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By Joel Beck

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“The city will also be working with the Mass Design Group, an urban design and architecture firm that promotes justice and human dignity, having collaborated on such projects as the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Ala. Also on board are Nelson/ Nygard Consulting Associates, which will be responsible for the traffic and parking study in the area, and Osborn Engineering, which will oversee the infrastructure and civil engineering. Both of those firms played a large part in the revitalization of Cleveland’s Public Square in 2007. Finally, the project will also receive consultation from HR&A Advisors, which provides services in real estate, economic development and program and design implementation. Griffin said no dollar figure has been attached yet to the project, though he expects that to come once all the players involved convene and come up with a comprehensive plan. He also said the goal is for the project to be completed within the next 18 months, but...**

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Sedmak Building Transforms into Apartments, Retail & Studio Space

by Jeff Pastorkowski

The once rundown former Sedmak Building at 1028 Larchmere Boulevard will soon become home to 14 fully renovated apartments ranging from 550-square-foot studio units, to two-bedroom suites. They all have new granite countertops, new cabinetry, hardwood floors, new windows and LED lighting,” Fremont said. “All the kitchens and bathrooms have new fixtures.” Some of the apartment units will feature balconies, which will give its residents a view of downtown Cleveland. Without having to go outside, those living in the apartments will have access to two parking garages holding 14 spaces. The garage buildings surrounding a courtyard with an entrance off East 12th Street.

RFTA is making it easier for riders with its plan to use the Shaker Square rapid station. On October 1, Shaker Square Area Development Corporation (SHAD) convened its local design review committee. The committee’s responsibility of managing the arts throughout the district, as it strives to break at Larchmere Boulevard. The garage building from the parking lot will be diverted into the environment and not enter the area. During heavy wet weather events, combined sewers can become overwhelmed with storm water. During these events, combined sewer overflows are designed to overflow into the environment and not enter the sewer system. During heavy wet weather events, combined sewers can become overwhelmed with storm water.

RFTA buildings on Larchmere will help minimize the frequency of overflows by managing storm water runoff. An added benefit to the community is the improvement to water quality through capturing and treatment of pollutants. Designed by the architecture and engineering firm GP2 Group, the garage building will have two暴雨 retention cells so water from the parking lot will have somewhere to drain into. Native plants were chosen for the bio-retention cell for their resistance to more than 10 years ago. Once a ponding facing East 12th Street, the local community, it then proceeds to the Cleveland Landmarks Commission for consideration. Said Kirk Montlack of his community about storm water runoff. "This is a good educational tool for people who think we need to be inspired to do something similar to their personal properties," said Christian Maier, Shaker Heights assistant director of public works. Maier also said that Shaker Heights plans to address stormwater runoff with other projects throughout the Larchmere parking lot in the future by pursuing grants from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD). The project is made possible by a grant received from NEORSD, which awarded the project 80 percent of the cost of the project ($125,954).

Fremont said another amenity is also being planned. “We’re making a garden out of the area behind the buildings,” he said. "There’s a space there. If we call the garden out and it’s now and it’s just overgrown. We’re going to make it into a nice garden.” Once a Cuyahoga County Landmark, the building, which sits on the edge of the Shaker Heights Development Corporation (SHAD), came under the ownership of Montlack. Maier said that the company’s desire to operate on the site. "I think the neighborhood is eclectic and vibrant and we look forward to being there."
Shaker Square moves forward with your help

Dr. Tanya Bishop, a Licensed Professional Counselor, is offering her services to the Shaker Square neighborhood.

Dr. Bishop holds a BSW in Clinical Social Work/Psychology from Cleveland State University, a master’s in Counseling Psychology from John Carroll University, and received her Doctor of Clinical Psychology degree from the Southern California University for Professional Studies.

Dr. Bishop’s therapy early on in her career focused on children, but later she decided to reposition her focus on therapy and emotional pain management specifically for women.

“I realized that the children were living with their parents but just not one was fixing the family,” Bishop said.

started to look more at the parents, teach the mothers raising the children often without a father. That’s why Bishop thought more about a program with an age and how I could help them to get back in balance for their child.”

Dr. Bishop helps her clients understand their emotional needs and helps them deal with the concentration of Greater Circle neighborhood. “I wanted to bring together the whole community to ‘Have fun, enjoy life and to bring out people.” That idea of community is one that has defined Mays for years,” Bishop said. “Once the East 128th Street seven years ago because he says he wanted to talk to neighbors, to create a safe haven on East 128th Street – we’ll want it everywhere, but we had to start somewhere. The goal was to have the whole house on a street that it was a community.”

No one believes this more than JY Mays. He organized the Sharing Breakfast with Our Neighbor Program on September 21. He and many of the people on East 128th Street in the Lakewood area first met up early to give out breakfast care packages and talk with fellow neighbors, including those who just pass through the neighborhood on their commute.

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After “Halloween, we’re passing out treats to the kids,” Bishop said. “It’s the 3 Aprons Bakery & Cafe and fire food & drink.”

Through its 42-year history (beginning as Friends of Shaker Square in 1976) SHAD has promoted and assisted historic Shaker Square and its vibrant neighbors, ever-evolving with the times, and streamlining, according to its resources. Traditional funding sources are not available as they were, as SHAD is repositioning itself exploring new sources of funding, and seeking existing new collaborations. Long-term funding that results from these opportunities will support programs such as code enforcement, housing revitalization and home maintenance assistance for senior citizens, storefront renovation, and community engagement. Big things are happening at Shaker Square, and SHAD is playing a key role. SHAD is on the team of community advisors involved with the long-term redevelopment of Shaker Square. The community and Van Aken strip shopping center is being redeveloped together, too. Project Management, the new owner presented its initial plans to the
Edwins Expands Training with Butcher Shop

by Kristen Romito

Another door has opened for the students at Edwins Leadership & Restaurant Institute. Edwins CEO and President Brandon Chrostowski is planning to open a butcher shop and deli that will allow students to learn yet another trade in the food and restaurant industry.

The EDWINS Butcher Shop will be at 13024 Buckeye Road, right next to the EDWINS Second Chance Life Skills Center student campus near the South Moreland intersection.

The 3,300 square foot space was previously the Buckeye Beauty Supply and will be the Buckeye neighborhood’s first fresh meat vendor in almost 50 years.

“This is just another notch in our long-term plan of creating an elite culinary school, building this community up, enlarging our footprint, and catering that mission even further,” said Chrostowski.

Chrostowski’s plan for the establishment is to have 25 seats for dining in, and carryout and delivery services. The butcher shop will sell sandwiches, barbecued foods like barbecue turkey rib, pulled pork and chicken, prepared foods, and healthy meats.

EDWINS’ specialty offerings will include smoked meats, sausages, charcuterie, and unique fresh cuts of meat.

Once students complete the restaurant training program, they will go through the butcher shop to learn butchering skills. Those skills include meat cutting, smoking meats and other valuable restaurant skills and will be taught by a team of culinary professionals with more than 60 years of experience.

Chrostowski adds, “Having butchering skills in the students skill set will make them a more versatile asset. Increasing their skill set gives them an edge as well as strengthens the esteem and leadership ability of our staff. While butchering skills are taught in traditional culinary schools, they are not a focus. For our students, this class will be an elective that offers a more comprehensive class than the nation’s leading culinary schools. They will learn meat cutting from breaking down whole sides to the fine art of making shops.”

The EDWINS Butcher Shop will also address the neighborhood’s food desert issue that has plagued the area for a few years since Giant Eagle’s exit and will offer healthy food options to the surrounding community.

“Unfair pricing, lack of healthy food options and economic oppression have gone unchecked in our poorest neighborhoods for decades. The butcher shop is another piece in our overall plan to combat these issues,” said Chrostowski, adding that the shop’s meat will not contain preservatives and will be the high-quality cuts.

The cost of the project is $1 million, and $881,170 has already been raised. To donate to the EDWINS Butcher Shop visit edwinsrestaurant.org/events/thebutchershop.

East 130th Community Group Celebrates Progress

by Thomas Jewell

Since its formation several years ago from a neighborhood grassroots coalition battling blight on the outskirts of Shaker Square, the East 130th Street Working Group has continued its community organizing efforts.

That work has so far resulted in the demolition of three longstanding eyesores at a cost of nearly $700,000 through City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County funds, after the cases proceeded through City Hall, the Land Bank and into the hands of a developer, after its facade was deemed to have historical merit by the City Landmarks Commission.

That included the U.S. Post Office, which has undergone renovations and is no longer padlocked during lunchtime, Donaldson noted.

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“New kid on the block, said Bromley. “Just an incredible job by everyone from the bands to the balloon twisters. The church choir was great, the food (Freddie’s Rib House) was terrific, and the buildings looked greatly improved.”

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Maxwell’s Restorations Helps Musicians Find Their Voice

by Jason Novak

In his office workshop in the Shaker West Professional Building, Maxwell Morgan puts the finishing touches on a violin he’s working on. There was nothing “wrong” with the instrument, but the client brought it to Maxwell’s Restorations because she thought the sound could be improved. Morgan listened to the client play her violin, and he knew just what to do to get the sound she was looking for.

That’s Morgan’s favorite part of his luthier business. His work on the instrument—restringing, carving down the neck, taking it entirely apart and reassembling it—becomes a part of the performance. When he is done with the instrument, he has reached what he calls “magic.” “I don’t do it for the money,” he says. “I do it to help players find their own voice in the instrument.”

Morgan actually majored in Double Bass Performance at CIM, but he had picked up his luthier skills while he was in high school. “When I was a freshman, my parents said, ‘find a job.’” Unwilling to take a job at Walmart, Morgan looked into a violin shop that was just opening up. Beau Vine Violins in Alpharetta, Georgia. There, he met luthier Cameron Robertson. Robertson would stay after hours to teach Morgan, who was originally hired to sweep the floors, how to repair violins. “He was my mentor. He still is, actually. I still call him up sometimes.”

While Maxwell’s Restorations keeps him from performing on his own double bass, Morgan loves his job. “I work about 60-70 hours a week … some nights, I’ll look up and say ‘Oh, wow. I’ve spent 12 hours here today?’” He would probably spend all his time in his workshop, but “I’m forced to take Sundays off. The building’s not open!”

Morgan’s business has grown from a side job he did on weekends in his parents’ basement. He still is, actually. I still call him up sometimes.”

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A few LCA friends and neighbors
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and making it a diverse place to be.

by Susan Rotatori
Ludlow Community Association

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added that may be optimistic. The plan, Griffin said, is to do the project well, not fast.

“Guided by the Shaker HIstoric District, we can work with the outline of what we’re trying to do, we’ll learn more about the cost,” Griffin said. “Eighteen months may be ambitious, but one thing I know about myself is that I am a very ambitious person.”

Some planning and development, it takes time. At the end of the day, we want to make sure that we have a project that everyone feels they contributed to and is proud of the outcome.”

Griffin also explained that while he has been getting good feedback and a positive response from area residents about the Shaker Square project, there is still a need for lingering curiosity surrounding it. He described Shaker Square as an experiment in culturally diverse area and the goal is to create a neighborhood environment that suits all residents and businesses.

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more honors abound for Brandon Chrostowski
Triity Kovel, and Pat and Dick Pogue who were the Movers and Shakers honorees feted by the Shaker Historical Museum.

LCA Holiday Gathering
The LCA Holiday Gathering is December 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ludlow/PEP School. For this event you can get a sense of the Shaker Heights holiday season together with refreshments, caroling, children’s activities, and camaraderie. Santa will also most likely make an appearance to get everyone in the holiday mood. The event is free, and all attending should bring an hors d’oeuvers or dessert to share. LCA will provide pizza and beverages.

LCA Meetings
LCA General Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Ludlow/PEP School.

Reserve Witherspoon plans to adapt Camp Creativity Everywhere as a TV series.

Celeste Ng and head screenwriter, by Margaret Simon

Shaker Arts Council honored its
Barbara Brown, Jane Thrope and former Shaker Heights Mayor Judy Rawson at its October 7
Painting the Town: 10th Anniversary Gala Celebrations. The Arts Council celebrated its second annual Shue on Track at the Community Colonnade in September and created mosaic flower pots. See their creations as they continue to bloom in public places.

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