

Best Wishes to BBC's

Joseph Jones as He Retires



Joseph Jones, BBC's Real Estate Development Director, will be retiring after nearly eleven years of service with the organization. Joseph will leave BBC on March 30, 2014. He contributed to all of BBC's successful real estate development projects including Bridgeport Place retail center, Bridgeport Café and Cornucopia Place, and the Villages of Central among others.

Joseph also worked closely with many community residents, especially senior citizens, through BBC's home repair assistance program. He counseled many area businesses through our small business assistance program.

Joseph brought a wealth of knowledge to his position. Before joining BBC, Joseph owned his own construction company

and worked many years as a Quality Assurance Supervisor at Day Glo Corporation in Cleveland. He is also a licensed realtor. While working at BBC Joseph earned his Master's Degree in Social Work from Case Western Reserve University and became a licensed Social Worker by the State of Ohio.

Joseph is known by staff for his words of wisdom and witty sense of humor. A lasting quote from Joseph is "There is the way things appear to be, and there is the way things really are. BBC has succeeded because we always dealt things the way they really are."

Joseph's wife Denise retired from the Ohio Office of Unemployment in 2012. Now that Joseph is retiring, they plan to travel the world together and spend more time with their five children and five grandchildren.

We wish Joseph all the best in his retired life and thank him for his years of dedication to Cleveland's Central and Kinsman neighborhoods.

-Joy Johnson



Niccole Jewell, 3652 Central Ave, in Lower Central



Brenda Taylor Rosario, 2349 E. 63rd St., in Upper Central



Vera White, 3004 E. 75th St., Kinsman



Barbara Malloy & Klaus Williams, 9713 Easton Ave., in Kinsman-Union

BBC Honors Homeowners with the Best Yards in 2013 Awards to be given for exemplary landscaping again this year!

Keep your yard and landscaping in tip-top shape this spring, summer, and fall and you can win an exciting prize!

Last fall, BBC staff surveyed the Upper Central, Lower Central, Kinsman, and Kinsman-Union neighborhoods. We drove every street in our four-square-mile service area to identify the homes we thought had the greatest curb appeal and most well-kept landscaping.

After a review and discussion of the top candidates, BBC selected one homeowner in each of the four aforementioned neighborhoods as the grand prize winner of their respective area.

The winners were Niccole Jewell (3652 Central Ave, in Lower Central), Brenda Taylor Rosario (2349 E 63rd St, in Upper Central), Vera White (3004 E 75th St, Kinsman), and Barbara Malloy & Klaus Williams (9713 Easton Ave, in Kinsman-Union). Each winner has received a certificate of acknowledgement and a \$100 Home Depot gift card.

Three honorable mentions received \$25 gift cards to Bridgeport Café at East 72nd St. and Kinsman Rd. They are Annie Tufts & Juanita Griffin (2645 E 61st St, in Kinsman), Priscilla Corley (6004 Central Ave, in Upper Central), and Marcella George (2221 E 37th St, in Lower Central).

We congratulate these very dedicated residents for going above and beyond to make their yards and landscaping look truly outstanding. BBC will once again be on the lookout for manicured lawns, flowers, shrubs, and trees at homes in our service area. Your yard doesn't have to be elaborately designed for you to win, but simply look cared for and nice and contribute to the overall appeal of your street. Prizes could be bigger and better in 2014, so we hope you will participate!

-Jeffrey Sugalski

Become a Mentor for Youth in the Central Neighborhood

Research has proven that those students, who have a network of caring adults that support them, are more likely to be successful. BBC would like to invite adult men and women to become mentors for eight graders in the Central neighborhood. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland, in partnership with the Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood, launched a new mentoring program for eight grade students.

The goal of this mentorship campaign is to provide each eight grader with a caring adult mentor that will support them as they transition from middle school to high school and on to post-secondary success! The Promise Neighborhood initiative is committed to a vision that all children living in Central will have an opportunity to go off to college and a meaningful career.

To become a mentor is an easy process and very rewarding for both the mentor and mentee. This program matches an adult volunteer who provides social support and shares experiences with a child in need of an added source for positive direction, seeing their mentee a minimum of four hours a month. Most matches stay together for over two years and for many it is a lifelong relationship that is very rewarding for both the mentor and mentee.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, you must be eighteen years of age or older, have a valid driver's license and proof of personal auto insurance, and have four hours of free time per month.

You could make the difference in a child's life. To apply to become a mentor, contact BBC at 216.341.1455. —Sherita Mullins

BBC to Revitalize Site Next to East 79th Blue/Green Rapid

The infamous decrepit swing sets and rusted jungle gym on E. 79th Street, could soon be replaced by trees and public art.

Kinsman residents and stakeholders have long expressed a need for improved walkability to and from the East 79th Street Blue/Green Rapid Station, since transit is such a vital part of their daily lives. To achieve this end, community-driven plans have called for the large blighted vacant lot located immediately south of the station to be improved with walking paths, trees and plants, landscaping, and other features.

When a funding opportunity became available from Reimaging Cleveland, BBC pursued it to bring the community's vision for the East 79th Street site to fruition and would receive a \$50,000 grant. Reimaging Cleveland is a program of Cleveland Neighborhood

Progress, Wells Fargo CityLIFT® program, The U.S. Department of Justice, and Cuyahoga Land Reutilization Corporation.

In addition to improving access to the rapid station, the redevelopment of the site could have many other powerful impacts. Hundreds of people ride the rapid daily past the site, which could be considered the door step to the Kinsman neighborhood. Beautifying the lot could potentially transform negative perceptions of Kinsman into positive impressions. Making transit safer and easier to access helps promote transit use, which improves the air quality and the environment.

Planning for the site began in February, with construction following in the spring. If you would like to be involved in the planning process, please contact Jeffrey Sugalski at 216.341.1455 or jsugalski@bbcdevelopment.org. —Jeffrey Sugalski



City/State Exploring Potential to Reroute Kinsman at East 55th Street

Dramatic changes could be coming to the East 55th Street, Kinsman Road, and Woodland Avenue intersection within the next few years.

Historically, the intersection has been one of the busiest and most dangerous in the state. It has been ranked as the worst for crashes within the five county area of Cuyahoga, Lorain, Lake, Medina, and Geauga counties.

The City of Cleveland and Ohio Department of Transportation have begun to study the possibility of eliminating one road of the intersection. They have preliminarily concluded that rerouting Kinsman Road into East 55th Street or Woodland Avenue would have the greatest impacts to safety and traffic flow.

Three alternatives for the intersection will be presented at a community meeting for review and comment this spring. A date and time have not been set prior to publication. To be notified of the meeting, please leave your name, phone number, and address by emailing jsugalski@bbcdevelopment.org or calling 216.341.1455. —Jeffrey Sugalski

FREE Rain Barrels Available Rain barrels collect nutrient-rich rainwater from your gutters and downspouts so that you can reuse it to water your grass, flowers, and plants. Not only do they save homeowners money on their water bills, but rain barrels are also good for the environment because they divert rainwater from sewers and treatment plants. Get on the list for your free rain barrel by calling 216.341.1455. A limited number of barrels are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please contact us soon! —Jeffrey Sugalski

Cooking Classes at Cornucopia Place

BBC recently celebrated the one year anniversary of Cornucopia Place. Throughout the last year, many chefs graced this space with an array of cuisines through their cooking classes. These dishes ranged from soul to Chinese to Thai food. Participants of these cooking classes will always have a reason and now the expertise to spice up their meals at home.

If you have not signed up for a cooking class, now is the time. There are cooking classes for all age groups scheduled for the spring, summer, and fall seasons. People interested in trying out recipes from around the world should sign up for Chef Eric Wells' class. Those that are battling a chronic disease such as diabetes or high blood pressure should attend Chef Vel Scott's class. Or if you are looking for a spin to the traditional dishes you already cook at home, register for Chef Robin Blair's class. There are also classes to get youth interested in cooking and eating healthy food. For youth cooking classes, sign your child up for Sharon Glaspie's Junior Chef or Teen Chef Class.

There are no more excuses to not knowing how to cook or getting bored with the same old recipes. Cooking classes at Cornucopia Place are fun and focus on health and wellness so that families can live longer and happier lives together. Most classes are free to attend. To register for a cooking class, visit cornucopiaplacebbc.eventbrite.com. You can also call BBC's office at 216.341.1455.

—Sherita Mullins



Chef Vel Scott's class

Chef Robin Blair's class



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Do you have extra time throughout the week in which you would like to volunteer? Have you ever wanted to spend your time helping in a community garden or orchard? Do you have time to tutor or mentor neighborhood students? Have an interest in helping school-age children? If you are ready to give back to the community, now is your time. Whatever your interest, we are bound to have a way that you can help! Stop by the office to fill out a volunteer form or call BBC at 216-341-1455 to be added to our volunteer list.

—Caitlyn Neely

Fast and Free Care for Your Sick Child in Central

University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital brings free and fast health care to the Central neighborhood.

The HealthSpot station is located close to your home and is open during the evening and on weekends – when doctor's offices are normally closed. No appointment is needed and walk-ins are welcome! Patients will be able to talk to a UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital doctor through a video screen and get a physical exam with the help of a medical attendant. At the end of the visit, you will know what is wrong and what steps to take to help your child get better.



and offers patients with minor sicknesses a place to go instead of the emergency room. Children between the ages of 3 and 18 can visit the UH Rainbow HealthSpotSM station weekdays from 5:30pm-11pm and weekends from 1pm-11pm. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or Guardian.

For more information please call 216.844.0172.

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The new UH Rainbow HealthSpot station is located inside Friendly Inn Settlement House (2386 Unwin Road, Cleveland)

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NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING FOR KINSMAN AND CENTRAL

BBC has begun the neighborhood planning process to chart the direction for how we continue to reinvent the lower Kinsman and Central communities. In order to successfully complete this process, BBC encourages the participation of residents, stakeholders, business owners and all other interested parties. Throughout the next few months there will be a series of neighborhood meetings to capture your ideas and feedback. BBC will post the dates and times of these meetings online through bbcdevelopment.org, Facebook and Twitter. More information will also be available at BBC's office and partner agencies. This is your chance to be a part of the transformation of the Kinsman and Central neighborhoods.

We hope to see you there.

For information on any of our programs, call us at 216.341.1455. Follow BBC on Facebook  and Twitter 



Date	Time	EVENT	Location	Address
March 4	4:00 PM	Teen Chef Cooking Class for ages 13 - 17 [4wk series every Tue Mar 4 - Mar 25]	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
March 7	6PM-8PM	Cooking with Chef Wells	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
March 8	10AM - 12PM	Pruning Workshop with OSUE	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
March 8	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 E. 55th Street
March 8	12:00 PM	Easy Does It Cooking Class for adults [7wk series every Sat Mar 8 - Apr 26]	Cornucopia Place Registration Required!	7201 Kinsman Road
March 19-30	All Day	38th Cleveland International Film Festival	Tower City Cinemas	230 Huron Road
March 21	6PM-8PM	Cooking with Chef Wells	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
March 25	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
March 26	7:00 PM	4th District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Comm. Church of Clev.	3342 East 119th Street
April 3	6PM-8PM	Chef Robin Blair's Cooking 4 Health Series [Tuesdays April 3rd - May 22]	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
April 4	6PM-8PM	Cooking with Chef Wells	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
April 8	4:00 PM	Junior Chef Cooking Class for ages 7 - 12 [4wk series every Tue Apr 8 - Apr 29]	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
April 12	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 E. 55th Street
April 18	6PM-8PM	Cooking with Chef Wells	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
April 23	7:00 PM	4th District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Comm. Church of Clev.	3342 East 119th Street
April 29	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
May 3	12PM-2PM	Cooking with Chef Wells	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
May 6	4:00 PM	Teen Chef Cooking Class for ages 13 - 17 [4 week series every Tue May 6 - May 27]	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
May 10	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 E. 55th Street
May 17	12PM-2PM	Cooking with Chef Wells	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
May 27	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
May 28	7:00 PM	4th District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Comm. Church of Clev.	3342 East 119th 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.

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