Sunbeam Completes Development of Next Phase Connecting to Larger Community Efforts

by Kristen Romito

The new 92,394-square-foot Sunbeam Elementary School is about to complete its final phase of development with the creation of green space and employee parking areas. The project represents a $26.6 million investment in the neighborhood, including demolition of the former school.

After students and staff moved into the new building on April 2, the old 78,318-square-foot Sunbeam School was demolished so construction of the parking lot and multi-purpose field could take place where the old structure once stood. The project, which began in the summer, encountered delays due to rainy weather and complications with a Dominion Energy gas line that runs down Mount Overlook Avenue.

New Facilities

Sunbeam School employees will now have access to a parking lot that holds 92 spaces. A 47,500-square-foot field, seeded with grass, is designed for regulated play in such sports as soccer and offers additional green space to complement Artha Woods Park’s baseball diamond and playground equipment.

“The approach to the design for Sunbeam required ingenuity and flexibility,” explained Van Auken Akins Architects Associate Principal, Justin G. Fliegel AIA, LEED AP. “Our goal for the exterior of Sunbeam was to create a contemporary and sensitive design that embraces the spirited culture of the Larchmere neighborhood. We were very responsive to the scale of the one- and two-family homes in the neighborhood and selected finishes, such as brick, that complemented these homes. We designed with the intent to make Sunbeam a connector to these communities, creating a cornerstone for the community as it continues to grow.”

The new green space, which is intended for both school and community use, is a highly anticipated addition to not only the school but also the larger community.

The old school didn't have this space, and the newly constructed field now connects to the Fairhill Road-Larchmere Boulevard super block. It also ties into the planning efforts of the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority Woodhill Neighborhood Choice Initiative.

Grant Received

“The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority received a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant for its Woodhill Estates, located in the Buckeye-Woodland neighborhood,” said CMHA CEO Jeffery K. Patterson. “There are several ongoing and new development

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Yankee Doodle Dash – a Dandy Day

On Saturday, June 29 more than 70 runners and volunteers gathered at the Cleveland Skating Club to run or walk in the third annual Yankee Doodle Dash. This family-friendly family event benefited the Shaker Square Area Development Corporation whose mission is to maintain and promote the Shaker Square and Larchmere neighborhoods. A special thanks to the following sponsors: Cleveland Skating Club, Shaker Quality Auto, Montlack Realty, Atlas Cinemas, JP Quality Printing, 23823 Ltd., and Jump Start Gymnastics.

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Male
Overall Kurt Bachus 20.37
14-under Tyler Borduaux 21.86
15-19 David Matul 21.23
20-29 David Johnson 30.81
30-39 Nick Cicerci 21.13
40-49 Yin Hu 24.28
50-59 Bill Patterson 22.38
60-69 Dave Knudso 22.48
70 & over Pete Fickert 30.22

Female
Overall Kerrie Lodowski 25.42
14-under Kaya Schwallie 30.09
20-29 Emily Stern 47.26
30-39 Jacqueline Columbo 27.03
40-49 Bev Guo 29.29
50-59 Joyce Stout 30.32
70 & over Jane Mrowka

On July 18 Cleveland City Councilman Blaine Griffin, along with Bike Cleveland, rode bicycles throughout Ward 6 as a part of Bike Cleveland’s Professional Development rides with city leaders. Griffin was joined by representatives from Burton, Ball, Carr Development, Inc., Fairfax Renaissance Development, and Union Miles Development Corporation as well as Cleveland City Planning Commission and Ohio Department of Transportation staff.

Solar Panels  Efforts to make Shaker West Professional Building green have continued and can be easily seen with the installation of new solar panels on the building’s roof this past summer. MAN Holdings, owner of the building where SHAD is headquartered, vowed to make improvements to the building when it took ownership last fall. The company has invested nearly $500,000 in enhancements including tinted windows, improvements to the HVAC system, lobby and landscaping, installation of LED lightbulbs throughout the building and other cosmetic changes. The goal of MAN is to make the building Energy Star certified.

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New Academy Tavern Owners Keep the Legacy Going

by Pamela Zoslov

“This place is a lucre of history, culture, unity and community,” says Christopher Butler, the diligent new proprietor of the Academy Tavern. Butler, who grew up on Larchmere, says he’s honored to become “the curator” of the 80-year-old tavern, adding, “I like to come to work.”

Butler purchased the Academy from retiring owners Sam and Theresia Gantous and took over in June. “It was the passing of a torch,” he says. It was also the culmination of a dream he shared with his mother, prominent Cuyahoga County judge Annette Butler. After her mother passed away last year, Butler honored her by fulfilling their ambition. (A large photograph of Judge Butler graces customers in the doorway.)

“Dr. Butler is an active and steamman who has worked on Hollywood movies, and he tours with his alternative hip-hop band Bloodshot 216. In addition to its traditional events (Tuesday Trivia, pianist George Foley on Wednesdays, Bingo Thursdays, Friday Fish Fry), the Academy has a full roster of musical acts and special events planned. Butler believes the Tavern has long been a haven for creative types. “Back in the ’80s, when the Front Row [Theatre] was big, all the performances would come here to the bar,” he says. “This place has so much artistic baggage. It just feels good to come to work each day. I don’t even like to sleep as much as I like to come to work.”

12800 Larchmere 216.229.1173 academytavern.com

Up and Down the Boulevard

by Katie Montgomery

Here’s what’s on the fall reading list:

September 9 “The Immortalists” by Chloe Benjamin – historical fiction

October 14 “Mail: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother’s Will to Survive” by Stephanie Lanz – biography

November 11 “White House” by Amy Bloom – historical fiction

First Friday on Larchmere blankets larger in September: There will be events all along Larchmere – Friday, September 6, 6 to 10 p.m.

Susan Rossman continues Fiddlehead Gallery events, 12714 Larchmere

Open drumming at Paul’s Cultural Experience, 7 to 9 p.m. 12806 Larchmere

Our Favorite Things, 12750 Larchmere, will have a fish fry and hula hoop contest, plus other merchants are planning on special late hours and events.

Larchmere Merchant Association (LMA) Lisa McGarity, Our Favorite Things, joins Eric Meister, Shaker Quality Auto Body, as new members of LMA’s Hero to a great year! Calendar notes for holiday fun Keep an eye on larchmere.com for details on:

• Larchmere Sidewalk Sale

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Greater Cleveland Urban Film Festival

September 12 to 20,
10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

This nine-day film festival, which will be held at Atlas Cinemas Shaker Square, will showcase features and shorts from emerging filmmakers and established artists who contribute to and celebrate the urban culture. In addition to screening 77 ticketed films, the GCUFF will also present free community screenings that cover a wide-range of relevant subject matter. Fest goers can attend panel discussions covering important issues impacting Cleveland’s urban community with key community leaders, as well as educational workshops and discussions with attending filmmakers.

New this year is a Pitch Fest where filmmakers and writers are presenting live music in the event, which is the 11th year of the Buckeye Area, once a Hungarian stronghold on Cleveland’s outside, the Buckeye Place Ambassadors are real life heroes working heroically attempting to restore this once proud community.

An extension of Burnet, Belfield, Carr Development, Inc., the Ambassadors formed in 2017 as a model of community engagement explained Dawn Mays, director of neighborhood planning and engagement. With Saint Luke’s Foundation funding through Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, the GCUFF will also present international folk dance recital, and support Saint Elizabeth Parish Catholic church built in the United States. Enjoy authentic Hungarian food, wine and beer. To enjoy the event, which is also presenting live music in the Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church Cleveland OH Facebook page.

Edwins Run for Re-Entry
Sunday, October 20, 10 a.m.

Run up hills, on rugged terrain and through water to support the men and women of EDWINS by competing in the 5k or 11 mile run. For registration for the 5k is $25 and $20 for the walk. Registration includes a t-shirt and admittance to the after-party with food, wine and beer. To register call 216.921.3183 or email info@edwinsrestaurant.org.

Hungarian Fall Festival
Sunday, September 29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Come celebrate Hungarian heritage and support Saint Elizabeth Parish Hall, the first Hungarian Roman Catholic parish built in the United States. Enjoy authentic Hungarian cuisine, face painting and the international folk dance recital, and folk and gypsy music by Harmonia. Dr. Zita Bencsik, consul general of Hungary from Chicago, will address attendees. The entrance fee is $5 for adults; students and children are free. More information can be found at stelizabethcleveland.org or the Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church Cleveland OH Facebook page.

Another successful Porchfest is in the books! On July 15, 30 bands performed on 30 different porches throughout the Larchmere neighborhood. This summer marked the 11th year of the event, which featured different music genres ranging from Americana, hip-hop, funk and rock.

Buckeye Ambassadors Build Bridges with Community

by Ronald E. Kissner

Superheroes are fictitious 3-D enhanced movie marvels. But in the Buckeye Area, once a Hungarian stronghold on Cleveland’s outside, the Buckeye Place Ambassadors are real life heroes working heroically attempting to restore this once proud community. An extension of Burnet, Belfield, Carr Development, Inc., the Ambassadors formed in 2017 as a model of community engagement explained Dawn Mays, director of neighborhood planning and engagement. With Saint Luke’s Foundation funding through Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, the Ambassadors are paid a stipend, contracted from January to June.

“We are deeply a part of our communities,” began Ambassador Liaison DelaCiclo-Kimokis.

“We hold meetings to discuss what projects and strategies will be most effective.”

Currently there are five Ambassadors—Andrea Jones, Adrianna Rodriguez, Dithia Mone, Kaya Graham, and Deborah Gray—who have variously staged A Teen Summit, Girls Enrichment & Yoga, Taco-Palooza: Game Night with the Youth & Police, Dinner & Dialogue with the 8th District, and a Buckeye Resident Resource Guide. Adorned in white t-shirts bearing the Ambassador logo, the quintet spans University Circle to the north, Mount Pleasant to the south, Shaker Heights to the east, and Woodland Hills to the west. They have tracked inoperable streetlights and will participate in a fall Buckeye Road clean-up.

Rodriguez, 29, who holds a master’s degree from the University of New Haven, says her police night was held “as a way of attempting to open up true dialogue among our residents.”

Her wish is to further utilize her community psychology studies. Veteran community organizer Deborah Gray, a 68-year-old grandmother of six, led the ambitious Resource Guide project that, she says, “shows our residents services and contacts they were not aware of.” A priority of hers “is to help our residents obtain grants to rehabilitate their homes.”

Gray summed up the program as, “The Ambassadors work in collaboration and separately. But we are all trying to make a difference in Buckeye.”

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