

SHARE A BIKE OR TAKE A SELFIE! WAYS TO CELEBRATE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION THIS SPRING!

In 2016, BBC and organizations across the city will be celebrating the Year of Sustainable Transportation by supporting healthier forms of moving around. There are many actions Clevelanders can take at home, at work and in the community to help grow sustainable transportation. Actions include biking, walking, taking transit, carpooling, car sharing and much more!

A Sustainable Cleveland committee made up of more than 30 organizations has identified initiatives to be completed during the 2016 Celebration Year. Here is a list of projects and initiatives to look out for:

- **Bike Share System** – Cleveland residents will be able to pick-up bikes at designated bike share stations throughout the city. The Central neighborhood will be included in the planning and implementation process.
- **CiCLEvia** – A series of open-street events, where a street is temporarily closed down to cars and people of all ages are encouraged to safely walk, skate, play and ride a bike around the neighborhood.
- **Selfie Challenge** – Take a picture of yourself using a sustainable transportation method and add #IMoveCLE. The best picture will be featured at the 2016 Cleveland Sustainability Summit.

- **Safe Routes to School Plan** – The purpose of Safe Routes to School is to encourage and enable students in grades k-8 to walk or ride their bicycle to school.
- **Additional Bike Lanes and Trails** – Continued progress toward 70 miles of additional bike lanes and trails.
- **New Traffic Light on E. 79th St.** – Northeast Ohio Area wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) will help improve safety at Hillside Park with new light between E. 79th Blue/Green Rapid and Minnie Street.
- **8th Annual Cleveland Sustainability Summit** – SAVE THE DATE: September 21 and 22, 2016.
- **Climate Ambassador Program** – BBC will be collaborating with residents in Kinsman and Central to help create projects that support the experience of public transportation and host of sustainable initiatives.

BBC invites all residents to play an active part in making public transportation and mobility safer and more enjoyable. If you have any questions about the initiatives or would like to find out how to get involved, please call our office at 216.341.1455 and ask to speak with Erick Rodriguez.

-Erick Rodriguez



Start an Indoor Garden

This time of year we start to think of spring. Soon the crocuses and daffodils will start to bloom and planting our vegetable gardens will be close at hand. There are a couple of different options for starting vegetables. One way is to purchase vegetable starter plants. Sometimes this can be costly. A low cost way would be to grow your own vegetable transplants. This can be very rewarding and often you will have a few left over to give to family and friends. You should time planting your seedling so they will be ready to plant outside when the weather is warm enough for the plant to survive.

TO START SEEDS TO GROW TRANSPLANTS YOU WILL NEED:

- 1. Clean containers:** Vegetable starts can be grown in all sorts of containers; egg cartons, yogurt containers, etc., but they need to be clean and have holes in the bottom for drainage.
- 2. Seed starting mix:** You can get this at garden stores in the spring. Top soil or garden soil should not be used because it might contain diseases that are harmful to the seed or young seedling.
- 3. Seeds of your choice:** Always check that the seeds were packed for 2016.

TO PLANT THE SEEDS:

- 1. Moisten:** Moisten the seed starting mix and fill the containers.
- 2. Plant:** Place the seeds at the depth suggested on the seed packet. The recommended depth is usually ¼ inch to ½ inches deep. Often people plant seeds too deep and the seeds rot before it reaches the surface. Make sure you label the container with what type of vegetable and variety it is.

TO CARE FOR THE SEEDS:

- 1. Warm Place:** Place the container in a warm sunny place. Once the plant emerges, be sure to turn the container often so the seedling will grow up straight. Every couple of days, stick one finger into the soil and if the soil seems dry at one inch deep, it is time to water (sometimes the surface of the soil seems dry but below the surface the soil is wet).
- 2. Water:** Water gently. It takes between 4-8 weeks to grow most vegetable seedlings.

Once it is warm outside, you can transplant your seedlings into your outdoor garden. For more information about gardening, contact Ohio State University Extension, Cuyahoga County Office at 216.429.8200.

-Courtesy of Jacqueline Kowalski, Ohio State University Extension Educator

Family Money Tips During the Tax Season

This is the time of year where families receive extra money that can be used throughout the entire year. Most people have heard of budgeting but, I would like to speak with you about small life changes. Budgeting is a small remedy but, good habits last a lifetime. What can you do during your extra money season? Try these:

- 1. Get the most out of your tax refund.** Why pay for filing taxes when can have them prepared for free?
 - a.** Step one, call 2-1-1 to schedule a tax preparation appointment.
 - b.** Step two, make an appointment at BBC's office located in CornUcopia Place, 7201 Kinsman Road.
 - c.** Step three, keep all of your refund for your family's best use.
- 2. After receiving your freely prepared income tax refund, pick yourself up a medium size jar.**
 - a.** Step one, start putting some money in the jar every day.
 - b.** Step two, the money you put in the jar can be quarters, dollars (please no IOU's).
 - c.** Step three, do not take the money out of the jar until the end of the year and only for counting and moving to a larger jar.
- 3. Continue putting money away in the jar and pass that good habit down to your children.**
 - a.** Step one, purchase your child a jar.
 - b.** Step two, show your child how you put money in your jar.
 - c.** Step three, give your child easy chores to do around the house to earn money and encourage them to put money into their own jar.

I believe after you try these good habits for one year; you will discover that they last a lifetime. Now, your child will have the encouragement to keep making their jar bigger and bigger because they are putting more and more money away. Good Habits Keep Growing!

-Omelia C. Thornton



School QUALITY FAIR

Cleveland – On March 5, 2016, the Cleveland Transformation Alliance and PRE4CLE are hosting Cleveland's first-ever School Quality Fair, designed to serve Cleveland families looking for high quality preschools and high performing public K-8 schools, both district and charter, that best fit their children's needs. Invited preschools have met PRE4CLE's star-rating criteria, while invited K-8 schools have met quality standards set by the Transformation Alliance. More than 50 preschools and K-8s will be present at the Fair, with staff available to begin registration.

To begin school registration at the School Quality Fair, families should bring identification, proof of residence, and children's immunization records and birth certificates. We are offering free physicals and vaccinations (please call 216.957.1303 to schedule your School Fair onsite physical and vaccinations), and lead screening, along with workshops and activities for kids. Prizes, giveaways and free food and free parking will be provided.

The Fair begins at 9 am and ends at 1 pm, and will take place at Cleveland's Public Auditorium, 500 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland 44114. The Transformation Alliance is a public-private partnership created to ensure all Cleveland children can attend quality schools. PRE4CLE is Cleveland's plan to ensure all three- and four year-olds have access to high-quality preschool.

For more information, visit www.SchoolQualityFair.org or call 216.592.2435.

-Courtesy of Akanni Thomas, Starting Point

Cleveland Transformation Alliance
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School QUALITY FAIR

**SATURDAY
MARCH 5TH
2016
9AM - 1PM**

**PUBLIC HALL
500 LAKESIDE AVE
CLEVELAND, OH 44114**

FREE PARKING | FREE FOOD | DOOR PRIZES | PRE-K TO 8

Meet with the highest-quality preschools and the highest-performing K-8 public schools, both district and charter, in Cleveland. School staff will be present so you can start registration on the spot.
#SchoolFairCLE



HAVE BREAKFAST OR LUNCH AT BRIDGEPORT CAFÉ

Do you have the taste for a healthy salad or delicious sub or sandwich?

If you have not already, try Bridgeport Café for breakfast or lunch. Bridgeport Café is located at 7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 103A. It has a full espresso bar with fruit smoothies and teas. Do not have time for a long lunch? You can order online or call in your order for pick-up. Catering services are available for business events. For more information, contact Racquel Jones at Bridgeport Café at 216.266.0140.

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11th Annual Ward 5 Community Family Festival and Parade

Join Ward 5 Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland and the ward 5 community as we celebrate the rich history and cultures within the Central and surrounding neighborhoods. There will be live entertainment, food, prizes and good ole family fun for people of all ages. The festival will be held on June 25th and run from 10am-6pm, at Friendly Inn, 2386 Unwin Road. The parade will start at East 30th and Community College Avenue at 12pm. Staging for the parade will begin at 10am. The parade will travel throughout the Central neighborhood and end at Friendly Inn. You don't want to miss this event. To register for the parade or become a sponsor, call Sherita Mullins of BBC at 216.341.1455. For information about the festival or to become a vendor, call Lottie Whittaker of Friendly Inn at 216.431.7656. This event is made possible every year with the support of many sponsors. This year the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture awarded the committee with a \$5,000 grant.



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 2	6-8pm	Spice Up Your Life with Chef Sharon Weekly on Wednesdays	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 103B
March 3	3-5:30pm	Yoga with Santell Nelson, Weekly on Thursdays	Anton Grdina Elementary School	2955 East 71st Street
March 5	9am-1pm	School Quality Fair	Public Hall	500 Lakeside Ave.
March 12	12pm	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
March	Varies	FREE Income Tax Preparation Call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 103B
March 23	7pm	4th District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Comm. Church of Clev.	3342 East 119th Street
March 29	7pm	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	3rd District	4501 Chester Avenue
Mar 30-Apr 10	Times Vary	Cleveland International Film Festival	Tower City Cinemas	230 West Huron Road, Suite 7256
April 6	6-8pm	Spice Up Your Life with Chef Sharon Weekly on Wednesdays	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 103B
April 7	6-7:30pm	Yoga with Santell Nelson, Weekly on Thursdays	Anton Grdina Elementary School	2955 East 71st Street
April 9	12pm	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
April	Varies	FREE Income Tax Preparation, Call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment - last day 4/16/16	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 103B
April 26	7pm	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	3rd District	4501 Chester Avenue
April 27	7pm	4th District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Comm. Church of Clev.	3342 East 119th Street
May 4	6-8pm	Spice Up Your Life with Chef Sharon Weekly on Wednesdays	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 103B
May 5	6-7:30pm	Yoga with Santell Nelson, Weekly on Thursdays	Anton Grdina Elementary School	2955 East 71st Street
May 7	4-7pm	BBC's 25th Anniversary Event	Anton Grdina Elementary School	2955 East 71st Street
May 14	12pm	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 East 55th Street
May 25	7pm	4th District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Comm. Church of Clev.	3342 East 119th Street
May 31	7pm	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	3rd District	4501 Chester Avenue

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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