

Neighborhood VIEWS



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Neighborhood Responds to West 83rd Street Explosion



The February fundraiser saw local celebrities serving spaghetti dinners. Pictured L to R: Cleveland Housing Court Judge Raymond Pianka, Opera Per Tutti Executive Director Andrea Anelli, City of Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Cleveland City Councilman Anthony Brancatelli, State Senator Michael Skindell, and DSCDO Board Member Paul Ettorre

On January 25, 2010, a vacant home on West 83rd Street exploded leaving 10 families homeless and damaging 57 homes. The community responded and rallied to locate temporary housing, donate truckloads of clothing and goods, and support the families with monetary donations.

Councilman Zone and Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO) worked together to help house 10 displaced families while distributing aid and goods to all who were affected.

A Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to assist the victims of the explosion was held on February 7 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. The event saw over 900 people raise \$11,315 and enjoy the famous Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church spaghetti and meatball dinner. Over 50 volunteers and 8 celebrity servers - including Mayor Frank Jackson and Lt. Governor Lee Fisher - helped

to make the event a success. Safeguard Properties CEO Robert Klein contributed \$21,820 to match a \$5,000 donation from the Cleveland Foundation, \$11,315 raised at the spaghetti dinner, and \$5,505 from individual contributions deposited at Chase Bank for a total of \$43,640. Councilman Zone and DSCDO have created a West 83rd Street Explosion Donation Advisory Committee - composed of members of the faith based communities, social service organizations and resident leaders - to assess the needs of every family. The committee will determine what types of assistance are required.

Monetary donations are still being accepted. Checks can be made out to Detroit Shoreway CDO and mailed to: Detroit Shoreway CDO, 6516 Detroit Avenue Suite 1, Cleveland, OH 44102.

Capitol Theatre Receives Dominion Award

Dominion East Ohio bestowed one of eleven Community Impact Awards upon DSCDO for its work to redevelop the Capitol Theatre and the impact it has had as one of the Gordon Square Arts District's anchor projects. Presented at a March 3rd luncheon at Cleveland Playhouse, DSCDO received a beautiful glass plaque made by Streets of Manhattan as well as a \$12,000 award. The award is co-sponsored by Dominion East Ohio and Inside Business Magazine. In all, \$100,000 was awarded to recipients throughout Northeast Ohio.



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A Home Grows in Detroit Shoreway

Diana Cyganovich can finally "relax" now that the Cogswell Hall renovation and expansion has taken place. "Now, I only work three jobs instead of five," the Cogswell Hall Executive Director recently said. "I never knew so much about construction before."

Cyganovich, her 15 person staff and 41 residents certainly have something to celebrate. Earlier this year, Cogswell Hall's renovation and expansion at 7200 Franklin Boulevard was completed, save a few minor landscaping details and finishing touches. The facility has doubled in size to nearly 40,000 square feet and has given tenants single occupancy rooms with private bathrooms. Also, new features include safety improvements, private meeting rooms, and a full service kitchen and laundry room.

Sustainability is a significant component of the project. Currently a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver project, Cogswell Hall has incorporated low-flow water systems, rain gardens and barrels, low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) paint and sealants, and energy efficient windows among other things. Additionally, 60% of the wood used was sustainably harvested.

DSCDO partnered with Cogswell Hall to oversee the construction and financing. Funders include The Women's Philanthropic Union, The Cleveland, Eva L. and Joseph M. Bruening, Abington, and Woodruff Foundations, and the Sherwick and Higley Funds as well as the Sovereign Order of St. John Knights Templar and the Cogswell Hall Board of Directors. Donations were made by Moen Corporation and Glidden Paints, a division of Akzo Nobel Decorative Paints. Financing was also provided by Federal and State Historic Tax Credits, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, City of Cleveland Housing Trust Fund, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Federal Home Loan Bank, Enterprise Community Partners, Ohio Community Development Finance Fund, Charter One Bank and Village Capital Corporation. The development team includes Marous Brother Construction, Korfant and Mazzone Construction, Gaede Serne Architects, Dotty Miller Architects, Novogradac, and Randall Shorr, Esq.

Cogswell Hall has offered supportive housing for women (and recently men) since 1913. Fully occupied, the house serves single adults that are income qualifying. Most are at or below 20% area median income. Services include an on-site social service staff to assist with crisis intervention, emotional support, and goal setting for things like finding a job or becoming healthier. "We build community," Cyganovich said. "People gain skills by living as a large family."

Visit www.cogswell.org to learn more.



Before (pictured top) and after (pictured bottom) of a restored and expanded Cogswell Hall

Cleveland International Film Festival Returns to the Capitol Theatre for the first time since 1981

This year's Cleveland International Film Festival lineup had a special addition: a starring role for the Capitol Theatre. The Film Festival, which ran from March 18 – 28 at Tower City Center, featured an "Evening at the Capitol Theatre" on Thursday, March 25 – the Festival's triumphant return to Gordon Square after 29 years. Ticket-holders were admitted to a Charter One Bank sponsored pre-film reception at LUXE Kitchen & Lounge, and visited a variety of neighborhood establishments throughout the evening. The featured movie was **PINNED**, a Cleveland story about the true grit of two young athletes and the rivalry between the Lakewood and St. Edward's high school wrestling teams.

The Film Festival provided a wonderful opportunity to promote the neighborhood and welcome new visitors to the Capitol Theatre. Thanks to the many volunteers who supported us during Film Festival week. To become a "Friend of the Capitol Theatre" or to learn more about what you can do to continue building an audience for the Capitol, please contact Jenny Spencer at jspencer@dscdo.org or (216) 961-4242 x 237.



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U.S. Census: More People, More Money, Be Counted!

The census is coming! Take 10 minutes to fill out a 10 question census form. By simply returning the form, you alone help earn \$10,000 for the City of Cleveland! How?

Every 10 years the U.S. Constitution requires a national count of everyone residing in the country (including non-citizens). One of its primary uses is to determine federal funds allocated to each city based on their population. Each person counted represents about \$1,000 in federal dollars. By filling out one survey, you are making sure you are counted each year for the next 10 years, securing about \$10,000 for city programs! Simply return the 10 question form and you will have helped Cleveland count its entire population. All personal information given is confidential.

Everybody counts, so help spread the word! Visit www.2010.census.gov to learn more or stop by the Westside Housing Center at 6604 Detroit Avenue in the Gordon Square Arcade for more information.

37th Annual Meeting: A Night of Pride and Honors



Board President Peter Harwood (left) and Judge Raymond Pianka (center) listen as Jonathan Holody accepts the Irene Catlin Leadership Award at February's Annual Meeting

300 friends came together in the Our Lady of Mount Carmel School cafeteria for DSCDO's 37th Annual Meeting on February 25th. The night was filled with awards, neighborhood pride and delicious spaghetti.

Ohio State Representative Mike Skindell, Housing Court Judge Raymond Pianka, Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone, Second District Police Commander Keith Sulzer, Green City Blue Lake Institute Executive Director David Beach and DSCDO Executive Director Jeff Ramsey presented awards to members of the community who have invested in their homes, their businesses and have helped to improve the neighborhood.

Michael Dolezal (resident) and Dan Bush (78th Street Studios) were elected to the residential and commercial positions, respectively. They previously served as board-appointed special members. Jonathan Holody (resident), Fr. Richard Rasch (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church) and Madelyn Zone (at-large) were reelected to their respective seats. At the full board meeting in March, Alison Ripcho (Ripcho Studios) and Maryellen Staab (Catholic Charities) were appointed as special board members.

2010 DSCDO Award Recipients

Irene Catlin Leadership Award: Jonathan Holody

Community Spirit Awards: Brian Kazy, Cleveland Public Library, Citizen Police Academy Graduates (Robert Hart, Paul Glowacki, Joe Wolf), Civita Blaske, Day of the Dead Celebration, Friends of the Cleveland Public Library, Gordon Square Apartments' Coffee Group, Lutheran Medical Center, Made in the 216, Marcia Pressman (Curves), Minh Anh, Parkview Nite Club, Steven Rolland, 78th Street Studios

Neighborhood Improvement Awards: Cleveland Public Art, Courtland Court (Mike DeCesare), John Deli, Leonard Eifers, Stanley Joe Walls, Ripcho Studios, Lynnhaven Group (Jeff and Mike Raig), Detroit Avenue Streetscape (Matt Zone, NOACA, City Architecture, Susie Frazier Mueller, Paul Volpe, Matt Schmidt, Rob Mavec, Martin Reese P.E., Dean Klimczyk)

Sustainability Award: Dave Roswurm

Also, Donna Belles was presented with an award for her 20 years of service to the DSCDO Board.

Go to www.detroitshoreway.org for complete details in our 2009 Annual Report.

Board Member Spotlight: Madelyn Zone



Madelyn Zone is a lifelong resident of the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood and has been a DSCDO board member for nearly every term since 1980. She was recently re-elected and later reflected on her tenure with the board. She has been involved with the snowflake project since Yolonda Craciun developed the idea and was a member of the merchants group when Zone Travel occupied the Bank Building's corner storefront. Madelyn currently is a member of the Executive, Fundraising and Special Event committees.

She works for Community Care Network in human resources, enjoys traveling, movies, books and is a dedicated Cavs season ticket holder.

Hot Dogs are a Delicacy at Happy Dog Saloon



From left, owners Rini McNulty, chef Eric Williams and Sean Kilbane. Not pictured are owners Joe McNulty, Sean Watterson, and Rob Thompson. (Photo credit: Kyle Lanzer, Sun News)

The Happy Dog Saloon (5801 Detroit Avenue) is one of the neighborhood's more unique establishments. Serving different varieties of hot dogs with over 50 toppings, the Happy Dog has reinvented itself as one of Cleveland's premier venues for local music.

In 2008, Joe and Rini McNulty, Sean Kilbane, Sean Watterson, and Rob Thompson bought the Happy Dog and began a total transformation. In October 2009, Eric Williams of Momocho was invited to join the team and completely alter the menu.

During the week, guests enjoy their favorite libation and karaoke on Thursday night and DJ Kishka for Friday night Polka Happy Hour. The Happy Dog has remained one of the top spots in the city for local live music each weekend and the new owners have lived up to the reputation.

Stop in to try a hot dog with slaw, peanut butter, bacon and fruit loops or any combination of their great toppings. Call (216) 651-9474 or check them out on Facebook.com.

Rehabbed Home a Showplace for Creative Design

A home twice on the demolition list has now been restored to its former greatness with a modern touch. Brothers Jeff and Mike Raig of Lynnhaven Development Group invested \$180,000 in the home at 5705 Franklin Boulevard and completed a total rehabilitation in 89 days late last year.



Before (pictured top) and after (pictured bottom) of the restored home at 5705 Franklin Ave.

The vacant, severely deteriorated home was donated to DSCDO in 2009, was condemned and needed well over \$150,000 in rehabilitation. Lynnhaven put forth a proposal to gut the house and have it completely overhauled. Located in the Franklin Boulevard Historic District, the home features tongue & groove hardwood floors, granite countertops, a new stairway, and a remarkable 2-story lofted master bedroom with a vaulted-ceiling walk-in closet. It sold for \$230,000 to Robert Masseria whose interest in the home allowed him to work with Lynnhaven from the beginning.

Block Club Leader Spotlight: Mike O'Connor, Bridge Brigade



Mike O'Connor loves Cleveland. The Bridge Brigade Block Club leader came to the city from Detroit in 1980 as a student at John Carroll University. He started working for Society Bank (now Key) as a branch teller as in 1981 and has been there since. He currently is in charge of physical security which includes, among other things, responsibility for alarm monitoring nationwide.

Mike moved to the neighborhood in 1989, has lived in his current home since 1991 and has been involved with the block club for almost 20 years as a founding member. He likes the neighborhood because of its diversity-something he doesn't believe can be found elsewhere. While Mike had the chance to

live in the suburbs, he chose Detroit Shoreway for its proximity to the Lake and Downtown as well as the West Side Market and now, the Gordon Square Arts District.

He hopes to see the neighborhood continue its focus on housing by turning foreclosed properties over to new owners with an emphasis on attracting first time homebuyers and low- to moderate-income people. Mike really wants to see more residents get involved and at least take the time to know their neighbors. "There is strength in numbers – together, we can accomplish a lot," he recently said.

Mike O'Connor and his partner, Buck, have three dogs and two cats in a home they saved from demolition and renovated on Bridge Avenue.

Kids Can't Wait for ParkWorks Summer Programming

Interested in fun opportunities for your kids this summer? **Contact Nanci McCormack at DSCDO (216) 961-4242 x 223 or visit www.parkworks.org for information on ParkWorks programming, block club events, and more!**

One Coat of Paint at a Time

DSCDO will again coordinate the Paint Rebate Program in 2010 which is offered through funding from the City of Cleveland Division of Neighborhood Services. Last year, a record-breaking 76 houses were painted with vouchers DSCDO distributed. Now, thanks to a grant, this summer's goal is to paint 200 homes. DSCDO is expanding its outreach to collaborate with other West Side neighborhoods.

The program provides grants and vouchers to City of Cleveland residents for the exterior painting of residential structures. This program helps to revitalize Cleveland neighborhoods and reduce lead hazards by educating residents on lead safety issues. Residents may qualify for more than \$400 in free paint/supplies. Vouchers are only offered to City of Cleveland residents-both homeowners and tenants. Tenants must have approval from the homeowner and applicants must meet low-to-moderate income guidelines.

Contact Michael Chapuran at mchapuran@dscdo.org or call (216) 961-4242 for an application after April 1. The first orientation will be May 3.

Block Clubs Update

Block clubs are continuing to do everything from writing grants for block parties (West Clinton) and youth activities (Edgewater Hill), to creating a vacant housing inventory and planning a housing conference (West End Urbanteers). Perhaps the biggest undertaking though, was a collaboration by the Community Involvement Committee and DSCDO to create the Community Connections Plan. The 6-month process created a 3-year plan to coordinate efforts to increase neighbor interaction, help residents become involved in the community, and create opportunities to bring Detroit Shoreway together. Watch for information about these initiatives on www.i-neighbors.org. The resident volunteers continue to bring great changes to the neighborhood.

Block Club Schedule, Spring 2010

Bridge Brigade/Watchers
W.52nd to W. 69th Franklin to Lorain

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

Edgewater Hill W. 73rd to W. 78th
from Detroit Ave to the Fr. Caruso Drive

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 Fr. Caruso Drive

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm
DSCDO Conference Room • 6516 Detroit Avenue

W. 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 & W. Clinton

North End
W.50th to W.57th Detroit to Bridge

4th Tuesday of the month at 6pm
West Bethel Baptist Church • 5207 Franklin Boulevard

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 961-4242 ext. 223 or email nmccormack@dscdo.org.

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Continued Success in the Cleveland EcoVillage

This past fall it was announced that Detroit Shoreway resident gardeners were awarded three of the first "Re-imagining Cleveland" vacant land reuse grants in the city bringing \$20,000 into the neighborhood. Funding was provided by the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development and Neighborhood Progress Inc., to:

- ✓ Wattersen-Lake Elementary to host the creation of a new school garden
- ✓ Liberian refugees to develop a new community garden on Wakefield Avenue
- ✓ EcoVillage Produce LLC market garden will undergo a major expansion. Volunteers will be needed to prepare the sites and plant gardens.

DSCDO and the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood are committed to greenspace preservation and the production of local food. Help us congratulate these wonderful groups as they work to continue improving the neighborhood. **Contact Nanci McCormack at nmccormack@dscdo.org or call (216) 961-4242 with any questions or requests to volunteer.**



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