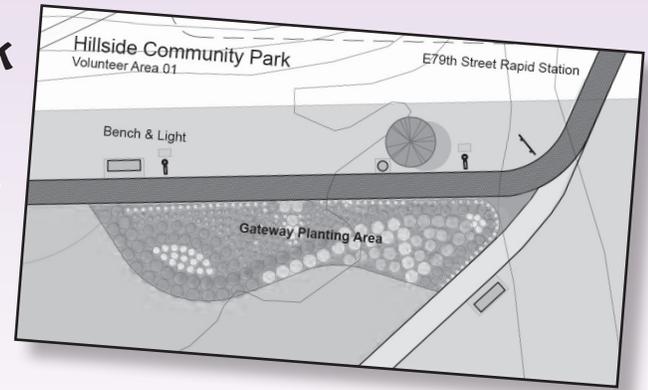


Sow, Seed, and Plant...

the new Hillside Community Park

The new Hillside Community Park is finally underway at the site just off the East 79th Street Blue-Green Rapid station. The first phase of improvements will be completed by the end of August in partnership with the Michael Moore Integrity Construction. The crew will be out making preparations to upgrade the long-standing pathways leading to the station and removing the old equipment from the site. Along the pathways, the project will include new benches, light poles to improve lighting on the site, and landscaping to add color and make it a great place to sit. On Saturday, August 23rd from 10am to noon we invite residents to come out and help Sow, Seed, and Plant the park. It will be a great opportunity to join your neighbors, staff of BBC and other volunteers as we transform this lot for the benefit of the community. If you are interested in learning more about the current plans for the park or participating in the volunteer day on Saturday, August 23rd, please call Erick Rodriguez or Zenobia Lane of BBC at 216.341.1455.



-Erick Rodriguez

Urban Agriculture Exposure Trips Coming this Fall

Have you heard the great news about urban agriculture in the Kinsman neighborhood? For the past five years agriculture [in an urban or city environment] has been among a number of growing trends in Northeast Ohio. Specifically in Cleveland, the Kinsman neighborhood has risen to the top for focusing on healthy living and growing produce locally. From East 55th Street to East 84th Street along Kinsman Road there are over fifty acres of land designated for urban agriculture with a variety of growing techniques such as hydroponics, aquaponics, composting, vermiculture, and traditional in ground growing. Last year, the Kinsman Farm welcomed The Cleveland Urban Egg to the site where they raise chickens to sell eggs.

This fall season, BBC will partner with Rid-All Green Partnership to offer scholars enrolled in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District the opportunity to learn about urban agriculture through the Urban Farm Diet program. This program is an out-of-classroom field experience that guides youth through a real life journey of where food comes from and how it lands on their plates. They are exposed to a series of growing practices that connects to science, math, reading, and writing that they learn in the classroom. They also cook a meal alongside a chef as they learn their food groups and how to eat healthy. After this field experience, youth are re-engaged to learning traditional subjects from a new real life perspective.



BBC would like to acknowledge Marion Sterling and George Washington Carver elementary schools for successfully piloting the Urban Farm Diet program during the 2013 – 2014 school years. Supported by the Abington Foundation and Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Inc. this program will start in September 2014 and will run through May 2015. Registration is open for principals and teachers. To register your classroom, call Sherita Mullins at BBC at 216.341.1455.

-Sherita Mullins

CONSTRUCTION JOBS AVAILABLE FOR THE EXPANSION OF HERITAGE VIEW ESTATES

In the fall, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority [CMHA] will be expanding Heritage View Estates. This expansion will add sixty units of affordable housing to the Kinsman neighborhood.

Employment opportunities will be available for project area residents, surrounding neighborhood residents, MBE, FBE, and Section 3 businesses.

The construction for this development project will be led by

Mistick Construction. In partnership with Mistick Construction, CMHA and BBC will be hosting a two level interview process to determine the eligibility of applicants for employment. The first interview session will be held on August 26th and the second on August 27th. All applicants should be prepared for the application process and have their resumes present. For the location of the interviews or more information, call Zenobia Lane at BBC at 216.341.1455.

-Zenobia Lane

RESOURCES FOR HOMEOWNERS THIS FALL

Every season brings an opportunity to make needed repairs to your home. Below are two home repair programs offered by BBC for the Kinsman and Central neighborhoods and other nonprofit organizations throughout Cleveland. Please note that each of these programs may require applicants to qualify based on income, age, occupancy, and/or other criteria. For more information on these and other programs that may be available, contact Larry LaPrade at BBC at 216.341.1455.

HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Home Weatherization Assistance Program [HWAP] is available free of charge to eligible households to help both homeowners and renters to reduce utility bills, make homes more comfortable for occupants, and keep families safe and healthy.

HWAP entails a variety of repairs and improvements to heating systems, including the installation of insulation, general tune-up of furnaces, and safety and health testing. Many houses built prior to the 1970's lack insulation, which keeps heated air from escaping homes in the winter and cold air from entering interiors, and vice versa in the summer. Additionally, HWAP contractors ensure that furnaces are working efficiently and are not emitting carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can lead to serious health

impairments and even death. If necessary, furnaces will be replaced free of charge.

To be eligible to participate, applicants' household income cannot exceed \$15,315 for a one-person household. For each additional member of the household, add \$5,220 to determine the maximum income limit. The program is open to both homeowners and renters. Residents can only receive HWAP services once every ten years.

FURNACE REPAIR PROGRAM

Experts recommend that homeowners have a qualified heating professional inspect their furnace and heating system prior to the beginning of 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! Beginning October 1, 2014 BBC will offer our Emergency Furnace Repair Program to qualified income eligible seniors who own and occupy their homes in Ward 5. Seniors must be at least 60 years old, and income cannot exceed \$12,900 for a one-person household or \$14,700 for a two person household. BBC can accommodate only a limited number of seniors this year so assistance will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

—Sherita Mullins

Building up Safety and Community in the Kinsman Neighborhood

led by Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland to foster safety and an awareness of community in the Lower Kinsman neighborhood. The committee meets once a month to discuss strategies to enhance safety and design community events for the neighborhood. Over the course of several months, the committee has made great strides towards obtaining its mission. This past spring, committee members facilitated a neighborhood cleanup where residents and partner agencies cleaned approximately two miles of the Lower Kinsman neighborhood. The management staff of Rainbow Terrace showed their leadership by starting the process of installing security cameras, monthly pest control applications, reinstating badges for residents with vehicles and working with CMHA and Cleveland Police to patrol the area. Rainbow Terrace also hosted Night Out Against Crime on August 5th to discourage crime in the Lower Kinsman neighborhood. The Lower Kinsman Safety Committee we would like to hear more from residents on your concerns and feedback regarding safety and community engagement. If you are interested in participating on this committee, contact Nailah Ingram at BBC at 216.341.1455.

BBC has been collaborating with neighboring agencies [Rainbow Terrace Estates, Heritage View Estates, Garden Valley Neighborhood House, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Police and Cleveland Police]

—Nailah Ingram

NEW ADDITIONS TO BRIDGEPORT CAFÉ

Lately, have you had breakfast or lunch at Bridgeport Café? Located inside the Bridgeport Place Plaza on East 72nd and Kinsman Road, Bridgeport Café now has a new outdoor seating area! Relax in a new ambiance while enjoying some of your café favorites. The new outdoor seating area is just one of the new ways the café is accommodating their customers. Having updated to the Square, customers using their credit or debit cards can now receive their receipts straight to their email if they choose to do so. With the light sound of music playing in the background, the café has become the perfect place to catch up with a friend, do work, or have a business lunch. In a hurry? Not a problem! The café accepts call ahead orders to make sure that your meal is ready when you need it be. If you have an upcoming event, see how Bridgeport Café can assist you with your catering needs. Visit bridgeportcafe.com to see the latest menu or call 216.266.0140 to discuss catering options.

—Caitlyn Neely



Down Payment Assistance

If paying for a down payment and closing costs have kept you from getting into a home of your own, OHFA's Down Payment Assistance product may be able to help.

If you qualify for one of OHFA's home loan products, you can choose to take advantage of OHFA's Down Payment Assistance product, which provides qualifying buyers 2.5% of your home's purchase price. The product can be used for the down payment, closing costs or a number of prepaid expenses incurred by the borrower prior to closing. However, homebuyers who use the product pay a slightly higher rate of .5% on their mortgage.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for OHFA's Down Payment Assistance product, you must meet all requirements of your OHFA loan product. To check the requirements for each product, visit www.ohiohome.org.

In addition, you

must complete required homebuyer education through a HUD approved housing counseling agency or use OHFA's Streamlined Homebuyer.

Education course by following these simple steps:

1. Visit www.ohiohome.org and review OHFA's Homebuyer Guide found in the Homebuyer Education Section. Lenders may be able to provide you with printed information if the internet is unavailable to you.
2. Complete the 25-question homebuyer education test and the monthly budget form.
3. Fax the test and budget form by following the instructions on the website [or those provided by the lender] to OHFA. The Agency will forward your information to a housing counseling agency serving your county.
4. A housing counselor will contact you to arrange a one-hour telephone consultation to review the test and budget. They will also answer any questions you may have about the process.
5. Once the education requirement is met, a certificate of completion will be issued to the lender and OHFA. When all other documentation is completed and approved, the loan can close.

For more information on OHFA's Down Payment Assistance product, please visit www.ohiohome.org.

OHFA is an Equal Opportunity Housing entity. Loans are available on a fair and equal basis regardless of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, military status, disability or ancestry.

—Courtesy of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency

Bridgeport Mobile Market Turns One!

The Bridgeport Mobile Market officially celebrated its one-year anniversary on June 28, 2014. After serving 5,881 individuals over the course of the year, there have been many great stories and recipes shared, friends and partnerships made, and memories to last a lifetime. From routine neighborhood stops to ward festivals and other community events, the market has built a strong connection with not only customers, but communities throughout Cleveland.

The Bridgeport Mobile Market truly would not be where it is without supporters! Having begun with just 13 stops, the market is now at 21 locations regularly on a weekly basis and will be expanding to more locations soon.

Many thanks to those who have supported the market and continue to do so on a regular basis. Cheers to the many new friends and partnerships created in the first year, with excitement looking forward to this upcoming year.

If you haven't visited the market yet, be sure to stop by to check out local Orlando Bakery bread, Green City Growers Butter Bib Lettuce, and Kinsman Farm produce! For the most up-to-date schedule visit www.bridgeportmm.com. Visit us at Food Truck Friday at the Free Stamp next to City Hall on: 8/15, 9/12, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, and 10/24 or at Wade Oval Wednesday on 8/20! Follow us on Twitter to see where we are going next: @Bridgeportmobil! If you would like a site in your neighborhood, call Joy Dismukes at 216.400.2010.

—Caitlyn Neely



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ANNUAL MARSHALL AVENUE BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY FAIR

Residents in the Kinsman-Union neighborhood will kick off another school year with fun-filled activities at the Annual Marshall Avenue Back-to-School Safety Fair and Block Party. This event will take place on Saturday, September 6, 2014, 12pm–6pm. Every year, residents block off Marshall Avenue to provide safety tips to area youth and celebrate the start of the school year. Residents enjoy line dancing, games, music, free food, valuable safety and health information. BBC is proud to serve as fiscal agent for this event. To donate or for more information, contact Myra Simmons at 216.322.3227 or at myraplace@yahoo.com.



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Date	Time	EVENT	Location	Address
Sept. 1		Labor Day - BBC's office will be closed		
Sept. 9	6PM-8PM	Healthy You Cooking Class with Vel Scott [Every Tuesday Sept. 9th - Sept. 30th]	Cornucopia Place	7202 Kinsman Road
Sept. 13	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 E. 55th Street
Sept. 24	7:00 PM	4th District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Comm. Church of Clev.	3342 East 119th Street
Sept. 30	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
Oct. 11	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 E. 55th Street
Oct. 13		Columbus Day - BBC's office will be open		
Oct. 22	7:00 PM	4th District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	Covenant Comm. Church of Clev.	3342 East 119th Street
Oct. 28	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Meeting	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
Nov. 2	12am	Daylight Savings - Set Clocks Back One Hour		
Nov. 4	6:30am to 7:30pm	Ohio General Elections	Check with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections for designated polling locations	Check Ward or Precinct
Nov. 8	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 E. 55th Street
Nov. 11		Veteran's Day - BBC's office will be open		
Nov. 25	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
Nov. 26	7:00 PM	4th District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	Covenant Comm. Church of Clev.	3342 East 119th Street
Nov. 27		Thanksgiving - BBC's office will be closed		

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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