STOCKYARD, CLARK-FULTON & BROOKLYN CENTRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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Welcome to the Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office Newsletter!



In the 10th issue, 3/9/11:

- Local Events and Resources
- * Needle-Point Interest Group (Cross Stitch, Knitting, Crochet, etc.)
- Community Spotlight: Diane Morgan (Stockyard Resident)
- Job Openings at Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office and Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization

Events & Community Resources:

ABLE (Advocates for Budget Legislation Equality)

When: Every 3rd Wednesday

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: 3500 Lorain Ave, Basement [Dial 4458 to get in]

CPAAHC (Community Partners for Accessible, Affordable Healthcare)

When: Every 2nd Wednesday

Time: 4:30 pm

Where: 3167 Fulton Rd, 2nd Floor

WATU (We Are the Uninsured)
When: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: 3569 Ridge Ave

West 73rd Block Club & Neighborhood Coalition

When: Thursday, March 10th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Living Faith Church of God and Christ [7115 Dearborn]

West 33rd Block Club

When: Monday, March 14th

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: 3370 West 33rd

West 46th Block Club

When: Tuesday, March 15th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Block Club leaders house (contact Noa Margolin for details at (216) 961-9073 ext. 206)

Upper West 58th Block Club When: Tuesday, March 16th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: VFW [3296 W 61st St]

Unity Block Club

When: Thursday, March 17th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Clark Rec [5706 Clark Ave]

Reconnection Men's Conference: "Looking at the Man in the Mirror"

A conversation with Pastor Dr. Larry L. Macon

When: Saturday, March 5th Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Where: Mt. Zion Church of Oakwood [1 Mount Zion Circle; Bedford, Ohio 44146]

Specifics: Contact Jeremy Langham at (216) 431-9000 for more information; free Continental

breakfast; bus passes available

Home Buying Seminar

When: Saturday, March 12th

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Spanish American Committee [4407 Lorain Ave]

Specifics: Learn about -- Making and keeping their spending plan/ Money management/ Importance of Savings/ Importance of good credit/ How to establish or re-establish credit/ Getting and comparing mortgage loans/ Shopping for a home/ Protect their investment... and much more; classes are in English and Spanish; contact Monica Casillo at 216-961-2100 ext. 227

for more information

Cancer in the African American Community: Helping Families Cope

When: Saturday, March 12th Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Where: Grace Missionary Baptist Church [3742 East 131st St]

Specifics: Learn important information about navigating the health care system/ Learn ways to manage stress/ Participate in a drumming circle with Akil Marshall & Dance Africa Dance/ Activities for children provided during program/ Lunch provided at the end of program

Art House Inc.: Free Open Studio Day

When: Saturday, March 19th Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Art House Inc. [3119 Denison Ave]

Specifics: The program is FREE! (clay is \$2 for 3lbs); Children must be accompanied by an adult;

No pre-registration required; Arrival within 20 minutes of the start time is recommended

Neighborhood Watch Training

Presented by Officer Jeff Stanczyk, Cleveland Police Community Relations Unit



March 22nd, 30th and April 7th 6:00pm-7:00pm

Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization offices *Training is most effective if several members of the same block club attend each session together.

What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighbors coming together to increase awareness and actively take back their neighborhood with respect to crime through education, motivation involvement, organization and mobilization.

Participants will receive a resource manual and "Neighborhood Watch" signs for their block club area.

RSVP to Jessica at 216-961-4242 X226 or jdillworth@dscdo.org before March 21 and receive a FREE Cleveland International Film Festival voucher!







February 1 - April 15, 2011

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Call 211

for appointment

Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:00 – 7:00pm Saturdays 11:00am – 3:00pm



For the second year in a row, the Westside Housing Center will be host to an EITC/VITA tax site. An EITC/VITA tax site offers professional tax preparation FREE OF CHARGE to those who qualify.

Is crocheting, knitting, cross-stitching, or sewing a hobby of yours?

Then why not join a group dedicated to doing just that.



In addition, it's a chance to:

- . Chat with old friends and meet new friends
- Teach each other different needle-point styles
- Have fun in a relaxed setting



When: Monday, March 14th

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Clark Rec [5706 Clark Ave]

All are welcome!

Contact Noa Margolin at (216) 961-9073 ext. 206 or nmargolin@dscdo.org to sign up or for more information!

Community Spotlight: Diane Morgan of the Stockyard Neighborhood

1. Elaborate on your role in the community (example: resident, business owner etc.)

I am a new homeowner in Stockyard area, having moved to Cleveland from Philadelphia
 3.5 years ago and residing in Ohio City.

2. What does 'community' mean to you?

■ There is strength in community, it is the web that binds us together. In so many ways we have lost that sense of community, it is so important to know your neighbors, share their joy, their sorrow, help in times of need or have a good old fashioned bar-b-q!

3. Share the positive aspects of your neighborhood.

There are many residents who have lived there all their lives, whose families live there, who look out for each other. It is diverse and wonderful to see so many people of such ethnic backgrounds living side by side, year after year with respect and care for each other.

4. Where you envision your neighborhood in the next three years?

• Given the state of the economy, it can be an opportunity to bring together more people to grow their own food, re-learn skills of self-sufficiency that have been lost, a bridge between generations. It would be great to see shops popping up as in a village where bread is baked, shoes are mended, ethnic arts and crafts are sold.

5. Share significant stories or events meaningful to you.

Within the first week of moving here, we knew all our surrounding neighbors. It took years for that to happen in other places I have lived. Recently I needed someone to go and check to make sure someone at my home was okay and was able to call on a neighbor. Another neighbor without asking, has cleared the snow from our sidewalk every snow storm. One of my bus stop buddies has offered to help build a chicken coop with us. The people I have encountered are friendly, caring and willing to help each other.

Join Diane Morgan for the... West 65th Block Club Community Garden Informational Meeting

When: Sunday, March 20th (Weather permitting)

Time: 2:00 pm

Where: NxGen Preserve 63 [W. 63rd St, behind Sunoco on Storer] Specifics: Find out about the garden, general cleanup and how to become involved. For more information call Diane Morgan (216) 659-1010 or email huntress58@att.net



Preparations: NxGen Preserve garden



Employment Opportunities with DSCDO and SCFBC:

There are currently three position openings with the Stockyard, Clark Fulton and Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office and Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization:

Development Specialist

The Development Specialist is responsible for coordinating the re-utilization of vacant land in the Clark Fulton, Brooklyn Centre, and Stockyards neighborhoods. The program will be responsible for planning and implementing creative land reuse strategies within the service area to support urban agriculture and greenspace initiatives, as well as promote an improved quality of life through sustainable practices. FT, Salary: \$25,000-\$35,000.

Greenspace and Graffiti Abatement Coordinator

The Greenspace and Graffiti Abatement Coordinator is responsible for coordinating support for local gardens and greenspaces, actively abate graffiti and coordinating community clean-up initiatives in the Clark-Fulton, Brooklyn Centre, and Stockyards neighborhoods. Success of the program will depend on working with community residents and stakeholders, local businesses and institutions, the City of Cleveland, Court Community Services and other partners to redevelop support the redevelopment and greenspace uses of vacant land. PT, Seasonal (April-September), \$10.00/hour

Housing Specialist

The Housing Specialist is responsible for working with Housing Court, Building and Housing Department, financial institutions, mortgage companies, property preservation servicers, block clubs, residents and other partners to improve the building conditions in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood. Success of the program will depend on working with property owners and financial institutions to make them responsible for the conditions of their properties. FT, Salary: \$25,000-\$35,000.

Please e-mail or mail cover letter and resume immediately to:

Megan Meister, Program Director Stockyard, Clark-Fulton and Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office 3167 Fulton Road, Suite 303 Cleveland, Ohio 44109 mmeister@dscdo.org

NO PHONE CALLS. Resumes must be submitted by March 18th, 2011



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http://www.facebook.com/SCFBCCommunityDevelopmentOffice

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- Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to neighbors, co-workers, and peers
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