

WARD 8 NEWS



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

RATE SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Homestead Rate Program

How It Works: A reduced rate is available to elderly or disabled customers.

Crisis Assistance Program
(beginning 2012)

This program will assist those customers encountering an unexpected crisis, such as a job loss or high medical expenses. The Sewer District will prevent shut-off of water and sewer services, offer a payment plan and pay up to six months of past sewer charges.

Wastewater Affordability Program
(beginning 2012)

This program is designed to assist homeowners — regardless of age — who have a limited income (currently 175% of federal poverty level). These customers will receive a reduced rate, approximately a 40 percent discount on their consumption charge.

To learn more about these and other programs, call the Sewer District's Customer Service Department at 881-8247 or visit www.neorsd.org/save.

See page 3 for more utility assistance programs.

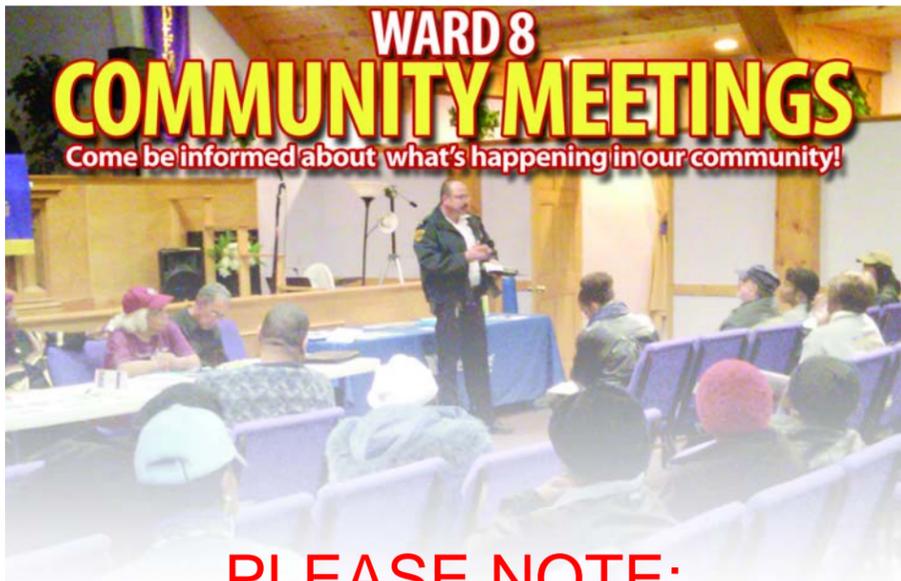
*“Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I rise.”*

— Maya Angelou

WARD 8 COMMUNITY OFFICE
10553 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44108



Residents who have an issue or problem that cannot be resolved by calling a city department, feel free to call 664-4231 to schedule an appointment with Councilman Jeffrey Johnson at the Ward 8 Community Office.



WARD 8 COMMUNITY MEETINGS
Come be informed about what's happening in our community!

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO COMMUNITY MEETINGS during the winter.

Councilman Johnson looks forward to seeing you next spring when meetings resume in April 2012.

**— WARD 8 —
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATIONS**

Campus District
1900 Euclid Ave.,
Ste. 101
Tel: 344-9200
campusdistrict.org

Famicos Foundation
1325 Ansel Rd.
Tel: 791-6476
famicos.org

Glenville Development Corporation
10640 St. Clair Ave.
Tel: 851-8724

MidTown Cleveland, Inc.
3634 Euclid Ave.,
Ste. 215
Tel: 391-5080
midtowncleveland.org

St. Clair/Superior Development Corporation
4205 St. Clair Ave.
Tel: 881-0644
stclairsuperior.org

University Circle Inc.
10831 Magnolia Dr.
Tel: 791-3900
universitycircle.org

SAFETY PHONE NUMBERS TO KNOW:

**Police/Fire/Medical
Emergency:
911**

**Non-Police
Emergency:
621-1234**

Abandoned Cars 623-2277 Dead Animal Removal 664-3270
Building & Housing Complaints 664-2007 Pot Holes 664-2150
Dog Complaints (stray, barking) 664-3069 Neighborhood Watch Information ... 664-2150

Third District Police
10700 Chester Ave.
Commander: Patrick Stephens
Office: 623-5305
Community Service Unit: 623-5335
Vice Unit: 623-5313

Fifth District Police
881 East 152nd Street
Commander: Wayne Drummond
Office: 623-5505
Community Service Unit: 623-5517
Vice Unit: 623-5313

Strengthening our Economy and Putting Ohioans Back to Work



*A Message from
Congresswoman
Marcia L. Fudge*

My primary goal in Congress is to change the course of our economy and

bring recovery to Ohio. We can regain our economic momentum and vitality.

Despite the recession, all leaders must fight for sustainable jobs in growing industries and Ohioans must be retrained, renewed and reintegrated into sectors such as healthcare, weatherization, and green manufacturing where employment opportunities are expanding. Every time I consider a labor measure, I first ask myself if there are significant training dollars in this bill to help Ohioans return to work.

I was proud to vote for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which provided Cuyahoga County with over \$13 Million in funding for worker training. We must also address the millions of chronically unemployed individuals who have been out of work for so long they have stopped seeking employment. If we stop, we have only bandaged our economic wounds. All training programs must also target and stabilize the chronically unemployed. When we work together to fight for a stronger economy, all Ohioans will win.

Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge, our representative for the 11th District of Ohio, has been working hard this fall to support Cleveland children and families in wake of recent financial difficulties:

- Voted NO on H.R. 3094, a law that would limit union workers rights. This bill limits the number of bargaining units at a place of employment and delays union elections by at least 35 days after filing a petition
- Took the Food Stamp Challenge during the week of November 7. The Congresswoman shopped at a local Dave's Supermarket and only spent \$31.50 for her week's worth of groceries. The same amount residents receiving food stamps are allotted each week
- Urged the U.S. Department of Education to provide discretionary funds to CMSD to avoid \$13.2 million dollars in school district cuts such as preschool, spring sports and busing

Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge works for the residents of Ward 8. You can contact her office with questions or concerns at 216 522-4900.



Design unveiled for African American Cultural Garden

Renderings courtesy of Ubiquitous Design



On December 7 at Cleveland City Hall, Councilman Jeffrey Johnson was joined by Mayor Frank G. Jackson, local leaders and residents for the unveiling of the design for the African American Cultural Garden (AACG).

The African American Cultural Gardens (AACG) lies in historic Rockefeller Park in Cleveland, Ohio and is part of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens. Fittingly located on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, the AACG serves to exemplify the rich cultural history of African American experience. The design was conceptualized to reference the past, present and future of African Americans through the dispersion of Africans through slavery, the struggle for freedom and the fight for civil rights.

Designed by accomplished architect, Daniel Bickerstaff of Ubiquitous Design, the AACG embraces and engages the African American community and can be enjoyed by all cultures. Components of the design will represent the past, present and future and will display features like "The Door of No Return," a symbolic reference to the final portal Africans traded into slavery went through to board slave ships. Natural elements, water, stone, trees, are also utilized in the

design to underscore the themes of justice, democracy and hope.

Free to the public, the AACG will serve as an attraction for people of all nationalities and backgrounds to gain understanding of the struggles and the joys of African Americans. The garden will also be available for special community events, including MLK, Jr. Day as well as Black History Month and Juneteenth activities.

Funded through donations and grants, construction of the \$2 million African American Cultural Garden is expected to be completed in 2013.

CONTACT AND DONATION INFORMATION for the African American Cultural Garden

Website:

www.AfricanAmericanCulturalGarden.org

Email:

AfricanAmericanCulturalGarden@gmail.com

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 74228, Cleveland, OH 44194

Phone:

Councilman Jeff Johnson - 216 664-4231

To donate:

Cash, checks and money orders are accepted at any Key Bank Branch (make checks/money orders payable to "African American Cultural Garden").

You may mail checks/money orders to the mailing address listed above.



The Healthy Cleveland Initiative forum looks at the impact of youth violence

On November 8, Councilman Jeffrey Johnson participated in the inaugural Healthy Cleveland Initiative Forum on Youth Violence luncheon. Held at the Boys & Girls Club on Broadway Avenue, Councilman Johnson was among an esteemed panel of health, safety and legislative leaders and experts who discussed the serious public health threats and negative economic impact violence has on Cleveland. About 250 were in attendance. A follow up forum is scheduled for February 2012.



A Message from ROCKETTE RICHARDSON Executive Director Campus District, Inc.

The Campus District (formerly known as the Quadrangle and St. Vincent's Quadrangle) is the development organization serving the downtown neighborhood that flanks the eastern edge of the city, between East 18th and East 30th. Bounded on the south by Orange Avenue and on the north by Lake Erie, this neighborhood is a "meds and eds" community, anchored by Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College's Metro Campus and Saint Vincent Charity Medical Center, the city's downtown hospital. It also includes a growing arts district at its northern end, sometimes dubbed "the Quarter," where a number of artists and art-related businesses thrive in converted warehouse buildings along Superior. The District is also home to numerous small businesses, restaurants, nonprofits and cultural institutions, including the headquarters of the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper, Tap Packaging Solutions — one of the oldest employee owned companies in the state — and Trinity Commons, one of Cleveland's first environmentally-friendly buildings, and home to Trinity Cathedral and the headquarters of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

A member funded and led organization, the Campus District works to improve the quality of life for those who live, work, visit, and study in this growing neighborhood. It's mission — to create connections between people and ideas, as well as between the institutions, businesses and residents within its boundaries.

The District itself is at the center of an amazing amount of new development, with Cleveland State's approximately \$450 million campus expansion — the most recent additions the striking new student center at Euclid and East 22nd and Euclid Commons, which now houses almost 600 student residents. Just down the street, Cuyahoga Community College, which opened in 1963 and is Ohio's oldest and largest community college, continues to grow, with its newly renovated Health and Wellness Center slated to open officially in mid-month, and construction underway for a new Workforce Development center at 30th and Woodland. Along the southern end of East 22nd Street, the Sisters of Charity Health System have relocated their headquarters to the District, and their flagship hospital, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, is in the midst of a \$100 million renovation to the campus that has been their home in the neighborhood for over 150 years.

Organizationally, the Campus District's current focus is on expanding its membership base and increasing organizational capacity, with ten new board level members added within the past nine months. In addition, the District recently completed a NOACA funded study of one of its primary north to south arteries — East 22nd Street — and developed a transit-based development plan for the corridor. Recently approved for adoption by the city of Cleveland's planning commission, efforts now focus on making the plan a reality, including securing funding for the project. The District also recently launched a community newspaper, the Campus District Observer, published monthly and distributed at no charge at over seventy five locations throughout the fifty block neighborhood.

The District is an eclectic, vibrant, urban mix of longstanding and historically significant institutions and vigorous new growth. To learn more about your neighborhood and how you can help support its success, we invite you to visit our website at www.campusdistrict.org or contact our office at 216 344 9200.

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A Message from Councilman

Dear Ward 8 Resident,

The African American Cultural Garden (AACG) design was unveiled on December 7 at Cleveland City Hall. The community has been waiting since 1977 to see a garden developed. I remember as a young boy living in the area surrounding the garden site seeing only a sign and grass at the four acre site. The late Booker T. Tall had a dream in 1969 to include a garden to acknowledge and celebrate the African American history in the United States of America. Over the years there have been many individuals who were involved with continuing the dream of Mr. Tall. We stand today moving closer to achieving all of our dreams by beginning the fundraising drive and pre-construction planning because of their efforts.

In 1977, then Cleveland Mayor, George Voinovich dedicated four acres of land in a ceremony with Tall and supporters, to be included as a part of the chain of Cleveland Cultural Gardens along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. In the 1990's former Mayor Michael R. White ungraded all of the cultural garden park area and set-aside \$250,000 for the planning and pre-development activities of a future garden. In 2006, Mayor Frank G. Jackson organized a task force that has successfully worked together to create the design and funding project.

The AACG Task Force collaborated with architect, W. Daniel Bickerstaff of Ubiquitous Design to submit a design that embraces and engages the African American community and can be enjoyed by all cultures within the specifications of the Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation.

During the next 6 weeks there is an opportunity for citizens to review and give their opinions and suggestions as to the design and plans for the

Ward 8 Business

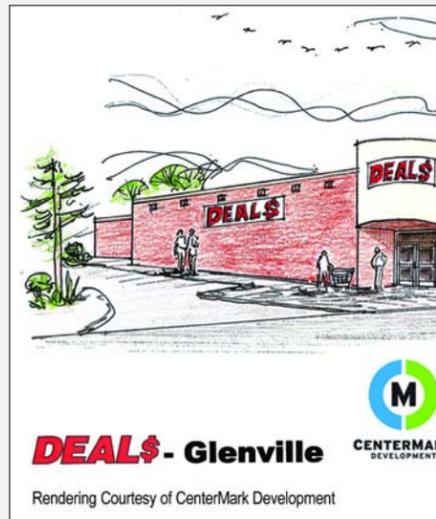
CenterMark Development to rehab

Councilman Jeffrey Johnson is excited to announce that CenterMark Development LLC has signed a lease with DEAL\$ to occupy the 11,000-square foot, former Easttown Eagle Market building in the Glenville neighborhood of Cleveland. The building is located at 656 E. 105th Street.

"I am pleased to have secured a long-term commitment from a national retailer of this caliber for the redevelopment," said Mark Jablonski, CenterMark President. "DEAL\$ sought to locate within this healthy commercial corridor. Our location between McDonald's and the Post Office was ideal," he added.

Mr. Jablonski said that CenterMark purchased the long-vacant building in October and expects to complete the rehabilitation by the spring of 2012. A grand opening is expected during the second quarter following interior improvements by Deal\$.

"This project will put an abandoned, vacant building into productive use," said Councilman Johnson. "DEAL\$ offers hundreds of products not readily available in the



neighborhood including groceries.

Glenville Development Co. Tracey E. Kirksey, who worked to find a location that met the mission. "Our mission is economic development could bring up to 30 jobs to the

Cuyahoga County District Conwell said, "Since the closure and the Easttown Eagle Market commercial district has been without

Let's continue to make our community attractive a

Councilman Jeffrey D. Johnson



We want to hear from you and hope you will volunteer in the future as we work towards the [African American Cultural Garden] groundbreaking in fall 2012.

~ Councilman Johnson

African American Cultural Garden. Please share your thoughts with me and the AACG Task Force. See the AACG front page article for contact and donation details.

We want to hear from you and hope you will volunteer in the future as we work towards the groundbreaking in fall of 2012. We expect that the garden will be completed by fall 2013. Thank you and Happy New Year!

Jeffrey D. Johnson
Councilman, Ward 8

Business Update

Glenville Market Building for DEAL\$



"DEAL\$ food offering will be especially welcomed by the residents."

Construction financing was provided by Parkview Federal Savings Bank. HCI, Inc. is serving as general contractor.

CenterMark Development LLC is a real estate development and management firm founded in late 2008 by Mark and Kelly Jablonski, both former commercial real estate lenders. The company focuses on the construction and rehabilitation of small and mid-sized retail projects. Its principals have over 30 years of combined experience. Since 2002, Mr. Jablonski has been responsible for

the development of 11 shopping centers and free-standing retail projects in and around Northeast Ohio.

DEAL\$ is a subsidiary of Chesapeake, Virginia-based Dollar Tree (NASDAQ: DLTR) and operates 150 stores nationwide featuring toys and games, party supplies, kitchen essentials, pet supplies, cleaning, storage and hardware items, health and beauty supplies, school, office and art supplies, floral and seasonal items, and food. Stores average 10,000 square feet.

and viable. Please shop at Ward 8 establishments.



Councilman Johnson wants "golden" residents of Ward 8 to be careful during the winter season:

- Wear warm footwear and dress in layers. Wear a hat and gloves and cover your mouth to avoid getting cold air in your lungs.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers next to your phone.
- Check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to be sure they are in working order.
- If you are using a space heater keep it at least 3 feet from furniture and draperies.
- Be sure to check with a doctor before shoveling snow if you have heart problems and/or don't exercise regularly.
- Replace rubber tips on canes, walkers, and crutches. Home health care stores sell "ice picks" that fit on the ends of canes and walkers to provide extra traction.
- Call your friends and check on them and have a friend or loved one check on you!

Utilities Assistance Programs

If you having difficulties with your utility payments, Councilman Johnson urges you to take advantage of these helpful programs:

HEAP & PIPP Plus

The HEAP program assists eligible residents with the cost of home heating (natural gas, electric, and oil, kerosene, or wood heating services) during the winter months. Eligibility is based on family size and household income. **You must apply by May 31, 2012.**

PIPP Plus is Ohio's income-based payment program. It helps lower-income households maintain gas and electric service by paying a percentage of their household income instead of their actual energy bills. PIPP Plus makes monthly payments more affordable on a year-round basis.

For more information about these programs call 1-800-282-0880 or visit development.ohio.gov/Community/ocs/EnergyHelp.htm.

Winter Reconnect Order (WRO)

The Winter Reconnect Order (WRO) is issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). The order allows customers who have a pending disconnection the opportunity to pay a maximum of \$175 to maintain their utility service once per the winter heating season, which runs from mid-October through mid-April. For more information call 1-800-686-7826 or visit www.puco.ohio.gov.

Dominion Housewarming Program

This program provides weatherization assistance to help eligible customers reduce their energy usage and gives free weather-stripping, attic and sidewall insulation, door sweeps and other insulation devices. For eligibility details about this program, call 1-888-377-3774 or visit www.dom.com.