



## Doc Squad Aims To Cure Ailing Neighborhood

Innovative program teaching young people to explore possibilities, create their futures



Fresh Camp participants (from left): Patrick Warner, Aaron Rodgers, Josh Dix, Lisa Beard, Lacey Beard, and Arianna Rodgers.

By **Derek Dixon**  
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Like many of his peers, 17-year-old Derrick Washington has seen and felt the distrust among people in his Cleveland neighborhood. Fortunately he's found a place and a platform to counter it.

Derrick and six other teenagers — Charles Spooner, 17; Jerricka Scott and Tyler Boykin, 16; Love Walker, 15;

Olympio Moore, 14; and Josh Dix, 13, — recently finished researching, writing and recording a project that expresses their dedication to neighborhood restoration. They canvassed their neighborhoods and much of Case Western Reserve University's campus to gauge the public's perception on several social issues.

Their aim was to synthesize their findings into a musical production that displayed their writing and editing skills without compromising the  
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PUBLISHER'S COLUMN

## BRELO VERDICT, FLASK/MCGRATH LEGACY:

*Just The Latest Chapters In Long History Of Ill-Managed Deadly Forces*  
Kasich-Turner initiative promising new direction

Successful conflict resolution usually begins with identifying what the issues are. It often includes taking a look at how the problems arose and got to be so sticky. And in some cases it may involve looking at instances where similar issues were positively resolved.

The relationship between the community and the police is way out of synch in Cleveland, in many other urban centers across the country, and perhaps generally throughout the nation. It's a problem with many causes and no single solution. Simple injunctions that people should obey whatever orders police issue or that police should use deadly force only when necessary may sound simple on the surface, but they often fail to provide guidance when emotions are high, adrenaline is pumping, and the apparent urgency of the moment does not seem to permit the luxury of dispassionate analysis.

As I write this, the Cleveland community awaits the decision of a single judge as to whether Patrolman Michael Brelo is guilty of manslaughter as a result of his standing on the hood of a car and firing dozens of shots into the defenseless bodies of two unarmed citizens. Part of Brelo's defense

is that he was justifiably in fear of his life. If that argument is sustained — in a situation where such overwhelming force was arrayed against two unarmed citizens — there may be no limits to when a peace officer can shoot and kill a civilian.

This is not to say that Brelo must be found guilty as a matter of law. Even if there were not difficult technical questions about whether this particular out-of-control policeman killed Timothy Russell and Malissa Williams, the case has been so badly managed on so many levels as to render any appropriate criminal punishment virtually impossible to attain. It may be that the legacy of Russell, Williams, and Tamir Rice will be that their deaths, coming after and in the midst of so many others, played a major role in catalyzing community demands for reform that resulted in the establishment of acceptable standards for the use of deadly force.

It is likely that the key element in making progress towards improved community-police relations is not just agreed standards of police and community behavior [note: not even rude, stupid, or even most criminal  
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behavior justifies summary execution] but establishing a relationship of trust between community and police.

The indispensability of building trust between community and police was underscored last month at the closing event in Cleveland State University presidential forum series celebrating the school's 50th anniversary. The forum's focus was on drawing lessons from nearly a half-century of African American mayoral leadership, an era that started here with the 1967 election of Carl B. Stokes.

Stokes of course had a contentious relationship with the Cleveland Police Department. He was possibly the first Cleveland mayor to challenge their autonomy and to seek to rein it in. Stokes famously refused to allow white police officers to enter the Glenville area after a shootout between some armed black militants and police that left dead and wounded on both sides. He feared for the safety of both sides if white police officers entered the area seeking to avenge their colleagues' deaths. While transcripts of the chatter from police radios affirmed the wisdom of his

decision, a case can be made that the relationship between Cleveland's black community and the police has gone unrepaired since that day.

This may be a good place to note that community-police relations are not just a black and white affair. The relationship may not even be primarily racial; white and brown citizens in Cleveland have problems with police actions and attitudes. Class also compounds the issues, for justice in America is both more elusive and more costly for people of lesser means. And perhaps of greater significance, as the charges in Baltimore's Freddy Gray case underscore, is the division along opposite sides of the thin blue line, most often delineated when police union spokespersons say that whatever the officer[s] did was justifiable and perfect, no matter how heinous the police action. [Can they ever just say, "let's wait for the investigation"??]

Mayor Stephen Benjamin of Columbia SC, speaking at the CSU forum to an audience that included as a fellow panelist Cleveland mayor Frank Jackson, talked persuasively about the community's need to engage with a person

they knew and trusted when the inevitable moment of crisis arose. The relationship of trust was more important than anything else, Benjamin argued, when the community is looking for answers about what happened and what is being done about it.

The lesson that seems to elude Cleveland's mayor is that our community by and large has no confidence in either Safety Director Michael McGrath or his predecessor, special mayoral advisor-with-opaque-portfolio Martin Flask. Such confidence as Police Chief Calvin Williams might inspire is undermined by the fact that he reports to McGrath. up being more trusted by the community in the matter of police reform than Jackson. Prompted by the urgings of three black women state legislators — Cleveland's then-Senator Nina Turner and then-Rep. Sandra Williams, along with Rep. Alicia Reese of Cincinnati — in the immediate aftermath of the deaths of Tamir Rice and Tanisha Anderson, and proximate to the indictment of the Cleveland Police Department in scathing terms for its rogue activities, Kasich

commissioned a Task Force to examine community-police relations, unhesitatingly embraced its findings, and has promptly set about using the full powers of his office to make immediate systemic improvements.

The Governor's open, action-oriented and collaborative attitude is what helps to build trust. It is what the Cleveland community is also entitled to from its mayor. The mayor's continued inflexibility on this score is destructive.

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As we await the Brelo decision, word is circulating that community leaders are coordinating plans to keep the peace among the citizenry in the event of a Brelo acquittal. We commend the foresight, effort and commitment of those who may be involved in planning peacekeeping measures. After what we witnessed in Baltimore, and in keeping with the spirit of the legislators who prompted Gov. Kasich to act so decisively, we hope that these peacekeeping efforts utilize the strengths of the entire community, and are not restricted to one gender or one stratum.

— R. T. Andrews

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## ACE Awards \$99,000 in Scholarships



*Glen Shumate, Director of Public Affairs and Education, for Construction Employers Association, speaks at the April 2015 ACE banquet.*

The Cleveland affiliate of the ACE Mentor program awarded \$99,000 in scholarships to Cleveland high school seniors during the organization's annual banquet Tuesday at Windows on the River.

ACE stands for architecture, construction and engineering. The mentoring program, which is designed to motivate students to pursue careers in the industry, operates in 60 cities across the country.

This year in Cleveland, 95 mentors from design and construction companies mentored 120 students from the John Hay Campus and New Tech West, East Tech, James Ford Rhodes, Max S. Hayes and Col-linwood high schools.

ACE students attend classes with their mentors for two hours every other week for about 15 weeks and learn about the design and construction industry.

The students also take

field trips to construction sites and local businesses and work on design projects that are presented at the banquet. Students from the six schools showed off their design projects to family, friends, mentors and school officials at the banquet hall Tuesday evening.

This year's focus was on developing designs, strategies or policies for water management and conservation, specifically in relation to Northeast Ohio.

## Former Governor Strickland speaks to Carnegie Roundtable



Ex-Gov. Ted Strickland met with about 65 attendees at a May 6 session of the Carnegie Roundtable at Angie's Soul Food Café. In brief remarks he pressed typical Democratic Party themes in talking about why he is once again running for political office.

Strickland spoke in favor of raising the minimum wage, preserving the social safety net, and restoring voting rights to formerly incarcerated persons. He denounced an inequitable US economy that he said last year saw Wall Street employees earn more in *bonus money* than the combined total earnings of all minimum wage workers across the country.

A six-term Congressman from southeastern Ohio, Strickland was Governor from 2007-2010 before losing a re-election bid to John Kasich. He's now seeking the Democratic nomination to challenge US Senator Rob Portman next year.

### CAPITAL BEAT

## Minority Business Chief Now Heads State Commerce Dept.



*Jacqueline T. Williams*

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- The point person in Gov. John Kasich's administration for bolstering minority businesses is the new director for the Ohio Department of Commerce.

Jacqueline T. Williams, chief of the Minority Business Development Division in the state's Development Services Agency, was selected to replace Andre T. Porter. She assumed her new post April 11.

Porter is now chairman of

the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

While chief of minority business development, Williams worked to improve minority business participation in state contracts, coordinating efforts of several regional offices and making sure businesses were aware of incentive programs. Kasich regularly boasts that more minority-owned businesses are doing work for the state of Ohio than ever before.



*Alan F. Scott*

Alan F. Scott of Garfield Hts. has been appointed to The Ohio Housing Finance Agency for a term ending January 31, 2021. He previously served on the OHF board in 2002-2003. Scott is experienced in multifamily and low-income housing development. He is past president of the Ohio Home Builders Association and was also president of Zaremba Development for seven years.



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## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRIAL

Public servants and professional politicians know that it's always election season. Here's where you can keep up on who's doing what on the campaign trail.

### Municipal Races

#### Bedford Heights

Councilwoman Kathie Kelso-Perez has pulled petitions to run for mayor against the incumbent, Fletcher Berger, who is running for a third term.

The deadline to file valid petitions to run for mayor or council is June 1.

#### Euclid

Councilwoman Kandace Jones announced at a recent Ward 3 meeting that she is not running for reelection in Euclid.

#### Garfield Heights

The candidate filing date is June 10.

#### Maple Heights

Expect a flurry of candidates to file for Maple Heights City Council before the June 10 deadline. A mayoral primary is probable for September 8 to narrow the field from four or five to just two.

### Cleveland Municipal Court

In a rare move, Cleveland Municipal Court Judge Ed Wade is challenging a colleague, Judge Pauline W. Tarver. Wade's move is predicated on age limits; if he wins, he can serve an additional three years as judge.

The filing date to run for a seat on the Cleveland Municipal Court is June 25.

### Bedford Municipal Court

Attorney Lon D. Solarsky was the first candidate to pull petitions for this seat but declined to commit to the race until last month. He joins Michelle Paris and Deborah M. Turner in seeking to replace Judge Jeffrey L. Dean, appointed earlier this year by Gov. Kasich. Dean is also expected to run for the full six term that commences January 1.

The filing deadline for this race is August 5.

### State Race

#### 2016 Democratic Nomination for US Senate

Cincinnati Councilman P. G. Sittenfeld shows no signs of backing down after the entire party establishment ignored its own rules to give an early endorsement to former Gov. Ted Strickland. Both candidates showed up at Euclid HS last month for a meeting of the County Democratic Party. Sittenfeld spoke first and projected the youthful energy one would expect from a 31 year old. He talked about next year's race against incumbent Rob Portman being a campaign for the future vs. a longing for the past. It made for an ironic moment when Strickland followed Sittenfeld and began to wax about his relationship with the putative Democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton.

Some local rank and file members are unhappy with the state party brass working to shut Sittenfeld down.



P. G. Sittenfeld, Cincinnati Councilman

## REAL MONEY

# Disney Buys Star Wars for \$4 Billion Dollars

By **J. Burner Crew**  
Press Correspondent



Disney is an American Icon and the brand is well known on a global basis. In past years, Disney was known for theme parks and animated films like Snow White and Cinderella. Today, Disney is so much more. The brand includes a premier Cruise line, Marvel Studios, ABC, ESPN and of course the Theme Parks.

We like Disney as a long-term investment for many reasons. The company and its many subsidiaries operate as a worldwide entertainment company. The media network division operates The Disney Channels, ESPN, ABC

Family and several radio stations. The Parks and Resorts division operates Disneyland, Disneyworld, Disney Paris, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

One of the rising stars within the company is the Marvel Studios family of superheroes. Spiderman, Iron Man, Thor and The Avengers are all first tier brands in their own right. Many of the storylines have been taken from comic books that were written 50 years ago. By example, Captain America is a storyline from the 1950s about WWII, so the content can be transferred to film. In Asia, Marvel has hit a major home run with the Transformer Series. Filmed in Asia and released in Asia first, it has earned Marvel a fan base

without rival. The Avengers release their second film "Age of Ultron," in May of this year. The Marvel superhero series is the ultimate answer to the sequel. Comic books provide the storyline and content for a never-ending revenue stream. Disney has partnered with Netflix to release second tier superheroes in an effort to maximize revenue for lesser known characters.

Adding strength to the studio family is the number one animated film of all time, Frozen, the story of a young princess that most young girls relate to. On the day Disney earnings were released, the company shared the impact of Frozen sales. The share price of Disney increased by 7 points. They also announced

a commitment to Frozen 2.

A recent decision to purchase the rights to the Star Wars series for \$4 Billion USD does have risk for repayment, however, they now add the Lucasfilm Library to their list of number one media hits.

As a long term investor owning high quality brands has value, and if you are comfortable with the concept of a mutual fund as a way of diversifying risk, Disney shares offer a great way to diversify in the entertainment segment of your investment portfolio. In the past year, the shares have increased by 39% so the position is not cheap, however high quality positions rarely are. The intent here is to share the depth of a brand many investors may not be aware

**"Adding strength to the studio family is the number one animated film of all time, Frozen, the story of a young princess that most young girls relate to."**

of when the Disney name is mentioned. Our thoughts may be on Mickey and the Theme Parks, but today the media content is driving profitability and the share price.

Compliance with SEC regulations does not allow the recommendation of a stock in this type of publication so do the research and understand the opportunity may fit with your investment objectives.

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# Exquisite Manor of Service Awaits in Euclid

By **Derek Dixon**  
PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Planning the prospective bride's dream wedding has been known to induce panic. The six-figure CEO's first corporate banquet won't survive a sub-standard dinner menu. The outdoorsman's tenth anniversary getaway needs a distinctive rustic feel.

You might think these events call for three different venues, unless you have toured what veteran event planner Angela Slocum-Newby has taken to calling the "The Jewel of Northeast Ohio."

The familiar campus of the former Manor Party Center has been rebranded as the Manor of Euclid: A Banquet and Conference Center. It also has a new manager in Slocum-Newby, a veteran of decades of event planning and production. She has established a new focus on customized upscale services and promises the Manor will deliver nothing less than excellence in every patron's experience.

"From the time you encounter us to the time you say 'goodbye', you will receive a

service of excellence," affirms the facility's general manager and married mother of five. "Quality event planning is all about the details. Our current campaign is 'Reaching through the senses of sight, hearing and taste.' We engage all three, and it starts as soon as you walk in the door.

"We don't use artificial anything. The flowers, food and pictures are all authentic. Everything in our facility is customized and freshly prepared."

Take the food, for instance. Each and every dish is personally prepared by Paul Valkoff, a rare level of involvement for an in-house, four-star executive chef. Is Veal Saltimbocca on your wish list? How about Seared Flat Iron Steak with Chimichurri Sauce?

Not every dish is fancy. Simpler pallets can still rise early to customized waffles (or a bit later for the Somerset brunch), grab a custom-made hoagie boxed lunch for junior, indulge the Dressing-Stuffed Chicken Breast that evening, and save the Manor Chocolate Mousse for dessert.

Bridal services are another specialty service Slocum-Newby has brought to the Manor. She likes to in-



clude every aspect of wedding preparation is included in the consultation services as a means of de-stressing the future bride. This includes a team-oriented staff that, throughout the wedding ban-

quet, provides white glove service to all guests. "I'm (still) looking for people who have a special gift to want to serve. I continually seek out experienced, gifted event and sales professionals," says Slocum-Newby. Creativity and imagination aren't just for the patrons. The wedding cake itself, regardless of how elaborate and deco-

native, receives its very own introduction along with the wedding party. A staff member literally balances the cake on a single hand in full display of the guests, ending the march with a "cake selfie"!

lie just beyond the trees that border the twelve-acre complex. Slocum-Newby wants the bride and groom thinking "top of the mind" about returning to The Manor for their first outdoor getaway. Between the two facilities is the seductive lure of the Manor's fourteen-foot tall, white gazebo, featuring a hanging chandelier and, if desired, flowing drapes. Photo opportunities abound and the service is just as attentive there as indoors.

While she readily admits it's a continuing process, Slocum-Newby credits the entire Manor team with working tirelessly to transform the center into a first class example of elegance and style.

Prospective guests may call the Manor of Euclid at 216-481-8080 during regular business hours, or access the website at [www.themanorbcc.com](http://www.themanorbcc.com).

## "Quality event planning is all about the details."



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## BPACF Lifetime Achievement Awards Luncheon set for May 17



Dr. Julian Earls, top-left, Dr. Daisy Alford Smith, top-right, Dr. Linda Bradley, bottom-left, Judge Sara J Harper, Bottom-right.

The BPA Charitable Foundation will present the exclusive Lifetime Achievement Award to a quartet of trailblazers with careers that span more than twenty-five years of service.

The 2015 Class includes Dr. Daisy Alford-Smith (Girl Scouts of America), Dr. Linda Bradley (Cleveland Clinic), Dr. Julian Earls (NASA Glenn) and Judge Sara J. Harper (Ohio Supreme Court). This quinquennial event will salute the 2015 Class for their commitment to leadership, professional excellence and community engagement.

The Lifetime Achievers Luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 17 from 2 to 5 pm at the Cleveland Marriott East, 26300 Harvard Road, Warrensville Hts.

Tickets to the event are just \$50 and include a delicious dinner buffet and live entertainment. The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, May 14, 2015. Visit BPACF.org or call 216.229.7110 for more information.

## New Leadership at County Health and Human Service Agencies

### Richard Jones to Senior and Adult Services; Thomas Pristow to Children and Family

County Executive Armond Budish has appointed two agency Administrators within the Department of Health and Human Services. Richard Jones will run the Division of Senior and Adult Services, and Thomas Pristow will lead the Division of Children and Family Services.

Jones most recently was Senior Vice-President of Community Investment for the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, and immediately prior was Administrator of Employment and Family Services for Cuyahoga County.

Jones has a wide range of public and non-profit sector leadership experience, including eight years as President and CEO of the Center for Families and



Richard Jones, Division of Senior and Adult Services, left. Thomas Pristow, Division of Children and Family Services, right.

Children in Cleveland, and 13 years as President and CEO of Metropolitan Families and Children in Chicago.

Pristow most recently served as Director of Children and Family Services for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services,

overseeing 2,000 employees and a \$750 million budget. He has over 20 years of management experience in child welfare and human services, having previously directed city and county human service departments in Virginia and Vermont.

## West African exhibit at CMA thru May 31

Stroll slowly through the “Sen- ufo: Art and Identity in West Africa” on exhibit through the end of the month at the Cleveland Museum of Art and you are apt to think afresh about the place and meaning of culture in societies and in every day life.

The exhibit is a fascinating collection of figure sculptures, masks and decorative arts from a shifting geographic region of West Africa.



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## ART

## Winners of 11th District 2015 Congressional Student Art Competition Announced



*New Zealand Landscape* by Alice Janigro, a Cleveland Heights High School student. Her mixed media artwork won Best in Show/Grand Prize.

Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge (OH-11) has announced the winners of the 2015 Eleventh Congressional District Art Competition. The Best in Show/Grand Prize winner is Alice Janigro of Cleveland Heights High School. Alice won the top honor in the competition with her mixed media work of art

entitled *New Zealand Landscape*. An awards ceremony was held May 2 at the Memorial-Nottingham Branch of the Cleveland Public Library where all student entries will be on display through the end of this month.

Alice and winners from each Congressional District around the country will have

their artwork displayed for one year in the Cannon Tunnel leading into the U.S. Capitol and have the opportunity to attend a reception in their honor in Washington D.C.

More than 110 works of art were entered. The art professionals from the district who served as judges were Maggie Denk-Leigh, Cleveland Institute of Art; Vince Reddy, LAND Studio; Sarah Siebert, LAND Studio; Gary Williams, Sankofa Fine Arts Plus; and Tony Morrison, Photography by Tony, Inc.

Janigro bested Jamal Gibson of Cleveland School of the Arts [2d] and Daevon Woodard of Shaw HS [3d] in the mixed media category.

Other first place winners were Christina Kerner Beaumont High School [painting]; Regina Egan, Hathaway Brown School [printmaking]; Dejah Archie-Davis, Cleveland School of Archi-

ecture and Design at John Hay [Computer Generated Artwork]; Kortney Lynum, Cleveland Heights HS [drawing]; and Nate Sturdivant, Cleveland School of the Arts [Photography].

Funding Opportunity for Artists in the Health Space Northeast Shores Development Corporation [NSDC] is offering a new program that give teams of artists and health practitioners an opportunity to propose creative solutions to improving health outcomes in the North Shore Collinwood neighborhood of Cleveland.

Throughout 2015, NSDC will be awarding \$100,000 of funding support programs in the neighborhood. Artist teams are being asked to propose creative solutions to improve health outcomes in the neighborhood.

For more information, call 216.481.7660.

## ART



Tri-C Professor Ed Ridley's newly-released CD, "Mystique", is available on iTunes or via <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/edridleyandseriousbusine>.

Professor Ridley, a music educator at Tri-C, is the musical director for the upcoming production of "The Wiz" at Karamu Theatre (May 26 through June 21).

A second CD, featuring the entire band, is slated to drop around November.

## Maple Heights HS team wins TV-5's weekly Academic Challenge



A team of scholars from Maple Heights High School won its match on WEWS-TV5's Academic Challenge on April 11. The team, comprised of senior Sharilyn Clark, sophomore Adonis Pugh and junior class president and team captain Cyan Blackwell, started off slowly but forged ahead in the next to last round and hung on for the victory

against North Ridgeville HS in Lorain County and Madison HS in Lake County.

Begun on WEWS-TV in 1964, the show focuses on math, science, history and other topics, and is one of the longest running locally produced programs in the country. Each season 78 teams, representing schools from the Northern Ohio re-

gion, compete on the 26 regular season programs.

The team, along with team alternates and coach/advisor Dan Kovalak, was recognized at the May 6 meeting of City Council.

Academic Challenge can be seen every Saturday at 7:00 pm on WEWS. The winning episode can be viewed at [newsnet5.com/news/academic-challenge](http://newsnet5.com/news/academic-challenge).





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# African American Cultural Garden Groundbreaking set for May 11

The long-awaited groundbreaking for the African American Cultural Garden is set for Monday, May 11, beginning at 1:00pm at 890 Martin Luther King Boulevard in Cleveland.

The African American Cultural Garden is a tribute to the history, culture, artistry and enduring strength of people of African and American heritage throughout Greater Cleveland, the United States and the African Diaspora. The garden was designed by architect W. Daniel Bickerstaff II and was unveiled in a ceremony

at Cleveland City Hall in December 2011.

The Garden was the vision of Cleveland historian and civic activist Booker T. Tall. Through his efforts, along with other community leaders, four acres of land were dedicated in 1977 as what was then called the Afro-American Cultural Garden. Funds were allocated by former Mayor Michael R. White and through the efforts of Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Cleveland City Council, the Association of African American Cultural Gardens, the African Amer-

ican Cultural Garden Task Force and many other community leaders, construction for Phase One of the African American Cultural Garden will finally begin.

Many civic, business and community leaders, including the Mayor, are expected to attend. The event will take place rain or shine.

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Debbie Hanson of ClevelandPeople.Com presents a \$500 Petitti gift card to President Carl Ewing of the African-American Garden. Courtesy Facebook.com



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## City Hall Watch

### MAPLE HEIGHTS

You might think that if your city was in fiscal emergency there would be a palpable sense of urgency among governmental officials. If your city is Maple Heights and your mayor is Jeff Lansky, you would be wrong.

Once the State Auditor has declared a city has been placed in fiscal emergency it triggers a process whereby state officials come in to guide the municipality through a budgetary process designed to get it back on track. This involves city officials, typically the mayor, submitting nominees who live or work in the city to the Governor, who then selects candidates from among those nominees to serve on the city's fiscal commission.

If you are Maple



Jeff Lansky

Heights it doesn't work that way. According to state officials, Maple Hts. has been difficult to communicate with, slow to submit nominees, and failed to properly vet those nominees, one or more of whom neither live nor work in Maple Heights. Moreover, while Mayor Lansky did submit the names sometime in April, he has failed to share that information with the 50 or more city residents who now attend council meetings. Perhaps he wants to

keep from sharing information with three of the regular attendees — Annette Blackwell, Neomia Mitchell, and Councilman Bill Brownlee — who have declared they want his job, even though one of them is on Council.

We'd ask the mayor, but he's made it plain he doesn't want to speak with us. Ever. About anything.

Meanwhile, one city resident asked for some detail about attorney's fees being paid to the law director's firm relative to litigation between the city and Brownlee, who was the sole nay vote in paying the fees. The city attorney present made no useful response to the inquiry, saying that the answer to her question was obvious, "right there on the page".



Billy Graves

### WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Council members and residents heard Jesse Sanders, director of the County Library Warrensville branch, report that his branch is #1 in the county system in computer usage. He also reminded citizens that library meeting rooms may be reserved and used free of charge.

Jennifer Lastery has been hired as the new Director of the Civic Center and Senior Services. Her prior position

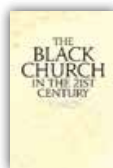
was in the county fiscal office. Her first day will be May 11.

Resident Billy Graves was acknowledged for his 14 years of service on the City's Planning Commission.

Unofficial results from the Board of Elections indicate that city voters overwhelmingly approved tax levy renewals for fire and police services. The fire vote was 90.8% in favor while the police levy gained "only" an 89.6% approval. For the record, the school district levy passed with 87% of the vote.



Jennifer Lastery



## EDITOR'S NOTE:

We have received several favorable comments about the first installment on *THE BLACK CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY SERIES* by Afi-Odelia E. Scruggs. The next installment will appear in June.

## Veterans Advocacy Chief To Speak At Euclid Library May 19

Jeremiah Martin, local director of the Concerned Veterans for America, will talk about the VA scandal and its impact on veterans and the nation as a whole when he addresses the monthly meeting of the Euclid Republican

Club on May 19.

The meeting starts at 7pm in the Shore Room of the Euclid Public Library, 631 East 222 St. All are welcome. Martin's remarks will be followed by a Q&A session.



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# County Funds Demolition of Vacant Buildings

By **R. T. Andrews**  
Editor

Cleveland and its first ring suburbs contain multiple examples of communities — Slavic Village, Glenville, East Cleveland, Maple Heights — that could be poster children for the devastation wrought by Wall Street’s redistribution of wealth from working class America to the already overflowing bank accounts of the super rich.

Predatory lending is not a 21st century phenomenon. But a combination of factors that include the globalization of finance, a loosening of regulatory schemes such as Glass Steagall that had been in place since the Depression, and the ever-increasing sophis-

tication of sleight-of-hand techniques made possible by technological wizardry, combined to provide what former Cuyahoga County treasurer Jim Rokakis among others has described as the greatest rip off of black wealth since slavery.

Of course, black people were far from the only victims of this massive fraud. In fact, so virulent were the effects that hardly any community’s residents in this county were unaffected. Just as a vacant and abandoned house next door depreciates the value of your home, so does the decline of the neighboring community depress the more affluent municipalities to which it is adjacent.

And while more affluent communities suffer less permanent damage, are thrown for less of a loss and

rebound faster, the cumulative countywide effect is such that Cuyahoga County is underwriting what may turn out to be a \$50 million demolition program to tear down thousands of distressed residential, commercial and industrial properties.

Last month, the County announced first round awards of \$10.66 million in funding to twenty-two cities, mostly eastside suburbs. Each city could apply for up to \$1 million and had to designate the properties it proposed to demolish.

Participating cities, followed by the amount of their awards, include: Bedford, \$425,000;

Bedford Heights, \$620,000; Cleveland, \$992,240; Cleveland Heights, \$709,000; East Cleveland: \$1 million; Euclid, \$1 million;

Garfield Heights, \$950,000; Oakwood, \$204,000; Richmond Heights, \$100,000; Shaker Heights, \$885,000; South Euclid, \$400,000; and Warrensville Heights: \$395,000.

The properties listed below are those initially slated for demolition by the fall of 2016. Some properties on the list can be removed depending on a number of factors. Cities have the option to manage the demolition process themselves but several have chosen to contract the work to the County Land Bank.

County Executive Armond Budish announced the appointment of Ken Surratt as deputy director of housing to oversee the demolition program.



*Ken Surratt,  
Cuyahoga County  
Deputy Director  
of Housing*



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEMOLITION GRANTS

**BEDFORD:**  
**\$425,000**

**BEDFORD HEIGHTS:**  
**\$620,000**

**CLEVELAND:**  
**\$992,240**

**CLEVELAND HEIGHTS:**  
**\$709,000**

**EAST CLEVELAND:**  
**\$1 MILLION**

**EUCLID:**  
**\$1 MILLION**

**GARFIELD HEIGHTS:**  
**\$425,000**

**OAKWOOD VILLAGE:**  
**\$204,000**

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS:**  
**\$100,000**

**SHAKER HEIGHTS:**  
**\$885,000**

**SOUTH EUCLID:**  
**\$400,000**

**WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS:**  
**\$395,000**

# CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEMOLITION GRANTS

## BEDFORD



85 SOUTHWICK RD • 44146  
42 HARRISON ST • 44146  
88 JOHN ST • 44146

## BEDFORD HEIGHTS

22053 AURORA RD • 44146  
26241 CANNON RD • 44146  
24801 ROCKSIDE RD • 44146  
5619 MEADOW LN • 44146

26141 AURORA RD • 44146  
5945 KIMBERLY RD • 44146  
5954 KIMBERLY DR • 44146  
24285 UPPINGHAM RD • 44146

24360 UPPINGHAM RD • 44146  
6198 MARK DR • 44146

## CLEVELAND HEIGHTS



868 ELOISE DR • 44112  
926 HELMSDALE RD • 44112  
946 HELMSDALE RD • 44112  
933 RAVINE DR • 44112  
999 CALEDONIA AVE • 44112  
1030 NELAVIEW RD • 44112  
896 GREYTON RD • 44112  
881 GREYTON RD • 44112  
870 SELWYN RD • 44112  
945 GREYTON RD • 44112  
960 GREYTON RD • 44112  
952 GREYTON RD • 44112  
1014 GREYTON RD • 44112

3369 SYLVANHURST DR • 44112  
3382 SPANGLER RD • 44112  
3366 HENDERSON RD • 44112  
1083 PEMBROOK RD • 44121  
1000 WOODVIEW RD • 44121  
890 WOODVIEW RD • 44121  
3649 ATHERSTONE RD • 44121  
3702 ATHERSTONE RD • 44121  
3554 RANDOLPH RD • 44121  
3740 LOWELL RD • 44121  
1030 RENFIELD DR • 44121  
1227 CLEVELAND HTS BLVD • 44121  
3812 DELMORE RD • 44121

3784 DELMORE RD • 44121  
1137 YELLOWSTONE RD • 44121  
1125 YELLOWSTONE RD • 44121  
2406 NOBLE RD • 44121  
1704 LEE RD • 44118  
13081 CEDAR RD • 44118  
3123 EAST DERBYSHIRE RD • 44118  
3344 BEECHWOOD AVE • 44118  
BEECHWOOD AVE • 44118  
3337 DESOTA AVE • 44118  
3413 DESOTA AVE • 44118  
3432 ALTAMONT AVE • 44118  
3249 DESOTA AVE • 44118

3160 WHITETHORN RD • 44118  
1689 LEE RD • 44118  
3249 OAK RD • 44118  
2796 COLERIDGE RD • 44118  
13074 CEDAR RD • 44118  
13367 CEDAR RD • 44118  
13403 CEDAR RD • 44118  
3365 KILDARE RD • 44118  
3347 CEDARBROOK RD • 44118  
3261 SILSBY RD • 44118

## EAST CLEVELAND

13402 LAMBERT AVE • 44112  
1237 E 134 ST • 44112  
1453 E 135 ST • 44112  
1580 E 133 ST • 44112  
13504 FOURTH AVE • 44112  
1772 HAYDEN AVE • 44112  
1513 PONTIAC RD • 44112  
1509 PONTIAC RD • 44112  
1524 LAKEFRONT AVE • 44112  
1528 LAKEFRONT AVE • 44112  
1516 PONTIAC ST • 44112  
1661 ELSINORE AVE • 44112  
1657 ELSINORE ST • 44112  
1653 ELSINORE ST • 44112  
1643 ELSINORE ST • 44112  
1635 ELSINORE ST • 44112  
1627 ELSINORE ST • 44112  
1613 ELSINORE ST • 44112  
1634 ELSINORE ST • 44112  
1638 ELSINORE ST • 44112  
1640 HOLYOKE AVE • 44112  
1634 LAKE FRONT AVE • 44112  
1613 PONTIAC AVE • 44112  
1604 PONTIAC AVE • 44112  
1827 HAYDEN AVE • 44112  
1797 HAYDEN AVE • 44112  
1769 HAYDEN AVE • 44112

1765 HAYDEN AVE • 44112  
14302 SHAW AVE • 44112  
14118 NORTHFIELD AVE • 44112  
14011 SHAW AVE • 44112  
12621 EUCLID AVE • 44112  
1762 HOWER AVE • 44112  
1767 AUBURNDALE AVE • 44112  
12800 SPEEDWAY OVERLOOK • 44112  
1202 EDDY RD • 44108  
1218 EDDY RD • 44108  
1164 N. LOCKWOOD AVE • 44112  
1258 ROZELLE AVE • 44112  
1646 LOCKWOOD AVE • 44112  
1656 LOCKWOOD AVE • 44112  
1668 LOCKWOOD AVE • 44112  
1657 CARLYON RD • 44112  
1612 CARLYON RD • 44112  
1620 CARLYON RD • 44112  
1636 CARLYON RD • 44112  
1640 CARLYON RD • 44112  
1648 CARLYON RD • 44112  
1620 ELBERON AVE • 44112  
1624 ELBERON AVE • 44112  
1664 ELBERON AVE • 44112  
13021 EUCLID AVE • 44112  
1781 DELMONT AVE • 44112  
1680 ELBERON AVE • 44112

1776 ELBERON AVE • 44112  
1780 ELBERON AVE • 44112  
1777 ELBERON AVE • 44112  
1689 CARLYON RD • 44112  
1761 ELBERON AVE • 44112  
1820 WADENA ST • 44112  
1832 WADENA ST • 44112  
1836 WADENA ST • 44112  
1840 WADENA ST • 44112  
1844 WADENA ST • 44112  
1882 WADENA ST • 44112  
1886 WADENA ST • 44112  
12704 FOREST HILL AVE • 44112  
12620 FOREST HILL AVE • 44112  
1848 BRIGHTWOOD ST • 44112  
1902 BRIGHTWOOD ST • 44112  
1889 PENROSE AVE • 44112  
1865 PENROSE AVE • 44112  
1839 PENROSE AVE • 44112  
1829 PENROSE AVE • 44112  
1821 PENROSE AVE • 44112  
1886 PENROSE AVE • 44112  
1818 ALVASON RD • 44112  
1838 ALVASON RD • 44112  
1852 ALVASON RD • 44112  
1839 WADENA AVE • 44112  
1835 WADENA AVE • 44112

1880 ROXBURY RD • 44112  
1884 ROXBURY RD • 44112  
1855 ROXBURY RD • 44112  
1825 ROXBURY RD • 44112  
1901 ALVASON RD • 44112  
1875 ALVASON RD • 44112  
1859 ALVASON RD • 44112  
1823 ALVASON RD • 44112  
1819 ALVASON RD • 44112  
1844 IDLEWOOD RD • 44112  
1858 IDLEWOOD RD • 44112  
1870 IDLEWOOD AVE • 44112  
13400 LAMBERT ST • 44112  
1873 ROSALIND AVE • 44112  
13708 FERNWOOD AVE • 44112  
13704 FERNWOOD AVE • 44112  
1885 BELMORE AVE • 44112  
1877 WINDERMERE ST • 44112  
1855 BEERSFORD AVE • 44112  
1864 WYMORE AVE • 44112  
13995 MONT AVE • 44112  
16214 NELAVIEW RD • 44112  
15850 TERRACE RD • 44112  
1998 NELAWOOD RD • 44112  
1995 NELAWOOD RD • 44112

## EUCLID



553 E 185 ST • 44119	130 E 205 ST • 44123	23750 LAKE SHORE BLVD • 44123	1491 E 193 ST • 44117
553 E 185 ST • 44119	20851 CRYSTAL AVE • 44123	24331 MAPLEWOOD DR • 44123	1459 E 221 ST • 44117
549 E 185 ST • 44119	21951 WESTPORT AVE • 44123	22671 SHORE CENTER DR • 44123	25461 EUCLID AVE • 44117
543 E 185 ST • 44119	645 VOELKER AVE • 44123	26410 LAKE SHORE BLVD • 44132	1301 E 279 ST • 44132
19900 TYRONNE AVE • 44119	283 E 246 ST • 44123	21500 ST CLAIR AVE • 44117	24800 EUCLID AVE (Pool Bldg) • 44117
31 E 206 ST • 44123	275 E 246 ST • 44123	1464 E 196 ST • 44117	24800 EUCLID AVE (Hotel Bldg) • 44117

## MAPLE HEIGHTS



16000 RAYMOND ST • 44137	19114 FAIRWAY AVE • 44137	5349 BEECHWOOD AVE • 44137	14616 BRUNSWICK AVE • 44137
5188 LEE RD • 44137	18705 FAIRWAY AVE • 44137	5346 HOLLYWOOD AVE • 44137	5840 DUNHAM RD • 44137
5136 STANLEY AVE • 44137	19316 MILAN DR • 44137	5650 JEFFERSON AVE • 44137	6000 DUNHAM RD • 44137
5166 STANLEY AVE • 44137	19715 NITRA AVE • 44137	5619 LAFAYETTE AVE • 44137	15625 MAPLEWOOD AVE • 44137
15833 FRIEND AVE • 44137	19208 FAIRWAY AVE • 44137	5600 LAFAYETTE AVE • 44137	15401 ROCKSIDE RD • 44137
15732 FRIEND AVE • 44137	19616 LONGVIEW AVE • 44137	16402 HOME ST • 44137	15217 ROCKSIDE RD • 44137
16506 MAPLE HEIGHTS BLVD • 44137	20611 WATSON RD • 44137	16506 HOME ST • 44137	16113 ROCKSIDE RD • 44137
5636 KENTON AVE • 44137	20513 WATSON RD • 44137	16401 HOME ST • 44137	15312 RAMAGE AVE • 44137
5479 GRASMERE AVE • 44137	20608 WATSON RD • 44137	16720 GERARD AVE • 44137	15816 RAMAGE AVE • 44137
5455 GRASMERE AVE • 44137	20905 FRANKLIN RD • 44137	16752 GERARD AVE • 44137	15817 DUNBURY DR • 44137
5482 GRASMERE AVE • 44137	21001 HILLGROVE AVE • 44137	5702 GARFIELD AVE • 44137	16017 EVENINGSTAR AVE • 44137
5499 CLEMENT AVE • 44137	20817 HANSEN RD • 44137	5619 JEFFERSON AVE • 44137	6101 DUNHAM RD • 44137
5529 DALEWOOD AVE • 44137	21309 FRANKLIN RD • 44137	5701 HARRISON AVE • 44137	15321 LONGVALE AVE • 44137
17204 MAPLE HEIGHTS BLVD • 44137	21511 HILLGROVE AVE • 44137	5679 GARFIELD AVE • 44137	16112 WOODBROOK AVE • 44137
5177 CLEMENT ST • 44137	18413 LIBBY RD • 44137	15513 BENHOFF DR • 44137	
5233 ANTHONY ST • 44137	19709 MOUNTVILLE DR • 44137	14039 MAPLE AVE • 44137	
18209 MCCRAKEN AVE • 44137	20519 LIBBY RD • 44137	5254 BEECH AVE • 44137	
18111 MCCRAKEN AVE • 44137	5448 SOUTH BLVD • 44137	5241 FOREST AVE • 44137	
5178 ERWIN ST • 44137	5453 THOMAS ST • 44137	14875 GRANGER RD • 44137	
5151 ARCH ST • 44137	17720 LIBBY RD • 44137	5371 ROYAL ST • 44137	
5115 THOMAS ST • 44137	5323 CATO ST • 44137	5367 ROYAL ST • 44137	
5224 ARCH ST • 44137	5300 SOUTH BLVD • 44137	5310 KOHOUT ST • 44137	
5203 ARCH ST • 44137	18304 WATERBURY AVE • 44137	14207 TABOR AVE • 44137	
5069 ERWIN ST • 44137	5547 OAKWOOD AVE • 44137	15018 KREMS AVE • 44137	
18680 NITRA ST • 44137	5429 ELMWOOD AVE • 44137	15015 TOKAY AVE • 44137	

## OAKWOOD VILLAGE

7272 FREE AVE • 44146	7309 WRIGHT AVE • 44146	22970 KIRKLAND RD • 44146	22774 HIGH RD • 44146
7268 FREE AVE • 44146	22900 KIRKLAND RD • 44146	24140 LINCOLNVILLE AVE • 44146	7555 HICKORY RD • 44146
7246 FREE AVE • 44146	22249 WEBER PARK RD • 44146	26260 MILBURN RD • 44146	7527 STEPHEN RD • 44146

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS

26102 CHARDON RD • 44143	27350 HIGHLAND RD • 44143	450 RICHMOND PARK WEST DR • 44143
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## WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

19017 LANBURY AVE • 44122	20715 EAST RIDGEWOOD RD • 44122	19809 CHERRYWOOD LN • 44128	22715 VERA ST • 44128
20614 AMHERST RD • 44122	19600 HARVARD AVE • 44122	4557 NORTHFIELD RD • 44128	4975 MILES RD • 44128
20516 AMHERST RD • 44122	19316 CHERRYWOOD LN • 44128	4499 NORTHFIELD RD • 44128	23708 EMERY RD • 44128
19900 GLADSTONE RD • 44122	19512 MEADOWLARK LN • 44128	4401 LEE HEIGHTS BLVD • 44128	
20715 EAST SUNSET RD • 44122	20015 BUTTERNUT LN • 44128	4512 PARKTON DR • 44128	
19915 RIDGEWOOD AVE • 44122	19906 LONGBROOK RD • 44128	4513 PARKTON DR • 44128	



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## Doc Squad Continued from Page 1



"Doc" Harrill, left, and Derrick Washington, right.

intensity of their message. Working with Wade Park area resident "Doc" Harrill, their dream is the eventual emergence of a safer, more productive community.

"My goal is to cultivate youth leadership through these community-based hip-hop-in-action programs," explains Harrill, whose increasingly popular Fresh Camp brand is on its fifth successful endeavor showcasing Cleveland youth leading positive neighborhood change. "By tying the song-writing process to real community action, students gain creativity, confidence and character that will serve them for years to come as they enter adulthood."

Several outside institutions have offered physical and financial resources to help bring the project to fruition. The Music School Settlement adjacent to Case's campus has provided a series of rooms on the third floor of their building, two of which are used as portable recording studios and a third for editing and production. The camp has also received funding from various donors.

Jerrica tackled the issue of murder in self-defense in her production of "What if I Waz You?" In the song "Population", Love attempts to make sense of the seemingly meaningless routines of everyday people. In "People Going Crazy" (Josh) and "Just Sayin'" (Charles), a young mind explores how casually a frustrated person can excuse abusive behavior. Each camper completed an individual project that was included on a CD to be released as soon as formatting and distribution allow. An additional track features eight medical students from the Cleveland Clinic's

Lerner College of Medicine. Their requirements to complete a course entitled "Devising Healthier Communities" include participation on the youth group's project. The result was a rap-track called "First Year of Med School".

Washington and Harrill addressed opposite sides of the problem of finding trust in the big city. Washington's cut explored some disparaging realities:

'Ain't it sad how you think somebody got yo' back; and you smiling at your only friend,

and he the one that got the knife in his hand.'

To which Harrill retorts with a perspective of hope in his track "Trust Belt City":

'No one said it's easy, only that it's a must. That's why we making these real fresh cuts.'

Turning a profit is not the goal for Harrill or the students. But Harrill doesn't deny the project may open doors to more exposure and subsequent opportunities to spread more positive messages. That goal remains consistent, whether it's pursued in cultivating a community garden, producing music or raising funds for future events.

"This summer, our first Fresh Camp paid summer intern team will help us take our one-week "Neighborhood Re-Fresh Camps" to several other neighborhoods. We still have room to book one or two more camps. Also, the students are working on launching their Fresh Camp clothing line."

Whatever the future holds, these youth are learning there's a future of possibilities for them.

"This is a place where I feel safe," Washington asserts. "I can do something positive here."

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We're putting down deep roots and giving back to the communities we serve.



We think it's only natural to cultivate meaningful relationships in the communities where we live and work. And at Dominion, that means we do more than write checks. So while we're very proud to invest more than \$19 million in our communities annually, we're even prouder of Dominion's employees for

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