

# Neighborhood VIEWS

The Newsletter of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization



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## DSCDO Expands to Provide Services for Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn Centre Neighborhoods

On July 1, DSCDO expanded to provide additional services by opening the Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn Centre Development Office. This program of DSCDO will offer services consistent with those identified through a neighborhood strategic planning process coordinated by the City of Cleveland from January through March 2010.

Residents identified these priorities for services: code enforcement and vacant housing, safety, community engagement and block clubs, nuisance abatement (e.g., trash, burned-out streetlights, graffiti), and reutilization of vacant land.

The new office, located in the Lin Omni Center on Fulton Road, will be operated under the direction of DSCDO and supported by DSCDO's housing development, commercial development, accounting, and administrative staff. DSCDO will be

able to provide the staff support, capacity, resources, and infrastructure of a large organization. Services in portions of three neighborhoods will also be provided by Tremont West Development Corporation, Ohio City Near West Development Corporation and Midwest Housing.

Thanks to Councilmen Cummins, Westbrook, and Zone for their financial support and leadership and to all of our partners.

## Completed Cogswell Celebrated

Dignitaries, excited residents, and well-wishers from all quarters of the state ushered in a new era for Cogswell Hall at the September 16 ribbon-cutting for its \$8.8 million renovation/expansion. After nearly two years of construction, the refurbished facility has doubled its size, adding individual living quarters, 18 rehabbed and 23 new housing units, a new kitchen facility, and office space.



**Attending the ceremony from left to right were:** Cogswell Hall Board Member Marilyn Coleman, Village Capital Corporation Loan Officer Kandis Anderson Williams, Cleveland Foundation V.P. of Programs and Evaluation Robert Eckardt, Charter One Bank President Ken Marblestone, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati Senior Community Housing Representative Judy Rose, Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone, DSCDO Executive Director Jeffrey Ramsey, Ohio Housing Finance Agency Planning and Policy Coordinator Arthur Krauer, Cogswell Hall Executive Director Diana Cyganovich, Cogswell Hall Board President Candi Clouse, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing President Hal Keller, Enterprise Community Partners V.P. Ohio Impact Market Leader Mark McDermott, and Gordon Square Arts District Executive Director Joy Roller.

Cogswell Hall worked with funders, partners, and designers to ensure a sustainable and efficient complex. Meeting the Enterprise Green Communities standards and currently under application for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification, the facility added low-flow water systems, bioswales, low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) paint and sealants, a metal roof on the new addition coupled with an Energy Star rated roof for the historic structure, energy-efficient windows, lights (with motion sensors), and ductless HVAC systems. Sixty percent of new lumber came from sustainable forests, 90% of the existing building's shell was reused, construction waste was diverted from landfills, and materials were locally sourced.

Cogswell Hall provides housing and supportive services for adults with limited income who face critical life challenges.



## Contact Us

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# Capitol Theatre Turns 1 (and 89)

As parents of newborns know, first years go by fast! Detroit Shoreway is proud of a year full of firsts for the Capitol Theatre, including popular programs such as the Sunday Classics Brunch & Movie Series, the Late Shift, and the Free Kid's Summer Film Fest.



*Neighborhood youths enter the Capitol for one of the summer's free Kid's Summer Film Fest movies. Thanks to sponsors Cleveland Cinemas, V107.3 FM, Family Fun Directory, Ingenuity Fest, and Nestle.*

Detroit Shoreway and Cleveland Cinemas have worked closely this year with the Friends of the Capitol Theatre—a group of dedicated volunteers and advocates—to make the Capitol a success. Interested in learning more? Find the Capitol on Facebook (/capitolw65th) or contact Jenny Spencer at [jspencer@dscdo.org](mailto:jspencer@dscdo.org) to join our weekly e-mail list and learn more about the “Friends.”

We're also grateful for our successful collaborations with the Cleveland Cinematheque, the Cleveland International Film Festival, and the West Clinton Historic Haunts Walking Tour.

## Detroit Shoreway Goes Social...and Viral

To better communicate with the neighborhood, our partners, and other friends, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization has a great new online presence. The Facebook page has taken off with daily posts of events, news, announcements and random questions. A Twitter feed is providing short snippets of things to know in the neighborhood. A flickr page is hosting photos from across Detroit Shoreway. And a new e-newsletter hits e-mail inboxes each month. DSCDO is working to communicate with our friends and constituents through every possibly medium, including our quarterly newsletter and website. Go to [detroitshoreway.org](http://detroitshoreway.org) to sign up for the e-newsletter and find links to all our social media sites.



[www.detroitshoreway.org](http://www.detroitshoreway.org)

## Neighborhood Restaurant Boom Continues



*Frank's Falafel and Roseangel are two of the neighborhood's newest restaurants. Each offers unique and delicious cuisine.*

Besides loving the arts and culture, we in our neighborhood love diverse cuisine.

Indian Delight, which tempts your taste buds with its Tandoori Chicken and savory flavors, offers a buffet for those who'd like a little of everything and a full menu that will keep you coming back for more. You may be familiar with Indian Delight, as they have another location downtown at the Galleria. Indian Delight, located at 5507 Detroit Avenue, is open seven days a week: Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.–11:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Visit [classiciaindianfood.com](http://classiciaindianfood.com) or call (216) 651-4007.

Frank's Falafel House, located at the corner of Franklin Boulevard and West 65th Street, offers traditional foods from the Middle East, including homemade hummus, as well as gyros, fatoush, and tabouli salads. Frank's also serves up classic breakfast and dinner dishes for those who prefer popular American fare. Frank's offers home delivery service and catering for small and large events. Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Call (216) 631-3300.

Niko's Greek Grille, a family-owned restaurant located at 7400 Detroit Avenue, is scheduled to open this fall. Nick and his wife, Mary, will serve homemade Greek specialties such as baklava, spanakopita, and gyros. Niko's will also offer American favorites like chicken wings and burgers. Make sure to stop by for a Greek coffee and a wedge of baklava.

**Coming in January 2011: Sweet Moses Soda Fountain and Treat Shop**, located at 6804 Detroit Avenue. Indulge in owner Jeff Moreau's traditional homemade ice cream and old fashioned candies...turtles, pecan clusters, and caramel chocolates. Don't start that New Year's diet until after his scheduled opening date of **January 29, 2011**.

## Federal Funding for City Announced in Detroit Shoreway

Assistant Secretary Mercedes Marquez of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made a house call to West Clinton Avenue on September 9 to announce a major infusion of funding for the City of Cleveland. Visiting from Washington D.C., Assistant Secretary Marquez was greeted by Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, Mayor Frank Jackson, Ohio Department of Development Director Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Cleveland Community Development Department Director Daryl Rush, and Ward 15 Councilman Matthew Zone.

It was announced during the event that the City of Cleveland has been awarded \$6.8 million in the latest round of Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding. The allocation will be used to demolish or repair homes.

New resident Millie Davis hosted the event at her West Clinton home. She recently took advantage of the Opportunity Homes program, a joint effort between Neighborhood Progress Inc., Cleveland Housing Network, the City of Cleveland, and six neighborhoods, including Detroit Shoreway. The once burned-out home has been beautifully restored. Funding for Opportunity Homes was provided, in part, through Neighborhood Stabilization funds. The event celebrated both the success of the program and the positive growth of the neighborhood.



*New Detroit Shoreway homeowner Millie Davis (left) speaks with Assistant Secretary Mercedes Marquez of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Congressman Dennis Kucinich in her West Clinton Avenue kitchen. Photo by Donn R. Nottage.*

## Historic Haunts Returns



*George Peak (played by Near West Theatre actor Darius Stubbs) was an early African American settler in the region. Here he tells his story during the Historic Haunts Walking Tour.*

West Clinton Block Club's Historic Haunts Walking Tour—a not-to-be-missed neighborhood tradition—returned with great success this October 1 and 2. Guided by lantern, the family friendly walk kicked off from Cleveland Public Theatre's Parish Hall and toured historic neighborhood porches, parks, churches, and buildings. Guests were treated to “real life tales of love, murder, and mayhem,” depicted by volunteers and Near West Theatre actors, while learning about the history of Cleveland and Gordon Square.

The tours concluded with refreshments and entertainment in the Gordon Square Arcade, and, on Friday, October 1, with a special midnight showing of the 1925 silent film classic *The Phantom of the Opera* at the Capitol Theatre. Congratulations to the West Clinton Block Club, and be sure to keep your eye out for next year's neighborhood haunting by searching for “West Clinton Historic Haunts” on Facebook and Google.

## Resident Action Results in New Housing Inspection Roster

Block Club Housing Coalition Partners With Local Leaders

With the foreclosure crisis leaving boarded up, vacant housing in its wake, a group of determined Detroit Shoreway residents did their homework and petitioned local leaders to take action.

On July 12, more than 40 residents representing 10 block clubs came together to discuss the issue of vacant/abandoned housing in Detroit Shoreway. The group has since named itself the Detroit Shoreway Block Club Housing Coalition and their guests at the meeting were Director Ed Rybka of the City's Department of Building and Housing and Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone.

The group presented a petition asking that Building and Housing apply for a search warrant prior to inspecting any house that the city wishes to board up. The request came after two months of research into the code enforcement system, done primarily by the West End Urbanteers Block Club Housing Committee. The committee began tackling abandoned housing issues even before the January 2009 explosion of a West 83rd Street vacant house in their block area.

Director Rybka asserted that legislation requiring warrant applications might not be possible given the large volume of City board-ups. However, Director Rybka acknowledged the vacant-housing epidemic and agreed to assign a recently formed unit of inspectors to the worst 114 houses in Detroit Shoreway. The unit was formed to complete detailed inspections in smaller geographic areas.

The victory was attributable to residents organizing around a common issue, educating themselves, and then presenting informed arguments to public servants also working to solve the problem.

The residents' next step is to decide as a community which houses should be prioritized for demolition, court, or potential rehabilitation. **For more information, contact Nanci McCormack at nmccormack@dscdo.org or call (216) 961-4242 ext. 223.**

## Block Club News

The neighborhood block clubs have had a productive summer, with several of the clubs interacting during the past few months. **Lorain-Fir** and **Bridge Brigade** joined together for a block party on the Madison Bridge. Hot dogs were plentiful, as were the corn, squash, and zucchini roasted on the grill. Several people who attended the event joined the clubs.

The West 65th-70th Block Club changed its name to the **Gordon McCart Block Club**. The club wanted to reflect the history of the neighborhood in its name: West 65th Street was formerly



*Nearly 40 neighborhood kids enjoy Watermania on July 10 along West 76th Street. This back-to-school event includes water games, dunk tank, water balloons, slip and slide, hot dogs, and refreshments.*

Gordon Street, and West 69th Street was called McCart Street. **Gordon McCart, Northshore Neighbors**, and **Edgewater Hill** held a joint 2nd District Police Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, September 16 in the Gordon Square Arcade. A potluck dinner was held, with monetary donations from residents and businesses.

**Franklin Boulevard** and **West Clinton** block clubs held their third annual Detroit Shoreway Garden & Chicken Tour in August. The turnout was great as two large groups toured the neighborhood.

The **West End Urbanteers Block Club** is working on the vacant housing report. Along with members of other block clubs, they have formed the Detroit Shoreway Housing Coalition, whose purpose is to formulate plans for the vacant houses in our service area. The Coalition and other interested residents will meet with the City of Cleveland Director of Housing Ed Rybka on October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gordon Square Arcade Atrium.

Several block clubs have turned in grant proposals to Neighborhood Connections, a program of the Cleveland Foundation. Prospective grantees were interviewed in August and September. The results will be announced in October.

The Community Involvement Committee has been working on placing message boards throughout the neighborhood. A grant proposal requesting monies for the message boards as well as welcome packets will be submitted in February to Neighborhood Connections. The Committee is gearing up for the third edition of the newly named Building Blocks Newsletter, an inter-block club publication.

**For more information on how to get involved in a block club, call (216) 961-4242.**

## Block Club Schedule, Fall 2010

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

1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm  
Latitude 41°n • 5712 Detroit Ave.

**Franklin Blvd.**

Franklin Blvd. from W. 58th to W. 85th

3rd Monday of every even month at 7 p.m.  
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 6 p.m.  
St. Colman Community Room • 2025 W. 65th Street

**North End**

W. 50th to W. 57th, Detroit to Bridge

4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
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 7 p.m.  
Latitude 41°n • 5712 Detroit Avenue

**Edgewater Hill** W. 73rd to W. 78th  
from Detroit Avenue to Fr. Caruso Drive

2nd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.  
St. Augustine Towers • 7821 Lake Avenue, 6th Floor

**Gordon McCart** W. 65th to W. 70th  
from Detroit Avenue to Fr. Caruso Drive

2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
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 7 p.m.  
DSCDO Community Room • 6516 Detroit Avenue

**West End Urbanteers**

W. 81st to W. 85th, from Lorain to Madison

4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
Emerald Commons • 1976 W.79th Street, North of Madison

**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.**

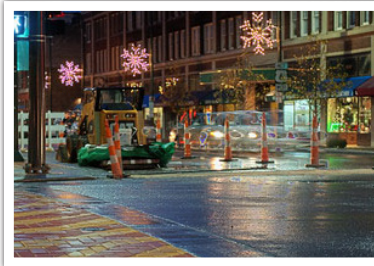
# Detroit Shoreway Annual Holiday Party: December 4



Be sure to mark Saturday, December 4, 2010 on your calendar for Detroit Shoreway's Annual Neighborhood Holiday Party. Santa and his elves will talk with each and every child at the Gordon Square Arcade, 6516 Detroit Avenue, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cookies, refreshments, and raffles round out the fun-filled afternoon. Please enter the Arcade from Detroit Avenue or West 65th Street and make sure to bring your camera!

Donations are currently being accepted to help fund this DSCDO-sponsored event. Approximately 300 Santa gift bags will need to be filled for the children, and all funds collected go toward the event. **If you would like to assist or donate, please contact Marilyn Mosinski at (216) 961-4242.**

# Snowflakes Light Up the Night



*Snowflakes line Detroit Avenue following the end of construction in late fall 2009. Photo by Chris Pappas.*

As Northeast Ohioans anticipate the first snowfall of the winter season, Detroit Avenue whets their appetites with the sparkle of fantasy snowflakes. From Thanksgiving to the end of the holiday season in January, the jumbo-size snowflakes twinkle atop light poles on Detroit Avenue from West 58th to West 80th streets.

This signature project was the idea of Mrs. Yolanda Craciun and several other neighborhood residents, who wanted to add extra light and holiday spirit to the already festive atmosphere of the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood.

To install, repair, and power the snowflakes costs over \$9,000 per holiday season. Generous support from Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone, along with grants from CityWorks and private donations, makes this annual winter lighting display possible.

Ticket and Support Purchase

RSVP by October 25, 2010 Please mail checks or cash to: Detroit Shoreway C.D.O.; 6516 Detroit Ave., Suite 1; Cleveland, OH 44102 attn: Ian Andrews

**\$35**

Admission to:

- Annual Benefit
- Annual Meeting including dinner (2/24/10) +
- DSCDO Membership

**\$50**

Admission to:

- Annual Benefit
- Annual Meeting including dinner (2/24/10) +
- DSCDO or Capitol Theatre Mug
- DSCDO Membership

**\$100**

Admission to:

- Annual Benefit
- Annual Meeting including dinner (2/24/10) +
- DSCDO Mug & T-Shirt (blue) or Capitol Theatre Mug & T-Shirt (burgundy)
- DSCDO Membership

## Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization

**Eighth Annual Benefit — November 4, 2010 (5:30-8:00 p.m.) at 78th Street Studios 1300 W.78th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (S, M, L, XL, XXL)

<sup>50</sup> Ticket (circle one): DSCDO Mug -or- Capitol Theatre Mug <sup>100</sup> ticket (circle one): DSCDO Mug, T-Shirt -or- Capitol Theatre Mug, T-Shirt

Individual tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x (\$35, \$50, \$100) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket Support

Additional Support: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ other (100% tax deductible) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed

**Award Recipients: Community Partner Award: City Architecture • Fr. Frascati Neighborhood Champion Award: Pastor Doug Horner**



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