

BBC Partners with Habitat for Humanity

To Bring New Homes to the Kinsman Neighborhood

BBC is excited to collaborate with Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity as they work to rehabilitate five homes on Colfax Road in the Kinsman neighborhood. Colfax Road is just one block north of Kinsman Road, directly behind BBC's office. These homes will be available for Habitat for Humanity partner families. Through Habitat for Humanity's alternative approach to home ownership, mortgage payments may be as low as \$500-\$600 per month.

Habitat for Humanity's homeowners are called Partner Families because their program is a unique partnership involving selection, training in home construction and finances, mortgage guidance, home maintenance, and volunteering to help other families.

Partner Family applicants are selected based on three criteria:

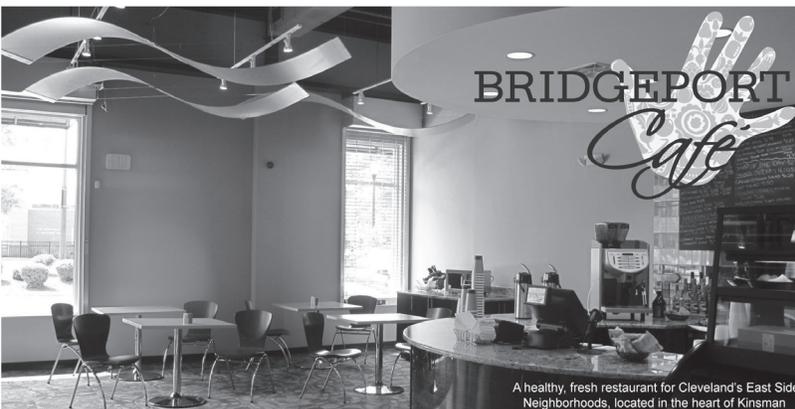
- **Need for Adequate Housing**
Families must be currently living in substandard housing. Substandard housing includes overcrowded living quarters and unsafe or hazardous conditions. Families must not be homeowners currently.

- **Willingness to Partner**
Families must be willing to partner with Habitat, investing 200 hours of what is called "sweat equity" in volunteering, home construction and trainings including budgeting, financial literacy, and routine home maintenance.
- **Ability to Pay**
The homeowner's income must be between 30-60% of the area median income. Selected families must have the ability to pay a no-profit, no interest mortgage consistently over the life of the mortgage. The family must not have excessive debt, have declared bankruptcy within the past two years and have had stable income for the last six months.

If you would like to own a home on Colfax Road through Greater Habitat for Humanity, request an application, or to get more information, please call BBC at 216.341.1455.

-Joy D. Johnson

FRESH FOOD & NUTRITION EDUCATION
are cropping up in the Kinsman neighborhood



BRIDGEPORT Cafe

A healthy, fresh restaurant for Cleveland's East Side Neighborhoods, located in the heart of Kinsman

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Got a green thumb? Win a prize!

BBC wants to award residents who maintain lush green lawns, have beautiful flowers and landscaping, and/or keep exemplary gardens.

The residents whose homes are determined to have the best curb appeal will each win a \$50 gift certificate to Home Depot and possibly other prizes. Four top prizes will be given out, one in each the Lower Central, Upper Central, Kinsman, and Kinsman-Union neighborhoods. A photo of the home determined to have the best overall curb appeal and its owner will be featured in the next issue of The Community Connector. Additional prizes may be available as well.

To sign up for the competition, please call BBC at 216.341.1455, visit bbcdevelopment.org, or stop into our office. Registration ends July 19.

Bridgeport Mobile Market, a Farm Stand on Wheels!

Would you like to purchase fresh produce at an affordable price? Well, you can on the Bridgeport Mobile Market. As part of a food access initiative, BBC opened the Bridgeport Mobile Market to sell fruits and vegetables throughout the Ward 5 community and surrounding neighborhoods. The Bridgeport Mobile Market focuses on selling produce at locations where it is convenient for residents to shop such as senior high rises, the Cleveland Public Library, congregations, and at partner agencies such as Friendly Inn Settlement House and Murtis Taylor Human Services. This mobile market will be open for business in June. Contact BBC at 216.341.1455 for market locations. The schedule will also be posted on Face Book at facebook.com/BBCDev.



Kinsman Farm Kicks into Gear for the 2013 Growing Season

Kinsman Farm is a 6-acre urban agriculture incubator site located in the Kinsman Neighborhood in Cleveland. This urban farm site is housed within Cleveland's emerging 28-acre Urban Agriculture Innovation Zone. Kinsman Farm is a cooperative urban farm where new farmers can begin their agricultural business to grow food and develop farm products for markets. On this site farmers have access to necessary infrastructure and education while also working with other farmers to build sustainable businesses. This incubator farm is a site dedicated to encouraging new farmers to start their own farm business under a cooperative format. Kinsman Farm is made possible through a partnership with the Ohio State University Extension (OSU Extension), West Creek Conservancy, Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc., and the City of Cleveland.

One of several farms produced in Cleveland, the Kinsman Farm was started as an initiative through the OSU Extension's Beginning Entrepreneurs in Agricultural Networks (BEAN) Project. The BEAN is dedicated to strengthening Cleveland's local food economy and encouraging the development of new and beginning farmers in Cuyahoga County. Farmers who have completed OSU Extension's 12-week Market Gardener Training Program are invited to apply to farm on a ¼ acre parcel on this site in support of starting an agricultural business. This season, eleven urban agriculture enterprises, including three new farmers who want to produce different types of vegetables and honey, exist in the Kinsman Farm.

The OSU Extension would like to welcome three new farmers to the Kinsman Farm. Below is a brief introduction of each new farm.

• **Uncle Roy's Farm:** Troy Miller completed the Market Gardener Training Program this year in April. This will be his first year growing

for market. He is looking forward to the support of his fellow farmers and community partners at Kinsman Farm and will focus his production on many crops including carrots, eggplants, and herbs. He intends to become the top producer of local commodities using innovative techniques combined with the latest technology.

• **Adams Apiary and Gardens:** Formed by Chris Adams and his son Kent. Chris completed the Market Gardener Training Program this year in April. He has been growing garden vegetables with his grandfather since a child and most recently he has produced common vegetables and herbs in his backyard. Adams Apiary and Gardens wants to provide consumers fresh fruit, vegetables, and honey and they are committed to promoting the "hyper" local food market and contributing to it with their passion and products.

• **Eat to Live Organic Farm:** Formed by Roosevelt Robinson and his wife Akila Muhammad. Roosevelt also completed the Market Gardener Training Program in April. He has four years of organic gardening experience growing greens, okra, and tomatoes. Eat to Live Organic Gardens will produce quality crops using deep organic techniques. Their farm will produce a mix of different crops like kale, spinach, and okra.

To all the Kinsman Farm farmers, may you have a great and successful 2013 growing season!

For more information about the Kinsman Farm, visit:
<http://cuyahoga.osu.edu/topics/agriculture-and-natural-resources/market-gardening-and-urban-farming/the-kinsman-farm>

—Courtesy of Jacqueline Kowalski, Extension Educator, and Paula Covarrubias, Program Coordinator of The Ohio State University Extension, Cuyahoga County

The Healing Garden, A Place of Peace and Openness for Everyone

This summer, are you looking for events that are free and open for people of all ages? Starting June 15th, the East 73rd Street Community Club will be hosting a variety of events ranging from a youth garden club to workshops on how to start a business. These events will be held at the Ka-La Healing Garden Center, 2251 East 73rd Street, between Central and Cedar Avenues. Check out the Calendar of Events on the back of this newsletter for a listing of events. For more information or to register for an event, contact Tanya Holmes at 216.224.9397.

Help BBC plan a safer Kinsman Road for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists

YOU have the opportunity to make a major difference in your community this summer and help BBC craft a plan for a safer Kinsman Road for people who walk, ride a bicycle, or drive an automobile!

BBC is initiating a planning process in response to concerns expressed by residents and community groups over the last few years, including:

- Dangerous high-speed automobile traffic
- Narrow, unmarked lanes that increase the potential for motor vehicle collisions
- Few traffic lights and places to cross the street
- Lack of a 20 mile-per-hour school zone near Anton Grdina K-8 School for kids walking to school

The planning process will focus on short-term improvements that can be done by the City of Cleveland immediately to

improve Kinsman Road between East 66th and 84th Streets for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Those improvements may include lane restriping, signage, a school zone, crosswalks, and/or bike lanes.

The project, which is funded by a grant from Enterprise Community Partners, is part of an initiative to make Kinsman one of the greenest, most sustainable neighborhoods in Cleveland. It complements local food, agriculture, energy, home energy retrofits, stormwater, and sustainable building projects that have been completed in recent years or are currently in process.

A community meeting has not yet been scheduled at the time of publication of this newsletter. However, to be notified of upcoming meetings regarding Kinsman Road, please call 216.341.1455 and leave your name or contact information or email jsugalski@bbcdevelopment.org.

—Jeffrey Sugalski

WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A BRIGHTER COMMUNITY

Are you interested in improving your quality of life? Do you have a desire to begin a new career and network? Do you want challenging work? Have you ever wondered what your strengths are, or have the desire to get out and meet new people? If you answered yes to any of these questions, try volunteering with BBC!

BBC's volunteer program will match your interests and passions to the needs of the organization and Ward 5 community. There are short and long-term volunteer opportunities and something for all ages and skill levels.

There are many one-day events to participate in, such as the 50 backyard garden installation day BBC hosted on May 18, 2013. BBC is looking for people who are good with working with youth, have good communications and social networking skills, who are organized, or who are good at fundraising. Do you have other skills or talents to share with your community? BBC can use those skills too!

If you are looking for more of a long-term commitment, BBC can always use your expertise in gardening, indoor administrative tasks, or assistance with the new Bridgeport Mobile Market. BBC is seeking people with a green thumb, passion for healthy food access, administrative skills, social media gurus, and much more. Share your strengths to support BBC in providing high level of services to the Ward 5 community.

Maybe you already volunteer in your community, and have a project that needs a lot of volunteers to complete a project. Just let BBC know. Throughout the year, BBC receives requests from businesses for a number of volunteer projects within the community.

For more information or to become a volunteer, contact Zenobia Lane at BBC at 216.341.1455.

—Julia DiBaggio

Marion Sterling Elementary School Receives Farm to School Grant

Earlier this year, Marion Sterling Elementary School received news from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) stating they had been awarded one of the Department's Farm to School grants. This money, developed to support school gardens, salad bars and field trips, serves to introduce students to farming, the environment and where food comes from. Twenty-three schools in Ohio received funding and Marion Sterling was the only school in the City of Cleveland to be awarded. Other uses of the award money may result in nutrition and cooking classes for students and parents of Marion Sterling at places like CornUcopia Place, located next door to Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc.

OSUE has been working with residents and the local elementary schools in Central to address health and nutrition in the neighborhood over the last year. Through their partnership with the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland on the Healthy Eating, Active Living program-sometimes known as "HEAL"- in the neighborhood, OSUE and their Food Policy Coalition (Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Food Policy Coalition) are currently working with BBC and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to improve student nutrition. This grant will help to support the efforts the schools, OSUE and the Sisters of Charity Foundation.

Currently, the school garden is in place and will receive another large supply of plants in June. OSUE and the CMSD are also thinking of ways to bring the salad bar into the school day for use in the future. A key to making this project a success in the community and for the school will be through parent and student engagement in the process. To learn more about this initiative or get involved, contact Erika Meschkat at OSUE at 216.429.8200 x212.

—Courtesy of Erika Meschkat, Ohio State University Extension, Cuyahoga County



Farm to School raised beds located at Marion Sterling Elementary School

cornucopia place

- New state-of-the-art kitchen & multi-purpose community space
- Centrally located in the Kinsman neighborhood
- Hands-on cooking classes, nutrition education courses, and much more
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ANNUAL MARSHALL AVENUE BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY FAIR AND BLOCK PARTY

You are invited to the 11th Annual Marshall Avenue Back-to-School Safety Fair and Block Party on Saturday, September 7, 2013. This event will begin at 12pm and run until 6pm. Marshall Avenue is located off East 93rd Street near Kinsman Road. There will be food, school supplies, and fun activities for family and friends that reside in the Kinsman neighborhood. For more information, contact Myra Simmons at 216.641.8704.

ANNUAL WARD 5 COMMUNITY FAMILY FESTIVAL AND PARADE

It is festival time again. Join us on June 29th for the 8th Annual Ward 5 Community Family Festival and Parade. The festival will begin at 10am and will end at 6pm. It will be held at Friendly Inn, 2863 Unwin Road, near E. 55th and Quincy Avenue. There will be a variety of vendors, music, food, and activities for all ages. The parade will start at E. 30th and Community College Avenue at 12pm and will end at the festival at Friendly Inn. For parade participants, the line up for the parade will start at 10am. For parade information, contact Sherita Mullins at 216.341.1455. For festival or vendor information, contact Andrea Foote at 216.431.7656.

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



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Date	Time	EVENT	Location	Address
June 8 - Aug. 3	12PM - 3PM	Easy Does It Cooking Classes (every Saturday)	CornUcopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 103B
June 15	1PM - 7PM	Juneteenth Celebration	Ka-La Healing Garden Center	East 73rd Street; between Central Avenue & Cedar Avenue
June 17	12:00 PM	Summer Lunch Program for Youth (every Monday and Wednesday)	Ka-La Healing Garden Center	East 73rd Street; between Central Avenue & Cedar Avenue
June 18	11:00 AM	Weekly Workshops on Start-up Businesses	Ka-La Healing Garden Center	East 73rd Street; between Central Avenue & Cedar Avenue
June 25	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
June 26	7:00 PM	4th District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	Covenant Community Church of Cleveland	3342 East 119th Street
June 29	10AM - 6PM	Ward 5 Community Festival and Parade	Friendly Inn Settlement House	2386 Unwin Road
June 29	9AM - 3:30PM	Farm Stand Market	Ka-La Healing Garden Center	East 73rd Street; between Central Avenue & Cedar Avenue
July 4		Independence Day (Office Closed)		
July 13	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
July 16	8AM-6PM	Little Free Library - Build It In A Day Event	Friendly Inn Settlement House	2386 Unwin Road
July 24	7:00 PM	4th District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	Covenant Community Church of Cleveland	3342 East 119th Street
July 30	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
August 10	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
August 27	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
August 28	7:00 PM	4th District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	Covenant Community Church of Cleveland	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.

Thank You

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