

2008 BLACK HISTORY LIVE and Living History Award Luncheon

Thanks to our sponsors Key Bank and the Cleveland Central Weed & Seed, Burten, Bell, Carr Development presented the 2008 Black History Live on May 17th. Over 160 youth and adults throughout Ward 5 united together as two well-deserving residents were presented with Living History Awards and to view the Karamu House Youth Theater performance *The Raisin in the Sun*.

The first Living History Award recipient was Valarie J. McCall. McCall was named Chief of Government Affairs by Mayor Frank G. Jackson at the onset of his administration. McCall serves as the Administration's primary liaison to the state government, where she is the registered lobbyist for the City, and all federal entities. She is also responsible for monitoring the Jackson Administration's appointments to internal and external boards and commissions and managing all of the City of Cleveland's International Programs, including International Sister City Agreements. Previously, McCall served as Clerk of Council, the youngest in City history. She is a resident of the Kinsman neighborhood in Ward 5.

The second Living History Award recipient was Earlaina Kemp. Earlaina Kemp, student at Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, won the Scenarios USA Script and Story Writing Contest for her story, "MANchild." The story, selected from more than 200 local entries, focuses on a young man, Tommy, who sells drugs to support his sisters. Eventually, he turns his life around and graduates from

college. "MANchild" was turned into a short film directed by Rawson Marshall Thurber (director of "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story", starring Ben Stiller.), which was cast and shot in Cleveland. It is planned to premiere in New York next spring.

Earlaina is also very active at her high school. She was recently elected class president of her senior class. She is president of the Citizenship Institute, a youth-leadership development program, and a member of the Peer Justice Leadership Team, which develops student government at MLK. She was a member of the Mock Trial team that won a city-wide competition last year. After graduation, Earlaina plans to study law to become a civil rights attorney. She is a resident of the Central neighborhood in Cleveland's Ward 5.

BBC applauds both Chief Valarie J. McCall and Ms. Earlaina Kemp for making historical contributions to the city of Cleveland. They are true role models for today's youth. After hearing the remarks from the award recipients, youth stated that they were encouraged to achieve their dreams and perform better in school.

Black History Live was definitely a huge success and BBC would like to thank Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Ward 5 Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland for speaking at this event. BBC looks forward to hosting Black History Live and the Living History Award Luncheon next year.

-Sherita Mullins



CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN Green Corps Urban Youth Program in the Central Neighborhood

The Green Corps Urban Youth Program, launched in 1996, has become Cleveland Botanical Garden's premier urban outreach program. High school students participate in hands-on, meaningful educational and seasonal employment opportunities that promote academic success, workforce readiness, valuable life skills, and community building. Students are paid for planting, maintaining, and harvesting neighborhood gardens; for selling their produce at area farmer's markets; and for developing, preparing, bottling, and selling food products. In addition to payment, they gain hands-on learning in horticulture, as well as marketing, community service, and financial management experience.

Central to the Green Corps Program is its horticulture-based entrepreneurship component that empowers youth to enter into the Greater Cleveland's workforce. Teenagers are immersed in two business models. First, Green Corps members learn about small farm operations and customer relations by selling their harvested fruit, vegetables, and herbs at local farmers markets. Second, the students pursue a specific business venture to develop, produce, bottle, market, and distribute a product utilizing their garden harvest. For the past nine years, this venture has been the creation of Ripe from Downtown® Salsa with salsa recipes modified each year. When Heinen's, a major Cleveland grocery chain, agreed to sell the salsa in their stores in 2000, the production goal

of 10,000 jars was reached, and the name was trademarked. In 2006, Green Corps youth launched a new product, Ripe from Downtown® Blackberry Vinaigrette Salad Dressing.



The first Green Corps Learning Garden, a three-acre plot of land at East 66th Street and Chester Ave. in the Mid-Town neighborhood, transformed the non-descript site into a lush urban farm. The Esperanza Garden was created in 1999 on West 25th St. in the Clark-Metro neighborhood. A third garden, the Lonnie Burten Learning Garden, located at East 46th St. and Quincy Ave. in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, broke ground in September 2006. Thanks to a \$150,000 grant from The Cleveland Foundation, the Garden will establish a fourth learning garden in Slavic Village at Fleet Ave. and 54th St. in 2008.

This summer, the Lonnie Burten Learning Garden is quadrupling in size. To ensure that this garden continues to grow and produce award-winning produce, residents are welcome to volunteer and participate in garden events. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Brittany Barski at 216.426.066.

-Sherita Mullins



CITY YEAR VOLUNTEERS GIVE THEIR “POWER” TO COLFAX RESIDENT

On May 14 and 15, more than forty City Year corps members volunteered to beautify the home of Ms. Arlene Dye, a long-time resident of Colfax Road and a community activist. Members prepped, primed, and painted Ms. Dye's house and spruced up her yard. The project was part of City Year's annual "100 Hours of Power" in which members perform community service projects around the clock for one hundred consecutive hours. In addition to the Garden Valley neighborhood, this year's efforts took place in Central, Slavic Village, and Mt. Pleasant.

Materials and supplies were furnished by the City of Cleveland Paint Program, and work was performed in accordance with BBC's Bridgeport (Colfax Road) Model Block initiative.

City Year affords young adults 17 to 24 years old an opportunity to improve the lives of youth in urban communities. Members, who commit to a year of service on a full-time basis, typically tutor and mentor students in schools, run after-school programs, and lead and develop youth leadership programs, but also participate in a variety of physical community service projects. For more information about City Year Cleveland, please call 216.574.2677 or visit <http://www.cityyear.org/cleveland.aspx>. If you are interested in volunteering in other projects in Ward 5, please contact BBC's office at 216.341.1455.

—Jeffrey Sugalski



COLFAX RESIDENTS BAND TOGETHER *to Make a Difference*

Over the spring, residents of Colfax Road between East 68th and 75th Streets have continued working diligently to make a difference on their street.

In its April and May meetings, the Colfax Block Club hosted representatives from various City of Cleveland departments to express their concerns about issues pertaining to members' quality of life, and achieved "small victories" as a result. June's meeting was health- and environmentally-themed, with residents learning about the Neighbors of Mittal Steel's efforts to coax the mill to employ emissions-reducing technologies and an initiative to encourage corner stores to carry fresh fruits and vegetables and other healthy foods. But most importantly, neighbors have become more acquainted with each other, building stronger connections of community and establishing a spirit of cooperation.

Neighbors are committed to starting a community garden and participating in the Kinsman Walking Club. They have discussed ways to support volunteer groups that will repair porches, paint homes, and perform other work on their street this summer.

To date, more than twenty community members have attended at least one of the meetings held monthly since January. If you are a Colfax resident, we encourage you to join us soon! The Colfax Block Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at BBC (unless otherwise noted). For more information about the Colfax Block Club, to confirm meetings, or suggest topics for discussion, please contact Jeffrey Sugalski at 216.341.1455.

—Jeffrey Sugalski

REFRESH YOUR HOME WITH **FREE PAINT**

Summer is the season for home improvement, and what's a better way to beautify your living space than to paint your siding, trim, windows, fence, foundation, and/or garage with FREE paint?

BBC is still accepting a limited number of residents to receive up to \$400 in paint and supplies. The program is for exteriors only. Both homeowners and renters are eligible to participate, however, household income guidelines do apply.

For more information or to request an application, please call Elmore Spain or Nailah Ingram at 216.341.1455.

—Jeffrey Sugalski

BBC Welcomes Americorps VISTA Member to Staff

BBC would like to give a warm welcome to Larry LaPrade, who is serving as an Americorps VISTA member over the next year.

Larry grew up and currently resides in the Kinsman-Union neighborhood, and aspires to make a positive change in his community. He earned his Bachelor of Business in Legal Studies at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, and previously interned with Cleveland Hope, a nonprofit agency that works with volunteers to paint the houses of senior citizens, and Youth Works in St. Louis, Missouri. Larry also has volunteered with many different groups, including his church.

In his tenure with the organization, Larry will primarily assist residents with housing repair and improvement programs and will help in the coordination of real estate development projects, including BBC's Model Blocks.

—Jeffrey Sugalski

LIFE ENRICHMENT

Emerging Neighborhood Groups Transforming Ward 5 with the Support of Neighborhood Connections and Cityworks Matching Grant Program

With support of the Cleveland Foundation Neighborhood Connections Grant, four neighborhood groups below will be implementing programs throughout the Central and Kinsman neighborhoods:

- Men of Central is a group of African American men who serve as role models and mentors to youth and residents in the Central neighborhood. This group received \$3,000 to host their Second Annual Community Father's Day Event to address relevant issues plaguing their community. The event will take place at the Lonnie Burten Recreation Center.
- Herron Row Street Club received \$3,000 to beautify and maintain their neighborhood green space along Kingsbury Road.
- Youth Economic Social Service received \$3,000 to start a Youth Cleaning Service. This program is designed to encourage youth in the Central neighborhood to continue their education, develop environmental awareness, time management skills, and self-sufficiency through employment opportunities.
- Marshall Avenue Safety Group received \$3,000 to continue their tradition of an Annual Safety Fair and Back-to-School Party for residents of Marshall Avenue and surrounding areas.

This year, BBC assisted seven neighborhood groups in Ward 5 with applying for the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development Cityworks Matching Grant Program.

- We Lend a Helping Hand applied to Cityworks to start Parenting Plus Classes at the Cleveland Public Library Garden Valley Branch.
- St. John's Church applied to Cityworks to start a reading program in the Central neighborhood called Central Reads.
- Central Commons Homeowners Association applied to Cityworks to provide senior citizens with snow removal assistance.
- Central Area Community Club applied to Cityworks to install yard lamps on their block.
- The Cleveland Public Library Woodland Branch applied to City Works to implement an after school tutoring program.
- Colfax Model Block Club applied to Cityworks to start a neighborhood clean-up.
- Herron Row Street Club applied to Cityworks to beautify their block with a landscaping project.

BBC serves as fiscal agent for the above groups and would like to acknowledge them for taking the initiative to make a difference in their community. The next deadline for the Neighborhood Connections grant is Friday, August 15, 2008 at 5pm. Any neighborhood groups in Ward 5 that would like assistance with applying for this grant can contact BBC's office at 216.341.1455, or view the Neighborhood Connections website at <http://www.neighborhoodgrants.org>.

—Sherita Mullins

Summer Steps to Physical Fitness

Spring and summer are the perfect time to start walking as a way to get your 30 minutes of daily physical activity. When you can't find the time to go to the park or walk around your own neighborhood, below are some tips for ways to add more STEPS to your day!



At home...

- Make several trips up and down the stairs to do laundry or other household chores.
- Benefit a good cause by joining a charity walk.
- Pace around your house while talking on the phone.
- Experience the splendor of a sunrise on an early morning walk.
- March in place while watching your favorite TV show.

At work...

- Walk to work if you live close enough.
- Avoid elevators and escalators—take the stairs instead.
- Designate 10 minutes of your lunch break for a quick walk.
- Walk to a co-worker's desk instead of emailing.

At play...

- Window shop while you pace through a shopping mall.
- Walk around a restaurant parking lot while waiting to be seated.
- Join the Kinsman walking club.
- Walk with your kids to the local park.

Steps to a Healthier Cleveland is a city-wide program designed to engage all Clevelanders to live longer, better and healthier lives. The Steps to a Healthier Cleveland program encourages physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco-free choices. These efforts are intended to reduce the burden of diabetes, overweight/obesity and asthma in all of Cleveland's diverse neighborhoods. Learn more at www.clevelandhealth.org/steps.

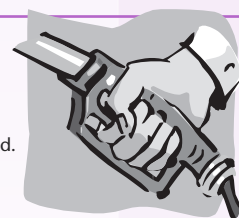
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HOW TO CONSERVE GAS THIS SUMMER

Instead of putting money in your savings account, are you putting it in your gas tank? Here are three ways you can conserve gas this summer:

1. Lightly accelerate when pressing the gas pedal. The heavier you press down on your gas pedal, the more fuel you're pumping into the engine. Surprisingly, it only takes a little pressure to get your car up to speed in a reasonable time.
2. Avoid tailgating. Beyond being unsafe, tailgating burns and wastes fuel. To avoid tailgating, leave at least a car distance between your car and the one ahead.
3. Pass Up Short Trips. Instead of driving to the corner store, walk and burn a few calories instead of fuel. If you aren't able to walk, save up your errands to do avoid taking multiple small trips.

—Sherita Mullins



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YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE 4-H CLUB

Calling all parents and youth! BBC partnered with the Ohio State University Extension to start a 4-H Club in Ward 5. 4-H is a historical club that teaches youth leadership skills, communication skills, and civic involvement by engaging them in fun activities and community service projects. We need adult volunteers and youth to sign up for this new program. If you are interested in being involved in creating exciting activities for youth in Ward 5, call BBC's office at 216.341.1455.

KINSMAN WALKING CLUB

When was the last time you walked a mile? Well, if you can't remember, make new memories by walking with the Kinsman Walking Club. Meet us at the Bridgeport Place Clock, 7201 Kinsman Road, every Monday at 6pm. The walking club started on June 16th and will continue every Monday through August 4th. Walks will only be cancelled due to bad weather conditions. Gifts will be given to committed walkers. For more information or any questions, please call BBC's office at 216.341.1455.

For information on any of our various programs, please call us at 216. 341.1455.

Date	Time	EVENT	Location	Address
Jul 7-Aug 4	6:00 PM	Kinsman Walking Club, Monday's Only	Bridgeport Place Clock	7201 Kinsman Road
July 8	6:00 PM	Collfax Model Block Meeting	Bridgeport Place	7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 104
July 12	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
July 23	7-8:30PM	Fourth District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Baptist Church	East 119th Street & Kinsman Road
July 24	4-6PM	Neighborhood Connections Grantseekers Workshop	Carnegie West Branch, CPL	1900 Fulton Road
July 25-27	all day	Ingenuity Fest	Playhouse Square	East 14th to 18th Street & Euclid Avenue
July 29	7:00 PM	Third District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Cleveland Div. of Police Comm. Relations Unit	2001 Payne Avenue
July 29	6-8PM	Neighborhood Connections Grantseekers Workshop	Glenville Branch, CPL	11900 St. Clair Avenue
July 29	6:00 PM	Kinsman-Union Association Meeting	Union Library	3463 East 93rd Street
Aug. 3	6:45 AM	Cleveland Triathlon	North Coast Harbor	Downtown
Aug. 4	6-8PM	Neighborhood Connections Grantseekers Workshop	Mt. Pleasant Branch, CPL	14000 Kinsman Road
Aug. 9	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
Aug. 12	6:00 PM	Collfax Model Block Meeting	Bridgeport Place	7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 104
Aug. 16	11AM-3PM	S.E. Amp Health Fair	Garden Valley Estates Comm Ctr.	3060 East 73rd Street
Aug. 16	10:00 AM	1st Annual Weed & Seed Conference	Convention Center	500 Lakeside Avenue East
Aug. 26	6:00 PM	Kinsman-Union Association Mtg.	Union Library	3463 East 93rd Street
Aug. 26	7:00 PM	Third District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Cleveland Div. of Police Comm. Relations Unit	2001 Payne Avenue
Aug. 27	7-8:30PM	Fourth District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Baptist Church	East 119th Street & Kinsman Road
Sept. 9	6:00 PM	Collfax Model Block Meeting	Bridgeport Place	7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 104
Sept. 13	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
Sept. 24	7-8:30PM	Fourth District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Baptist Church	East 119th Street & Kinsman Road
Sept. 30	7:00 PM	Third District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Cleveland Div. of Police Comm. Relations Unit	2001 Payne Avenue
Sept. 30	6:00 PM	Kinsman-Union Association Meeting	Union Library	3463 East 93rd Street

CURRENT EVENTS

If you would like to submit an event to our Current Events calendar, please contact Joy Johnson at BBC, (216) 341-1455. Please call Councilwoman Cleveland's office to confirm all community meetings (216) 664-2309.

Thank You

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