale in June and it was a huge success. We hope to host it again this fall.

The **Franklin Boulevard** Block Club is working on safety issues and on making our neighborhood even more beautiful! Members of the block club painted the cement walls of the West 85th Street bridge last summer, spruced up the community flower garden on Franklin this spring and is now organizing a Detroit Shoreway community orchard on Wakefield Avenue near West 80th Street. With leadership from Dave Roswurm, a committee has been formed and over \$4,000 has been raised for the orchard project. Many thanks to DSCDO and Lilah Zantner for helping negotiate a lease with the Norfolk Southern Railroad for the site. Interested in joining the orchard project? Email Bobbi Reichtell at b_reichtell@yahoo.com. Our first work day is Saturday, July 11th from 9am-4pm.

The **North End** Block Club has been busy with their programs, A Better Way and A Touch of Class. A Better Way is a leadership development program for youth between the ages of 10-18. A Touch of Class is for young ladies between the ages of 12-18. Both programs are geared to empower the youth with skills to become successful leaders. They are encouraged to get an education and are introduced to positive role models. The programs are going into their third year and have been very successful. The block club is also working on ways to get more residents involved and attending the meetings.

The **W. 65/70th** Block Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Gordon Square Arcade Atrium conference room at 7PM. We don't have much planned for the summer, except to try our hardest to get more people to attend the meetings and participate in the things happening in the neighborhood. I mainly look forward to the day when people stop complaining over their backyard fences and get involved to help make our neighborhood a safer and cleaner place to live and enjoy.

We are making plans for our 4th annual Street Sale. The tentative dates are August 8th and 9th. Last year we had 14 families involved and hope to add a few more this year.

The **West Clinton Avenue** Block Club meets every second Wednesday during the months of October through May at Bethany Presbyterian Church. During the summer months, the block club meets at various neighbors' houses for summer cookouts. The block club members are all looking forward to spending time with our neighbors to discuss the happenings in the neighborhood and to enjoy the copious amounts of food served. Grants were awarded to residents of West Clinton Avenue for the annual autumn Historic Haunts Walking Tour and for additional beautification of the labyrinth on the corner of West 65th street and West Clinton Avenue. Cleveland Housing Network and Opportunity Housing are doing historic rehabilitations to three houses on the street.

In an effort to pull more resources together and recruit more residents to be the 'eyes and ears' of the neighborhood, the **WestEnd and Urbanteer** Block Clubs have merged to become one Block Club. "Both neighborhoods are facing the same issues. Whether it is housing, safety or any other matter; we are all neighbors of one another and it just made sense to join with one another", stated Addie Palacek, Urbanteer Co-Chair. "We were having two meetings per month talking about the same issues with both Block Clubs. This gives the neighborhood more voices in a unified front." stated Sam Delgado, WestEnd Co-Chair.

WestEnd Block Club covers West 81st – West 85th from Lorain Avenue to Madison Avenue. The Urbanteer Block Club covers West 65th – West 80th from Lorain to Madison Avenue. "The new WestEnd/Urbanteer Block Club still covers the same territory it is just that people on the far ends of the borders will now be able to converse with one another. This is a way for all the residents in the neighborhood to come together and get to know one another," stated, Brian Kazy, WestEnd Co-Chair.

A prime example of the collaboration is how the two Block Clubs have joined with Weed and Seed and the Cleveland Public Library in an effort to expand the already existing reading park that sits on West 83rd. A vacant lot that sat as an eyesore for 15 years was converted into a reading park that the Cleveland Public Library uses for their summer reading program. Yet another house was demolished next to the lot and the WestEnd Urbanteer Block Clubs have decided to expand the park for future use to the neighborhood.

Block Club Schedule

Bridge Brigade W. 52nd to W. 58th Franklin to Lorain	1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm Club Room at St. Stephens • 1930 West 54th Street
Bridge Watchers W. 58th to W. 69th Franklin to Fir	1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm Club Room at St. Stephens • 1930 West 54th Street
Franklin Blvd. Franklin Blvd. from W. 58th to W. 85th	3rd Monday of every other month at 7pm Call 961-4242 ext.223 for meeting location
Lorain to Fir W. 58th to W. 65th Lorain to Fir	3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm St. Colman Community Room • 2025 W. 65th Street
North End W. 50th to W. 57th Detroit to Bridge	4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm West Bethel Baptist Church • 5207 Franklin Boulevard
North Shore Neighbors W. 45th to W. 64th Lake Erie to Detroit	2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm Latitude 41°n • 5712 Detroit Avenue
Wakefield W. 65th to W. 74th between Franklin and Wakefield	Call Nanci at 961-4242 ext.223
Edgewater Hill 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
West 65th to West 70th from Detroit Ave to the RR tracks	2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm DSCDO Conference Room • 6516 Detroit Avenue
West Clinton 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
West Eighties W. 80th to W. 85th from Lake to Franklin	4th Tuesday of the month at 6pm Walz Branch Library • 7910 Detroit Avenue
WestEnd Urbanteer W. 81st to W. 85th from Lorain to Madison	4th Thursday 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 (216) 961-4242 ext. 223 or email nmccormack@dscdo.org.

Block Club Leader Spotlight

Jim Wagner and Bruce Buchanan, West Clinton Block Club



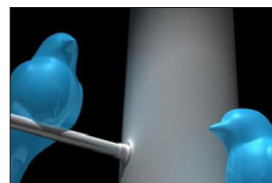
Jim Wagner and Bruce Buchanan moved into a beautiful home on West Clinton four years ago after spending a great deal of time with friends who lived in Detroit Shoreway. "We liked the street a lot," Jim said. He continued by recalling that once they found a home, "we walked in and knew we wanted to live here." Shortly thereafter they attended their first West Clinton Block Club meeting and their enthusiasm for the street and the group was apparent immediately. Within months they were chosen to serve as co-chairmen of the group.

As co-chairmen, Jim and Bruce have created an environment where all parties have a chance to speak. They conduct meetings that are easy-going with little structure. The duo believes this allows people to take ownership of the block club as well as ongoing projects thereby reducing the chance of a potential power struggle. Jim, a teacher, and Bruce, an artist, acknowledge that patience is required with their Block Club position.

Jim and Bruce are also involved in the block club's Historic Haunts. The annual autumn event draws hundreds of residents and guests from across the region and has become one of Cleveland's top Fall tours. This year, Historic Haunts will take place September 18-19.

Knowing their neighbors by name is something Jim and Bruce sought when considering where to live. Now they've found a neighborhood they call home.

Edgewater Hill Blue Birds



The Edgewater Hill neighborhood will soon be filled with decorative Blue Birds. During the summer months, some of the Blue Birds may be hidden in the trees. In the fall and winter, the Blue Birds will reveal themselves and appear as bright blue ornaments set off against the seasonal backdrops. Artists Mark Reigelman designed and manufactured this beautiful public art.

The project is a collaboration between the Edgewater Hill Block Club, Ward 17 Councilman Matt Zone, Neighborhood Progress Inc., Cleveland Public Art and DSCDO.

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Detroit Shoreway is pleased to welcome Michael Dolezal to the Board of Trustees. Michael was chosen by the Board to fill a Special Board Member seat earlier this year. A CPA and realtor, Michael also operates his own tax business service practice in the neighborhood. He and his wife Sarah have been residents of the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood since 2002. "Mike's education and experience make him a valuable addition to the Board," Board member Jonathan Holey said. "It is great to see residents using their skills to contribute to the improvement of our neighborhood."



Board Member Spotlight: Michael Dolezal

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Summer Event Schedule

July 25 1pm-4pm Walk & Roll W.65th-W.74th North of Clinton Avenue www.walkroll.com	Sept. 12 7pm-midnight Pandemonium Cleveland Public Theatre purchase tickets contact (216) 631-2727.	Sept. 17-18 9am-4pm Rust Belt to Artist Belt Network and learn more about how to make a neighborhood arts-friendly. For info contact PAC at (216) 575-0331.	Sept. 18-19 9am-4pm Historic Haunts Detroit & West Clinton Avenues wonderful neighborhood. Contact Mancl McCormack at (216) 961-4242.	Sept. 26 11am-4pm Streetscape Ribbon Cutting & Street Festival Celebrate the new and exciting Detroit Avenue streetscape.	Oct. 10-11 5pm Gordon Square Experience Experience Cleveland's largest Westside Art Center. For more info call (440)503-5506.	Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 Day of the Dead Celebration & Parade Celebrate with a parade along Detroit Avenue	Nov. 5 5:30pm Detroit Shoreway Annual Benefit Gordon Square Arcade See page 3 for more details	Dec. 5 1pm Annual Holiday Party Gordon Square Arcade Meet Santa, enjoy cookies refreshments, and goody-bags for kids
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Capitol Theatre Grand Opening

- Thursday, October 1: Gala, Gordon Square Arts District, Red Carpet Benefit
- Friday, October 2: 9 AM Ribbon Cutting, 7 PM Feature Film Event
- Saturday, October 3: Children's Matinee
- Sunday, October 11: Grand Opening Week, Full movie schedule, Give-Aways & Special Promotions