

Green City Growers Cooperative Will Open in December 2012

Green City Growers Cooperative (GCGC) will plant the first seeds in early December 2012 in the new 3.25-acre hydroponic greenhouse located at 5800 Diamond Avenue. Construction began on the ten-acre site in January 2012. Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. was instrumental in land assembly for the project and helped make the greenhouse a reality. The greenhouse will grow lettuce and herbs year-round and will sell the produce to grocery stores and foodservice companies within a radius of 150 miles. One percent of the production will be donated to the Cleveland Food Bank.

Green City Growers Cooperative will grow three million heads of lettuce and 300,000 pounds of herbs per year on shallow pools of water. No soil is used in growing the plants. GCGC is the largest food production greenhouse in an urban area in the United States and one of the largest local food initiatives in the country. The first crop of leafy greens will be harvested in January 2013, and crops will be harvested daily throughout the year.

Green City Growers Cooperative is an Evergreen Company which will hire from the neighborhood, and employees have the opportunity to become employee-owners of the company and share in the

profits of the company. The greenhouse will interview potential employees in December 2012 and begin hiring in January 2013. More employees will be hired in early 2013 before the first crops are harvested. All jobs are posted with Employment Connection, 1020 Bolivar Road, Cleveland, 216.664.4673, www.employmentconnection.us. More information about the Evergreen Companies and Green City Growers Cooperative can be found at <http://evergreencooperatives.com>.

—Courtesy of Green City Growers Cooperative



Fresh Produce Now Available through BRIDGEPORT MOBILE MARKET

In addition to the new Bridgeport Café and Cornucopia Place, Bridgeport Mobile Market is open for business to provide the sale of fruits and vegetables throughout the Ward 5 community and surrounding neighborhoods. You will see the Bridgeport Mobile Market at locations such as schools, churches, housing estates, and retail centers. If you would like your place of worship or business added as a stop, call BBC at 216.341.1455.

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Cleveland Recycles

Did you know that there could be hazardous waste in your household? According to the City of Cleveland "common household products found in the kitchen, basement, bath, and garage can emit toxic vapors into the air in your home. These products can also be harmful to the environment if not disposed of properly." To safely dispose of hazardous waste, drop them off at the City of Cleveland Division of Waste Collection located at 5600 Carnegie Avenue. Read the list below for types of material that can be recycled or disposed of safely. For more information, contact the City of Cleveland Recycling Hotline at 216.664.3717 or visit www.cleveland-oh.gov.

-Sherita Mullins

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Oil-based paints [no latex]
- Shellacs
- Varnishes
- Polyurethanes Primers & Sealers
- Spray Paint Adhesives
- Wood Stains
- Paint Thinner
- Mercury [must be sealed in a plastic bag or container]
- Pesticides
- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Automotive Products
- Motor Oil
- Roof Tar
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Household Cleaners [oven and drain]

UNACCEPTED ITEMS

- Tires
- Latex Paint
- Propane Tanks
- Household Batteries

More New Housing Soon Coming to Central



One hundred-forty-seven units of housing in the Central neighborhood will soon be rehabilitated to provide disadvantaged families a safe, affordable, and healthy home.

The project, named New Community Place, entails the renovation of both Community Apartments and partially rehabilitated townhomes at Hill Place. Both Community Apartments and Hill Place are located in the 7000 block of Woodland Avenue.

Community Apartments and Hill Place have had their own distinctive needs for revitalization. Units in the aging Community Apartments were no longer comfortable nor accommodated the needs of today's families. The collapse of the housing market in 2007 derailed the vision for Hill Place, a conversion of the former East Woodland Estates into for-sale condominiums. While thirty townhomes at Hill Place were renovated and sold, forty-seven remained

partially completed, unoccupied, and in foreclosure.

Plans call for a reduction in the number of units at Community Apartments to relieve overcrowding and increase the size of units, which residents have expressed feel small and cramped. A centralized community space that includes a clubhouse will also be constructed.

The units to be eliminated at Community Apartments will be restored at Hill Place so that no affordable housing will be lost in the redevelopment process. New Community Place allows for the vision for Hill Place that has been in limbo for the last several years to be realized and a means for the partially completed townhomes to be rehabilitated and available for occupancy.

New Community Place has been made possible by funding from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, City of Cleveland, and US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid- to late-2013.

For more information regarding New Community Place, contact Jeffrey Sugalski at BBC at 216.341.1455. -Jeffrey Sugalski

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

If you are a senior citizen in need of help with accessing federal, state and community assistance programs, contact the City of Cleveland Department of Aging at 216.664.3418. The City of Cleveland has Benefit Ambassadors that will be happy to assist you in getting a benefit checkup and learning what you are eligible to receive. This service is free and confidential. For more information about other programs offered by the Cleveland Department of Aging, call the main number at 216.664.2833.

-Sherita Mullins

Home Repair Programs to Keep You Warm this Winter Season

BBC has innovative new and existing home repair programs which can help you save some money, make essential repairs, and stay ahead of the cold weather without breaking the bank. These programs are available now, and in most cases, will deliver assistance in time for the winter season.

For senior citizens, the Senior Housing Assistance program is great for addressing electrical, roof, and other common repairs across your household. The program is for primarily low-income seniors over 65 years of age. Applications can be picked up at our office.

For homeowners dealing with furnace issues, or are feeling the pinch of high-energy bills on their wallets, apply today for BBC's Energy Efficiency Program. This program is for all residents of Ward 5 (The Central and Kinsman neighborhoods), but space is limited, so pick up your application today!

BBC is also offering the Home Weatherization Program to qualified homeowners in the Ward 5 area who want to save money on their energy bills, and make insulation, sealing, and other efficiency improvements to their home headed into the New Year. To apply, visit our office.

For homeowners considering making bigger repairs before the winter arrives, you may want to apply for one of the many Home Repair loan programs, offering low interest rates to qualified homeowners. To see a detailed list and description of loans, pick up a copy in our office.

For all home repair needs or any questions about programs, contact Patrick Kennedy at BBC at 216.341.1455, or visits our office and ask for the applications directly. -Patrick Kennedy

Central Residents Engage the Community to Shape their Food Future

With a nearby farmers' market that offers a match on purchases made with an Ohio Direction Card to buy fresh produce, over 30 acres of urban farmland, hydroponic greenhouses slated to produce millions of heads of lettuce a year, and a newly introduced assortment of food retail and education outlets like The Bridgeport Café, Community Kitchen, and Mobile Market, the Central community is not a community lacking in resources to control their food future. However, like other transitioning urban communities, Central is still faced with significant challenges. High poverty, growing rates of unemployment, struggling schools, and limited public transportation have resulted in poor social, environmental, and economic conditions. These factors have also lead to significant health disparities, including growing rates of obesity, diabetes, asthma, cancer, and even infant mortality.

In 2009, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland (SOCF) focused its Healthy Eating, Active Living Program (HEAL) in Central. HEAL stems from the realization that health is more than healthcare and that the community is confronted with several conditions that negatively impact health. Last year, the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Food Policy Coalition convened by OSUE, partnered with SOCF and other Central agencies to advance its HEAL initiative and further support specific programs that have increased opportunities for healthy eating and active living. This strategy was a direct response to the identified needs of Central residents, and in fact, harnesses the social networks in the neighborhood by coalescing a team (made up of mostly residents) actively engaged in HEAL-related programming. This Central HEAL team has been centered around policy, research, and citizen outreach. Over the past year it can be credited for significant accomplishments, including:

- Completing several workshops on topics of community organizing, advocacy, leadership, policy, effective communication, and understanding conflict;
- Assisting the Food Policy Coalition in a network analysis of community health and food assets;
- Administering a comprehensive survey to better understand the connection between transportation and food access;
- Contributing to Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Wellness Policy Committee; and
- Participating in various community outreach efforts to broadly disseminate HEAL information.

HEAL Team goals for the coming year will be to further nutrition in the K-8 schools and early childcare centers by utilizing food environment assessments, in addition to addressing the connection gaps identified by the transportation and food access surveys. To connect with the Central HEAL Team and assist in their work, contact meschkat.1@osu.edu.

—Courtesy of Erika Meschkat, The Ohio State University Extension



Planning Season for the Garden

December may seem like an odd time to think about gardening, but it is actually one of the most important times of the year. The winter is the time for the gardener to start planning for the spring so that you can really maximize the amount of fresh vegetables you can get out of your plot. Here are a few tips to get you started.

1. Look through seed catalogs – seed catalogs are a great way to get you excited about the crops you can grow. Simply contact a company, such as Johnny's Select Seeds, or Fedco to receive a free catalog in the mail. This will ensure that you start planning early.
2. Write out a crop plan for your space for each season – You can get multiple harvests from one space in a year. For example, start spring peas in March, then follow them with summer beets, and then once they are done plant lettuce for the fall. Making a plan ahead of time will help you stay on schedule.
3. Consider taking one of the training programs being offered this winter by Ohio State University Extension here in Cuyahoga County this January. We will offer a Market Gardener Training Program for those interested in gardening for sales, and the "Dig-In! Community Gardner Training Program" for those interested in starting a community garden. For more information visit cuyahoga.osu.edu or call 216.429.8200.

Planning for your bountiful garden is a great way to get through the grey months of winter and a great way to get the most out of your urban garden so you can eat well all year long!

—Courtesy of Amanda Block, Ohio State University Extension in Cuyahoga County

Upcoming Career and Job Fair in the Kinsman Neighborhood

On November 17th, HandsOn Northeast Ohio (HandsOn NEO) hosted "Kids Care Club" for a Saturday morning of family fun at Garden Valley Public Library. This event was held in connection with the National Family Volunteer Day where volunteers and their children ages 4-10 were invited to participate in activities throughout the city of Cleveland. Families created crib blankets for moms and children at Nubian Link, picture frames for seniors at Eliza Bryant, cocoa cards benefitting All Faiths Pantry and Holiday Mail for Heroes.

If you missed National Family Volunteer Day, don't miss the Career and Job Fair at Anton Grdina Elementary School, located at 2955 East 71st Street.

HandsOn NEO is organizing a Career and Job Fair on Tuesday, December 11th, 2012, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This event will be held in partnership with Principal Marwa Ibrahim and Anton Grdina Elementary School. If you or someone you know is looking for employment, you may find it here. Agencies such as the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, Cuyahoga Community College, Veterans Upward Bound, Employment Connections, and many more will be in attendance.

If you would like to participate and find out more information, please contact Katrice Williams at 216.432.9390 or katrice@handsonneo.org.

—Courtesy of Katrice Williams at HandsOn NEO

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CORNUCOPIA PLACE IS NOW OPEN FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND CLASSES

There are a variety of nutrition education and cooking classes offered at the new Cornucopia Place located next door to BBC's office at 7201 Kinsman Road. Every week, you can cook with Chef Eric Wells and enjoy a five course meal with your friends and family. You can also rent the space for private parties or events. To learn more about the type of classes offered at Cornucopia Place or to rent the space, call BBC at 216.341.1455 or visit BBC's website at [www.bbcddevelopment.org](http://www.bbcdvelopment.org).

THE "FOUR CORNERS" PROJECT ON 75TH STREET AND COLFAX ROAD

The Concerned Citizens of Kinsman was recently awarded \$5,000 from Neighborhood Connections to maintain the "Four Corners" project and create a history project. The "Four Corners" project began in the late summer with leveling the land, removing debris and concrete, then planting grass seeds, trees, berry bushes, and a small neighborhood garden behind Bridgeport Place on E. 75th Street and Colfax Road. Over the summer and fall, the garden produced large amounts of zucchini, pumpkin, watermelon, and honeydew for distribution to local residents. Over the winter, this group will be gathering information to highlight the past, present and future of the Kinsman neighborhood and create a beautiful public space within the garden for the upcoming spring 2013. If you would like to be a part of this project, call BBC at 216.341.1455.

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Address
Dec. 8	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting-Annual Holiday Party	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 E. 55th Street
Dec. 11	2:30-5:00 PM	Career and Job Fair	Anton Grdina Elementary School	2955 E. 71st Street
Dec. 11	6:00 PM	Stoke: Diagnosis and Prevention Workshop	Cornucopia Place	7201 Kinsman Road
Dec. 21	5:00 PM	Urban Agriculture Training Programs Application Deadline	Ohio State University Extension of Cuyahoga County	9127 Miles Road
Jan. 12	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 E. 55th Street
Jan. 23	7:00 PM	4th District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	Covenant Community Church of Cleveland	3342 East 119th Street
Jan. 29	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
Feb. 8	5:00 PM	Neighborhood Connections Application Deadline	Neighborhood Connections	1422 Euclid Avenue Suite 1300
Feb. 9	12:00 PM	Ward 5 Club Meeting	Vocational Guidance Services	2235 E. 55th Street
Feb. 26	7:00 PM	3rd District Police Comm. Relations Mtg.	3rd District	10600 Chester Avenue
Feb. 27	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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