

# SOUTH SIDE VOICE

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## SPRING CLEANING

**A**fter a long winter, spring has finally hit Columbus's South Side, and the community is beginning to come to life as the temperature rises. April is a busy month as the civic associations and other local groups ramp up their programming.

Spring cleaning isn't just happening in the homes of South Siders, but throughout the community as well. Many civic associations are hosting cleanup and beautification days throughout April in an attempt to make their neighborhoods look a bit nicer for the impending summer.

Some cleanups are centered around a specific location such as a park or church, while others are combining Easter activities with their efforts.

The Plant Pride on Parsons Committee, Keep Columbus Beautiful, Parsons Avenue

Merchants Association (PAMA) and South Side Neighborhood Pride Center are hosting a shoe collection drive April 1-25 to raise funds for the South Side's flower beautification program.

Merion Village and Reeb-Hosack/Steelton Village are both hosting huge cleanups on April 26th, when both neighborhoods will work to improve their communities.

Southern Orchards will be clearing Kossuth Park and hosting an Easter Egg hunt on the same day, while Ganther's Place has an Earth Day Cleanup event down the street. Most communities in the South Side have their own plans. Check our listings on page 2 for specific times and dates and a breakdown of what each community is doing. ♦

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**After a long process of gathering thoughts and opinions from the community, your voice has been heard.**

This newspaper has been named the *South Side Voice* thanks to the input of everyone in the South Side.

52 South Side residents submitted a total of 48 different names. The names were then voted on by the Community engagement committee which is comprised of representatives from each civic association.

Votes were taken to narrow the names down from 48 options to four, and the second vote selected *South Side Voice* by a two-to-one margin.

We appreciate all of the submissions, entries and votes, and we look forward to being your *South Side Voice*.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

## Make Reeb-Hosack/ Steelton Village Shine

The Reeb-Hosack/ Steelton Village community has set the date for this year's first neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, April 26. Those interested in participating are asked to meet at Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, 258 Hosack St. at 10:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity to get some fresh air and meet the neighbors. All volunteers welcome. Rain date is set for Saturday, May 3.

## Plan(t) on Fun at Kossuth Street Garden

On Saturday, April 19, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Kossuth Street Garden will clean up, till, and plant the community garden located at 641 E Kossuth St. in honor of Earth Day. There will be music, dance and individuals from different organizations from across the city attending. Volunteers are needed to help with the various activities.

The Kossuth Street Garden was the first community garden involved when Earth Day was rejuvenated in Columbus in

2007. The garden is located in the Southern Orchards neighborhood which sits just east of Schumacher Place and Parsons Avenue and south of Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Volunteers are also asked to bring books to donate to the area's famous "Little Library." The Kossuth Street Garden hopes to engage local organizations, schools, businesses and community leaders as they clean up trash around the neighborhood and work the garden.

For more information, email [kossuthgarden@gmail.com](mailto:kossuthgarden@gmail.com) or visit 'Kossuth Street Garden' on Facebook.

## Merion Village Battles Litter

The Merion Village Association is planning a neighborhood cleanup on April 26 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Provided there are enough volunteers, three separate areas of the neighborhood will be tackled. Two litter patrols are anticipated for South Fourth and Whittier/Thurman. The third will take on the overgrown Walker Bruck Pocket Park at the corner of Bruck and Morrill Streets.

Volunteers will meet at the MVA Information Center at 1330 S. Fourth

St. at 10 a.m. to divide into groups. Plans include heading to an area restaurant following the cleanup. (Details will be available that day). All are welcome so please spread the word to neighbors and friends.

## Deshler Park Adds Spice to Cleaning Efforts

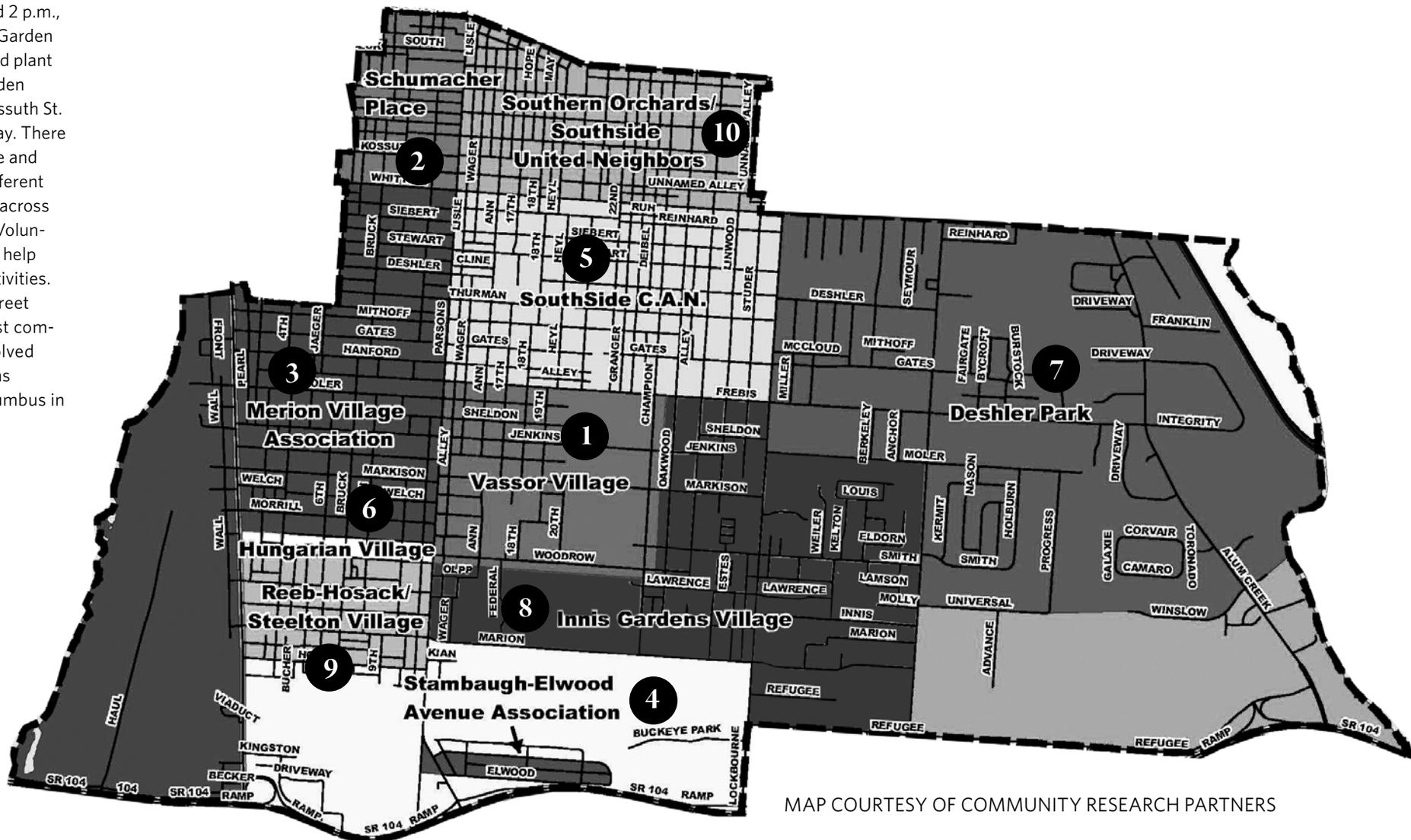
The annual community cleanup and cookout will be Saturday, April 26, starting at Deshler Park, 1368 Deshler Ave. at 8:00 a.m. with donuts and coffee. Everyone is welcome!

## Innis Gardens

The Innis Gardens community cleanup will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 17 on the corner of Lockbourne and Smith Roads. Light refreshments and all cleaning tools and supplies are provided.

## South Central Commons

Earth Day cleanup date is Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 477 East Gates St.



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# Habitat for Humanity Raises Some "Wall"



**H**abitat for Humanity held “wall raising” events March 24th for two new homes currently under construction. The homes are located at 224 Barthman Ave. and 184 Woodrow Ave. They will be owned by the Ly family and the Whitehead family. Both are new South Side residents.

In partnership with Community Development for All People, Habitat for Humanity plans to build 20 new owner-occupied homes in the Reeb-Hosack/Steelton Village and Hungarian Village communities in the next three years. All Habitat for Humanity homes include: 1 ½ or 2 full baths, full unfinished basement, and a single car, detached garage. Sponsors of the new homes include Nationwide Children’s Hospital, WBNS-10TV, the City of Columbus, and the United Way of Central Ohio. For more information or to volunteer to help new neighbors build their homes, contact Lisa Jones at Habitat for Humanity [ljones@habitatmidohio.org](mailto:ljones@habitatmidohio.org) or 614-364-7014. ♦

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION LEADERS & MEETING TIMES

**Schumacher Place**  
Kathy Green, *President*  
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Meetings held 3rd Tuesday  
of the month at 6 p.m. at  
Planks Cafe on Parsons

**Merion Village**  
Tony Roell, *President*  
[anthonyroell@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyroell@gmail.com)  
Meetings held 1st Wednesday  
of the month at 7 p.m.  
at the Merion Village  
Association  
1300 S. Fourth St.

**Hungarian Village**  
Paula Copeland, *President*  
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614-222-2145  
Meetings held 2nd Wednesday  
of the month at 7 p.m.  
Hungarian Reform Church  
365 Woodrow Ave.  
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**Innis Gardens Village**  
Brenda Cummings, *President*  
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Meetings held 3rd Thursday  
of the month from 6:30  
p.m. – 8 p.m. Block Watch  
6 – 6:30 p.m.  
Barack Recreation Center  
580 Woodrow Ave.

**Southern Orchards  
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Meetings held 1st Tuesday  
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Stowe Mission  
888 Parson Ave.

**Reeb-Hosack/  
Steelton Village**  
Linda Henry, *Co-chair*  
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Lillie Banner, *Co-chair*  
Meetings held 2nd Tuesday  
of the month at 7 – 8:30 p.m.  
at Resurrection Missionary  
Baptist Church, 280 Hosack  
Social/food 6:30 – 7 p.m.

**Deshler Park**  
Earl Littlefield, *President*  
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614-329-5294  
Meetings held 3rd Thursday  
of the month at 6 p.m. Alvis  
House, 1755 Alum Creek Dr.

**SouthSide C.A.N.**  
Debera Diggs, *President*  
614-598-2237  
The regular community  
meeting will be held on  
Monday, April 14 and May  
12 at South High School,  
1160 Ann St. in the library  
starting at 7:00 p.m. Meeting  
location for June, July  
and August to come.  
[www.southsidecan.org](http://www.southsidecan.org) and  
[www.facebook.com/  
SouthsideCommunity  
ActionNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/SouthsideCommunityActionNetwork)

**Stambaugh-Elwood**  
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every month at 11 a.m.  
Location varies, contact Tim  
Brown for current location

**Vassor Village**  
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month at Barack Recreation  
Center 580 Woodrow Ave.  
Block Watch at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.  
[www.vassorvillage.  
webs.com](http://www.vassorvillage.webs.com)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR BACKYARD?

### Donate Old Shoes to **Keep Parsons Beautiful**



By Austin Owens

**P**lant Pride on Parsons Committee, Keep Columbus Beautiful, Parsons Avenue Merchants Association (PAMA) and South Side Neighborhood Pride Center is a Community Improvement Partnership that works to keep historic Parsons Avenue clean and beautiful. The Plant Pride on Parsons Committee, Keep Columbus Beautiful and the Parsons Avenue Merchants Association (PAMA) are holding a shoe collection drive April 1-25 to raise funds for the flower container beautification program.

The goal is to collect 300 bags containing 25 pairs of shoes each to reach \$3,000. Donated shoes will be bought and repurposed through funds2orgs, an organization that helps provide economic opportunities in developing countries.

Donations will not only help PPOP raise money and benefit less fortunate individuals around the world, they will also help recycle tons of reusable waste.

Did you know that a standard shoe can last 1,000 years in a landfill? In the US alone, approximately 630 million pairs of shoes are thrown away every year. Shoes are made of chemical compounds that can create health hazards if left to disintegrate in landfills.

Help beautify our neighborhoods, empower the less fortunate, recycle and clean out some much needed closet space by donating your gently worn shoes or boots. Donation drop boxes can be found at restaurants, churches, rec centers, and meeting locations all over the South Side.

For more information, go to [www.allthingsouth.org](http://www.allthingsouth.org). ♦



## THE SOLE TRUTH ABOUT DONATING SHOES

**Are there any restrictions on types of shoes that can be collected?** All shoes and boots from flip-flops to high heels – even clefted golf or soccer shoes and work boots – welcome. No single shoes are allowed and pairs should be held together with rubber bands.

**What condition should shoes be in?** The company asks for gently worn used shoes. (No wet shoes are accepted.) Even shoes that have considerable wear and tear can be broken down into raw materials and used to repair or create an entirely new pair.

**What if PPOP does not collect the minimum amount of shoes?** There is no minimum amount. PPOP will be paid for all pairs of shoes collected. If PPOP exceeds its goal of 7,500 pairs of shoes to earn \$3,000, it gets paid. There is NO CAP on earning potential.

**Where are the shoes sent after they are collected?** All collected shoes are sent to micro-enterprises in developing countries, creating micro-jobs for individuals in these communities. Shoes will be sent to countries selected by funds2orgs.

### Walk with a Doc

South Siders have the opportunity to get fit and get facts. Residents are invited to join a physician from either The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center or the Mount Carmel Health System for an hour on the paved walking trail through some beautiful neighborhoods on the far South Side of Columbus.

Walks begin at 8:30am at the Indian Mound Park & Community Center located at 3901 Parsons Ave. Attendees can walk as much or as little as desired and enjoy refreshments and walking incentives. In bad weather, the walks are held inside the Community Center. Call 614-645-1260 for more information. Dates are: April 12, April 26, May 10

### Substance Abuse Education Series to Start

On Monday, April 21st from 6:30 - 8 p.m., the John R. Maloney Health Center will begin a free, four-week series focused on helping families, friends and others learn more about dealing with addiction. Candace Hartzler MA/LICDC, a Family Advocacy Counselor, will facilitate group education and discussion at the Maloney Health Center, located at 1905 Parsons Ave. For more information, call the Center at 614-586-4159.

Series Topics and Dates

- **April 21** "Defining Addiction and Finding Ways to Cope"
- **April 28** "What Does Enabling Mean?"
- **May 5** "How Not to Get Angry at an Addict"
- **May 12** "Creating Boundaries: How to Say 'No' to an Addict"

### Africentric Girls Basketball Team Wins State Title

Congratulations to Coach William McKinney and the Africentric High School Girls' basketball team on recently winning the Division III state basketball title. The Nubians defeated Versailles 49 to 36 to become Division III State Champions. This is a tremendous accomplishment and a point of pride for our community.

The Nubians held their practices every Monday afternoon at Barack Community Recreation Center. The center is closed on Mondays which provided a perfect atmosphere for the team to focus on fundamentals. The team's use of the center is due to the partnership between Columbus City Schools and the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

Each of the young women on the team dedicated herself to overcoming the challenges of school and teenage life to reach for a higher goal. With six seniors on the roster, the young women are part of the winning legacy of the Africentric Girls' basketball team which won three city league championships, four district titles and two of its three trips to the state tournament.



## Ruth Bell Receives Starfish Award

By Andrew King

The Columbus group Women Coming Together celebrated International Women's Day March 7, and named longtime Reeb-Hosack/Steelton Village resident Ruth Bell as one of its Starfish Award winners.

"We solicited nominations for women who are unsung heroines," said Jo Anne St. Clair, Women Coming Together Member and South Side Neighborhood Liaison and Manager, South Side Neighborhood Pride Center. "They're always doing a lot of things for the community but they don't always get the accolades they should."

The awards ceremony took place at the 20th anniversary luncheon hosted by Women Coming Together, and featured keynote speaker Felicia Williams-Jackson who gave a dialogue of her personal journey and her research on domestic violence.

On the surface the Starfish Award name may seem unrelated, but St. Clair said the name comes from an old story.

"An old man is walking along a beach and sees hundreds of starfish washed up on shore. He sees a boy throwing the starfish back into the ocean and tells him he can't possibly save them all. 'There are so many starfish, you're not going to make a difference throwing these in,' he said. Then the little boy says, 'Well, it made a difference to that starfish.'"

St. Clair, who nominated Bell, said she was an easy choice for the award.

"I've worked with [Bell] since 2002 when I started work on the South Side," she said. "She has always been active in her community and quietly participates in everything."

But during the recent Southern Gateway Initiative, St. Clair said Bell showed her true colors.

"She really stepped out there. I think maybe even sometimes out of her comfort zone to drive the community engagement process and help facilitate meetings with residents to get their feedback on things they want to see and things they have concerns about in the Southern Gateway area," St. Clair said.

"I saw her step up and thought, 'okay, she needs to be honored for that,' because she's been in the community for over 45 years." ♦

## FOOD-TRUCKS, BIKES, BREWS AND PETS

By Daniel Ross



Within the past 10 years a steady rise of "portable food" has made its way across America via colorful, boxy kitchens on wheels. The trend is an easy fit for Columbus and its renowned niche-palate restaurants. Starting in April and lasting through October, the South Side's own Hal & Al's will host their "Food-Truck and Cart Hop" on the last Sunday of each month.

Jay Cheplowitz, Hal & Al's owner, who founded the monthly fest two years ago, says it began with the incentive to get the South Side community out to enjoy their own neighborhood.

Keeping with Hal & Al's animal friendly vibe, Lagunita's, a burgeoning West Coast brewery (soon to open a midwestern hub) will be catering to parched South Siders for the duration of the day. To boot, for every pint of lager sold at the fest, the "dog-centric" brewery will donate a dollar to an animal shelter.

The South Side's four-legged residents will also want to join as Pet Promise will be on-site providing vaccinations and aiding in pet fostering and adoption.

The organization has been attending these events for several years and in addition offers a trap/neuter/return program for feral cats, a pet food pantry for people in the community down on their luck, and both dog and cat adoption programs. The dogs and cats they take in are from various shelters.

Lagunita's will also be handing out dog collars, bowls, toys and frisbees for the pups to enjoy while their people can kick back with libations.

To mix with Hal & Al's primarily vegan cuisine, an eclectic spread will be parked in the adjacent space from noon to 6 p.m. from the Nouveau Americana of The Paddy Wagon to the delightful Vietnamese fare of Mai Cha with tons more.

South Siders will also be able to check out the budding community garden that Mr. Cheplowitz is sponsoring in an adjacent plot.

For those attending on two wheels, Franklinton Cycle Works will host an on-site repair station, restoring bikes and educating bike riders in exchange for donations to their organization.

A portion of this month's overall proceeds will be donated to Pet Promise. ♦

## COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION (CSSAC)

The Columbus South Side Area Commission (CSSAC) is an organization that brings together the ten civic associations in South Columbus between Livingston and Rte. 104, along with representatives from business, education and social services to provide a link between these moving parts and organizations in the South Side.

The Commission is designed to provide a voice for those who may want to raise a complaint, or even volunteer to help.

CSSAC works to increase voluntary citizen participation in decision-making for city services and provide advice to the administration and council about community safety, zoning, housing, business and economic development, recreation and parks, education, planning, health and human services.

Last month, Southern Orchards re-elected Katie Radford as a commissioner. Radford was re-elected at a special election in March.

Two candidates were interested in the Commission's

tenant and homeowner seat that was vacated by Lou Eros. Ruth Bell and Erin Synk both gave a brief presentation on why they would be good candidates for the position, and the majority of commissioners voted for Synk to take over the role.

Connie Boykin, a founding member of the task force that eventually became the CSSAC announced his resignation after seven years of service. Boykin says he's confident the CSSAC is heading in the right direction.

The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department presented a proposal to tear down the Lincoln Park Pool and replace it with a new pool, toddler pool, bath house and shade areas.

The plan is in its early stages and has a \$4.3 million budget. After necessary permits and approvals, the aim is to have a new pool finished by the summer of 2015.

At the March meeting, it was determined that the CVS at 1400 Parsons Ave. will undergo a remodel as will the Rally's at 1454 Parsons Ave.

About 60 more demolitions have been approved by the

Commission for the near future. Those with a property that should be torn down can contact Jo Anne St. Clair at [jastclair@columbus.gov](mailto:jastclair@columbus.gov).

Merion Village President Tony Roell wrote a letter that Chris Macisco read aloud at the meeting expressing his concern over the redevelopment of Barrett Middle School.

"Concerns have been raised by our membership that our association has yet to take a stance to oppose or support this development," Roell said. "At this point, MVA is patiently waiting for the process to continue and for the design to evolve. We cannot take a stance on this project until Homeport is ready to formally present to our organization."

The CSSAC meets monthly at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Barack Recreation Center. Meetings are public and all are welcome. ♦

### WE ASKED COMMISSIONERS TO SHARE THEIR ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Why are you part of your local commission?
2. What's the most important thing to helping the South Side move forward?
3. If you could change one thing about the South Side, what would it be?



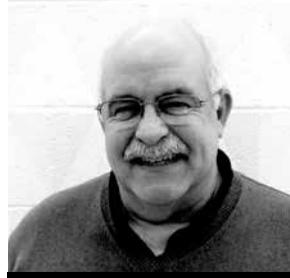
### Alexis Liebst

- 1 I'm a part of the CSSAC commission [as the commissioner at Schumacher Place] because I want to see this part of town flourish. The South Side is changing and growing so

much, I want to see it really come alive. We have fantastic local restaurants and bars, beautiful parks, active rec centers, great schools and a deep sense of South Side pride. Neighbors really look out for one another and there is a wonderful sense of community. I love living and working here. I run an afterschool program. Some of our students come from Siebert and Lincoln Park so it's important to me to champion those schools. The CSSAC is a great opportunity for me to advocate for positive change for the South Side.

- 2 The most important thing in moving the South Side forward is to collaborate with all the different neighborhoods and organizations. We need to get the word out about all that's happening and highlight our local talent and neighborhood events. Not a lot of people are aware of all the great things going on. We need to work together to bring more attention and support to the South Side.

- 3 If I could change one thing about the South Side, I would make parking easier.



### Mike Loyd

- 1 I was recently appointed to replace Mike Wiles as the Education Commissioner. I look forward to assisting community members in strengthening formal and informal educational networks and opportunities throughout the South Side. By doing so,

we can have a significant, positive impact on families, mental and physical health, jobs, and the sense of hope and community.

- 2 The most important thing to moving the South Side forward is participation. Community does not exist otherwise. We need the voice and action of each and every person to build and maintain a strong community with vitality. Whether it is picking up litter, being an active member or officer of a civic association, visiting a homebound neighbor, mentoring a third grader for the upcoming reading test, reporting a problem to the City, or becoming involved to accomplish a community project, we need actions as well as words. I love it when everyone does a little to accomplish a lot!

- 3 One thing I would change about the South Side would be participation. More please. I see a surge in participation in recent years, but it is hard to imagine a time that we would have too much. That would be wonderful! The South Side would then be a force to be dealt with! If you want to assist with education in the South Side, please contact me: [southsideareacommision@gmail.com](mailto:southsideareacommision@gmail.com).



### Bob Leighty

- 1 I have lived in South Columbus since 1988. I have greatly enjoyed doing community work with a number of organizations since then. South Columbus has made progress on many

fronts, but our retail commercial corridors need work. More of our families need to be able to better support themselves financially. On the commission, I am the representative for the Parsons Avenue Merchants Association (PAMA) to link businesses and residents in our neighborhood. I want to have a vibrant and sustainable Parsons Avenue corridor and to help local businesses become more successful. I'm also on our zoning committee, which works to evaluate and improve proposed rezonings and variances.

- 2 Providing balance. Helping our families support themselves. Having quality neighborhood schools. Having strong, local, independent businesses that support our neighborhoods and residents. Being a safe place to live, work, and worship. Having great parks, art, gardens, and celebrating our history and heritage. Having quality health services and recreation opportunities for all. South Side progress is a holistic blend of things to make our neighborhoods cleaner and safer. We boost our quality of life this way, and things that make our neighborhood more attractive and pedestrian/bike friendly, like our Plant Pride on Parsons projects, certainly help.

- 3 Let's boost entrepreneurship, so we can keep more money in our local economy and help area families start their own businesses. There is information about this at [www.AllThingsSouth.org](http://www.AllThingsSouth.org).

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For purposes of this newspaper, the "South Side" refers to the area including the ten civic associations in the Columbus South Side Area Commission and the six civic associations in the Far South Columbus Area Commission. This may be modified in the future as this newspaper grows. This newspaper is currently managed by the Southern Gateway Project Team on behalf of the City of Columbus and the United Way of Central Ohio, which is the presenting organization.

While presented by the UWCO, this newspaper shall be made available at no charge to any South Side resident or person with a substantial interest in the South Side. The availability of this newspaper in electronic format on the All Things South website is considered adequate availability for all residents outside the Southern Gateway Planning Area (approximately 3,100 households in Reeb-Hosack/Steelton Village, Hungarian Village, South Merion Village, Stambaugh-Elwood and that portion of Innis Gardens Village situated between Parsons Avenue and Lockbourne Road). Residents within the planning area shall also be provided one printed copy mailed or delivered to each residence. If needed, additional copies may be purchased at a per copy fee in effect at that time.

The South Side Voice's Editorial Committee, however, wishes to make hard copies available to as many residents, businesses and visitors as possible and will therefore consider expanding the distribution of hard copies by mail to additional households and through making copies available at area businesses and organizations. The number of copies to be printed, mailed or otherwise distributed is at the discretion of the Editorial Committee within the available resources as is the use of story ideas submitted by the public.

# Construction Slated to Begin on Parsons Senior



Construction on Parsons Senior is set to begin in late March/early April. Parsons Senior is the senior residential component of a vacant site. The site is being strategically revitalized to offer multiple uses including the new Maloney Health Center and opportunities for future retail development.

Parsons Senior will be a 3-story "green" designed development comprised of 56 spacious 2-bedroom/1-bath units. There will be an elevator-served building that will offer numerous community and recreational spaces including a large community room, rooftop terrace and sunroom, wood pergola, raised resident gardens and a connection to public sidewalks. The building design complements the existing vinyl siding and brick veneer buildings in the surrounding neighborhoods.

It is also complementary to the newly-constructed Southern Gateway Homes lease purchase development and a key part of the master-planned area in the Southern Gateway revitalization.

Following the strong lead of the City, Parsons Senior is made possible by support from the community as well as collaboration between nonprofit developer Community Development for All People (CD4AP) and The NRP Group. Parsons Senior represents the second such venture for CD4AP and NRP, as they most recently worked together on Southern Gateway Homes.

Parsons Senior has a planned completion date of late 2014/early 2015. Most, if not all, residents should be moved in by the second quarter of 2015. For questions about residency, and/or to refer a prospective tenant, please call Jen Trumpy 216-584-0659. Stay tuned for additional information on local contact and rental office location. ♦

# Love Your Child Unconditionally While Correcting Behaviors

By Roberta A. Bishop, Executive Director, South Side Learning & Development Center

Children flourish through our love and guidance. As parents, it is our responsibility to guide and correct their behavior. It is important to understand that how we express that corrective guidance directly impacts how our children receive and react to it.

As we address a behavior, we should speak specifically to the action so the child remains reassured of our love.

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We must guard against phrases that belittle, blame or degrade the child in any way as these can devastate self esteem and create resentment. If we stay focused on addressing what has occurred and our expectation for change, we can avoid negative statements.

Our solutions for changing behaviors in our children need to include encouragement for better choices next time. We can, and should, set limits and expectations for change. At the same time, we need to be ready to close with statements that help the child understand it is the behavior we are unhappy with, but we still love them! These reassurances build a loving foundation between the parent and child.

**South Side Learning & Development Center** has a proud, 90-year history of providing quality early learning experiences in the community. Programs operate full day, full year, Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. and address the needs of both working and non-working parents. Two locations (255 Reeb Ave. and 20th St. in the Skyview Townhomes complex) serve children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

Sign-ups for all programs are completed on site and include: Head Start, Publicly Funded Child Care (Title XX), Early Childhood Expansion of Pre-K through the Ohio Dept. of Education, and a sliding fee scale for private pay families.

If you are looking for high quality early learning that prepares your child for kindergarten, call our program manager now – Pat Kimbrough 444-1529. [www.SouthSideLearning.org](http://www.SouthSideLearning.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

APR 5 **Spaghetti Dinner**

The South Central Commons Block Watch is hosting a fundraising dinner at the Thurman Ave. United Methodist Church, 5-7 p.m., with giveaways throughout the evening. Baked goods auction at 6 p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 children, under 3 years are free.

APR 9 **Pool Plans Meeting**

Come give your input and join city officials and the architects to share ideas and plans for the Lincoln Park pool at the CSSAC Planning Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Barack Rec Center, 580 Woodrow Ave.

APR 15 **Gas Line Discussion**

Discussion of new gas line installation impacting SS CAN and Vassor Village located at 580 Woodrow Ave. at Barack Recreation Center from 6-7 p.m.

APR 19 **Free Easter Egg Hunts at City Rec Centers**



Barack, Indian Mound, Marion Franklin and Schiller will host fun for the kids at 10 a.m. Check rec centers for age requirements.

## GANTHER'S PLACE EASTER EGG HUNT



In one of their largest yearly events, Ganther's Place is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. April 19 at Ganther's Place Park. There are usually over 100 kids and several rounds of hunting, and there will be light refreshments and a potential visit from the Easter Bunny.

APR 26 **Free Community Breakfast**

Gates Fourth Methodist Church (113 E. Gates St.) hosts a community breakfast on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. The menu includes eggs, hash browns, sausage, toast, sausage gravy, pancakes and beverages. The meal is free to all, though donations are accepted. Visit gatesfourthumc.org or call 614-443-3458 for more information.

### MT. CARMEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Under the leadership of Pastor Leon E. Rodgers, Sr. the Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church is located at 608 Stambaugh Ave, Columbus, OH 43207. The church holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Between Sunday School and Morning Worship, the church prepares breakfast free for all youth. Bible Study is held on Saturdays at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join. The church is also preparing for its Resurrection Day Program April 20. They will have "Sonrise" service at 6 a.m., followed by breakfast, Sunday School, and a program sponsored by Agape (youth ministries) and morning worship beginning at 10:30 am.

Details can be found on the church website at [mtcarmelcbc.org](http://mtcarmelcbc.org) or at the church's Facebook page. Get in touch with Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church at 614-444-0701 or [mtcarmelcbc@gmail.com](mailto:mtcarmelcbc@gmail.com).

### FAITH & FINANCES

Metro Columbus Christian Job Corp, in collaboration with Community Development for All People, presents free seminars teaching basic financial management skills, awareness of real work pitfalls, and the path to financial health.

The 11-week class begins April 14 at Community Development for All People (946 Parsons Ave.) and runs from 6-8:30 p.m.

Space is limited. Contact the church office at 614-445-7342 or visit [www.4allpeople.org](http://www.4allpeople.org) for more information.

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