

Bridgeport Place

Congratulations BBC for completing such a catalytic economic development project with an elaborate design for the Garden Valley neighborhood. Bridgeport Place has truly set the foundation for a vibrant neighborhood with a high architectural benchmark for the upcoming redevelopments of Garden Valley Estates, Anton Grdina CMSD Elementary School, and the new YMCA Recreational Center.

As many have seen, Bridgeport Place is located on East 72nd and Kinsman Road. It is a \$2.3 million commercial development with 13,200 square feet of new commercial space and is the new home to **BBC**, a branch of the Cleveland Public Library, a Fifth Third Bank ATM, a general merchandise store, and a restaurant franchise.

When asked about what this development means to **BBC** and the city of Cleveland, Timothy Tramble, Executive Director of Burten, Bell, Carr Development stated, "Our purpose is to listen to community stakeholders and



Exterior photos of Bridgeport Place's Fifth Third Bank ATM, BBC's office and Cleveland Public Library Garden Valley Branch



implement corresponding development in a way that ignites the fire of contagious socio-economic optimism, spawning further revitalization activity. Bridgeport Place is another example of our ability and commitment to fulfill that purpose."

We look forward to seeing the social and economic impacts of this development for years to come. BBC has relocated its office to Bridgeport Place and the other establishments will be moving in soon. The Grand Opening will be in the Spring of 2008.

-Sherita Mullins



Neighborhood Groups...Receive Neighborhood Grants...for Neighborhood Improvements...

BBC will assist your group in preparing the application for neighborhood grant opportunities. For more information, please call **BBC**'s office at 216.341.1455, or visit our website at www.bbcdevelopment.org.

CITY WORKS

Neighborhood groups and clubs in Cleveland may apply to receive a matching grant of up to \$3,000 with the City Works Neighborhood Matching Grant Program. Currently, **BBC** is working with over a dozen groups in various stages of City Works grants. This past summer, **BBC** served as the fiscal agent for the Marshall Avenue Safety Group. The City Works grant helped this neighborhood group provide an annual Back-to-School Safety Fair for residents of Marshall Avenue and the surrounding area. Other examples of projects funded through City Works in our service area are security patrols, yard lamp installation, neighborhood cleanup and beautification, cultural arts, after-school tutoring, and summer youth employment. **BBC** would like to assist more groups in preparing the application for this grant. Applications will be due in April 2008.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Neighborhood groups, street clubs and block clubs can apply for a Neighborhood Connections grant ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 through The Cleveland Foundation. This grant funds projects that focus on improving the quality of life in Cleveland neighborhoods, such as the Your Child and Mine neighborhood group that received \$3,350.00 to provide youth ages 8-14 who live in Central Park Place the opportunity to gain knowledge and life skills in areas such as education, personal hygiene, financial management, and cooking to become productive members in their community.

Neighborhood Connections is now seeking applications for the eleventh round of funding. Those interested in applying for a grant should attend a grantseeker orientation session. At each session, guidelines and applications will be distributed. View the Calendar of Events section for the date, time, and location of each session. The next due date for grant proposals is Friday, February 15, 2008, at 5:00pm.

-Sherita Mullins

Welcome Home!

Renovated Townhomes Now for Sale in Hill Place!

Why rent when you can own your own home at the same price or less?

Newly renovated town homes are now for sale in Hill Place, located at the corner of East 75th Street and Woodland Avenue in Cleveland's Central neighborhood. Hill Place's location provides easy access to public transportation, places of worship, and schools.

Hill Place townhomes offer a variety of amenities, including two-to-three bedrooms and full finished basements. Eligible homebuyers can receive 10-year tax abatements, \$20,000 down payment assistance, and reduced-rate financing. Payments can be as low as \$450 a month for maintenance-free living in a renovated home. That's money which will go towards building equity in your home instead of your landlord's pockets.

Residents will enjoy community green space and multi-purpose trails to be constructed in this exciting new neighborhood. Take a tour through the model unit today! Please call Rysar Properties at 216.431.7700 extension 156 to schedule an appointment or for more information. You can also visit **BBC**'s website at www.bbcdevelopment.org.



-Sherita Mullins

BBC Strategically Improving Ward 5 Neighborhoods ONE BLOCK AT A TIME

Over the next several months, BBC will be implementing a comprehensive strategy to help residents make exterior home improvements in three areas of Ward 5 through a Model Block program funded by the City of Cleveland. We are working to continue our neighborhood revitalization efforts around three project areas - East Central Place, Bridgeport Place and Herron Row. These model blocks are located in each neighborhood of our service area - Central, Garden Valley, and Kinsman-Union.

The Model Block program will focus primarily on the physical enhancement of area housing and streetscape to strengthen the fabric of community and foster pride in each area. It will also address the vacant and abandoned properties on each model block either through rehabilitation or demolition. As we implement this program, special home improvement programs and services will be available to eligible residents through BBC and other local agencies.

In the coming weeks, BBC staff and area leaders will be holding the first of a series of community meetings for residents to learn about plans for their block, apply for various home repair and improvement programs, partake in the organizing of an official street club, and plan future events for their block. It is our hope that residents will take a special role in assisting us in improving Ward 5 neighborhoods one block at a time.

For more information about BBC's Model Blocks or to become involved, please contact Dianne Davis or Jeffrey Sugalski at BBC at 216.341.1455.

-Jeffrey Sugalski



Look for BBC's Newest Staff Members

BBC welcomes its newest staff members, Dianne Davis and Elmore Spain! Dianne Davis is BBC's Graduate Intern and is assisting with the coordination of our Model Block Strategy. Dianne, a first-year graduate student in the Master of Urban Planning, Design, and Development program at the Cleveland State University, is eager to work in the field of community development so that she can make an impact in revitalizing Cleveland's neighborhoods. Prior to her internship with BBC, Dianne volunteered with several neighborhood-based nonprofit organizations.

As the organization's Undergraduate Intern, Elmore Spain will be helping residents with home repair programs and will provide research and data collection assistance to BBC staff. Having grown up in Central, he possesses an extensive knowledge of the Ward 5 neighborhoods and their histories. Elmore is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from the Cleveland State University, and comes to BBC by way of the Levin College of Urban Affairs' Undergraduate Neighborhood Development Internship Program. Previously, Elmore was a real estate agent and rehabilitated housing in Dayton, Ohio.

If you see Dianne or Elmore out working in the community, be sure to stop and say "hello!" BBC is delighted to have them aboard!

-Jeffrey Sugalski



BBC's Housing Programs Keeping You Warm This Winter

BBC would like to ensure that Ward 5 residents are able to keep their homes warm in the upcoming winter months. Please look below for three Home Repair Programs offered by BBC.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Eligible low-income households may receive assistance with the high cost of heating their homes to avoid a discontinuation of service. BBC distributes Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) applications, assists in their completion, and prepares them for their submission to the Ohio Department of Development.

Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP)

BBC assists residents in completing applications for the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP). Qualified neighborhood residents receive an inspection and tune-up/repair or replacement of heating unit and insulation, a Carbon Monoxide Alarm, and more.

Emergency Furnace Repair Program

Experts recommend that homeowners have a qualified heating professional inspect their furnace and heating system prior to the winter season every year. A routine inspection can ensure that your furnace works efficiently and may even save your life by detecting health and safety hazards. Low-income seniors in Ward 5 are eligible to receive free furnace maintenance and repair. Income guidelines apply, and assistance will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to take advantage of these programs, call BBC's office at 216.341.1455, or visit our website at www.bbcdevelopment.org.

-Sherita Mullins

FREE Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program Available at Cleveland's Central Weed & Seed Safe Haven and City Mission

It's tax preparation season! Make sure you are ready by taking advantage of the Cleveland Central Weed & Seed and the City Mission FREE Income Tax Return filing opportunities. Beginning January 15, 2008, two sites in our neighborhood will be open to assist you – The City Mission, located at 5310 Carnegie Avenue and the Central Weed & Seed Safe Haven Office at 7504 Cedar Avenue.

The cost of tax preparation could run you over \$100 based upon the complexity of your tax return at a professional tax service agency. This year, file your taxes through the VITA program for free with the help of IRS certified volunteers. All returns are filed online, which speeds up the process of receiving your tax refund. Participants can expect to receive their refunds in approximately two weeks.

IRS certified volunteers have been trained to ensure that everyone who qualifies receives the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which adds as much as \$4,400 to your refund. In 2006, it was estimated that between 15 and 20 percent of people did not claim the EITC, therefore missing out on extra money.

Call now to make an appointment for FREE tax preparation service! To make an appointment at the Central Weed & Seed Safe Haven, call 216.432.1818. To make an appointment at the City Mission, call 216.431.3510. For additional information on the VITA program please call Orlando Grant, Weed & Seed Site Coordinator at 216.341.1455.

-Sherita Mullins

LIFE ENRICHMENT

BBC's Financial Literacy Workshop Series

Get Your Financial Fitness Check Up!

Wish you had financial SECURITY? Having problems BALANCING your income? There is help!!!

Get your financial fitness check up by registering for BBC's FREE Financial Literacy Workshop. The first 25 people to sign up will receive a \$10 Dave's Supermarket Gift Card. All who complete the workshops will be recognized for becoming financially fit and receive a financial fitness certificate at the end of series graduation ceremony.

What is the Financial Literacy workshop? What are the graduation requirements? BBC's Financial Literacy Workshop Series is an 8-week training course designed to equip you with the necessary financial tools to effectively manage your finances. Topics will include Basic Banking, Budgeting & Saving for Emergencies, Credit

& Debt Management, Avoiding Predatory Lenders, and much more! All you have to do is attend all eight workshops and gradually become financially fit. FREE babysitting and FREE food will be provided.

Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. in partnership with Cuyahoga Community College will offer these financial literacy workshops starting in the Spring of 2008, every Thursday from 5:30pm – 8:00pm at Cuyahoga Community College, Metro Campus. All those interested in attending must register by calling BBC's office at 216.341.1455. This workshop series is made possible through the generous support of the Bruening Foundation and Abington Foundation.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET FINANCIALLY FIT FOR FREE!

—Sherita Mullins

Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Opportunity

This is your chance to take the proper steps to a healthier you. Basic nutrition knowledge and food safety skills are invaluable lifelong lessons. The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), sponsored by Ohio State University Extension (OSUE) of Cuyahoga County, has provided food and nutrition group classes to limited-resource families with children since 1969. After completing a series of six lessons focused on the MyPyramid food guidance system, economical meal planning, and food safety, EFNEP participants will receive a graduation certificate from OSUE. Currently, trained EFNEP paraprofessionals provide group classes in a number of community sites throughout Cuyahoga County. An example is Miracle Village at 4500 Kennard Ct. in Cleveland. All classes are free to participants and to sites hosting the classes. If you would like to attend a class in your neighborhood or host a series of classes at your site, please contact OSUE at 216-429-8220.



—Courtesy of the OSUE Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

Put the **FREEZE** on Winter Asthma Triggers Tips from Steps to a Healthier Cleveland

Don't let the cold weather take a toll on your asthma symptoms this winter. You can help keep your asthma under control by using certain medications before you head outside or limiting indoor triggers. Here are a few tips for protecting yourself:

Chilly air. When you step outside, breathing cold air can cause discomfort in your airways. Wear a scarf over your mouth and nose to help warm the air before you breathe it in.

Wet leaves and mold. Avoid yard work around wet ground and leaves. If you must work in the yard, wear a mask and gloves and limit the amount of time you spend outside.

Keep medicines with you at all times so that you can manage flare-ups if they happen. Prevention is the best policy, so plan for winter weather now to feel good all season long.

Burten, Bell, Carr Development and Steps to a Healthier Cleveland are working together to deliver healthy neighborhood-driven interventions to the Kinsman neighborhood, a community on the move.

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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BLACK HISTORY LIVE

Recognizing the importance of celebrating Black History, especially for youth, BBC designed the Black History Live (BHL) project for Ward 5 youth. BHL is an award ceremony to celebrate a living legend that lives in Ward 5 and has made a significant impact on the community. This event gives BBC an opportunity to honor someone who has made a difference while they are still alive to enjoy the recognition. After the presentation of the Living History Award, youth will be shown two plays at the Karamu House. Refreshments and transportation will be provided.

For more information, 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
Jan. 12	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
Jan. 14		Martin Luther King Day (<i>BBC Closed</i>)		
Jan. 22	6:00 PM	Kinsman-Union Association Meeting	Union Library	3463 East 93rd Street
Jan. 22	6PM-8PM	Neighborhood Connections Grantseeker Orientation	Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch CPL	1962 Stokes Boulevard
Jan. 23	7PM-8:30PM	4th District Community Relations Board Mtg.	Covenant Baptist Church	E. 119th St. & Kinsman Rd.
Jan. 28	6PM-8PM	Neighborhood Connections Grantseeker Orientation	Memorial Nottingham Branch CPL	17109 Lake Shore Boulevard
Jan. 29	7:00 PM	3rd & 5th District Police Community Mtg.	Respective Police Headquarters for each district	
Feb. 6	4PM-6PM	Neighborhood Connections Grantseeker Orientation	West Park Branch CPL	3805 West 1157th Street
Feb. 9	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
Feb. 26	6:00 PM	Kinsman-Union Association Meeting	Union Library	3463 East 93rd Street
Feb. 26	7:00 PM	3rd & 5th District Police Community Mtg.	Respective Police Headquarters for each district	
Feb. 27	7PM-8:30PM	4th District Community Relations Board Mtg.	Covenant Baptist Church	E. 119th St. & Kinsman Rd.
Feb. TBD	TBD	Black History Live	Karamu House	2355 East 89th Street
Mar. 8	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
Mar. 25	6:00 PM	Kinsman-Union Association Meeting	Union Library	3463 East 93rd Street
Mar. 25	7:00 PM	3rd & 5th District Police Community Mtg.	Respective Police Headquarters for each district	
Mar. 26	7PM-8:30PM	4th District Community Relations Board Mtg.	Covenant Baptist Church	E. 119th St. & Kinsman Rd.
Mar. TBD	TBD	Bridgeport Place Grand Opening	Bridgeport Place	7201 Kinsman Road

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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