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## ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

By Kamari Stevens

When Kenneth Prunty, House Manager at Serenity Street, a non-profit, faith-based drug recovery shelter, was released from prison six years ago, he was lost.

"When I got out (of prison), I was a mess," Prunty said.

But, while in prison, a contact he made with the founder and president of Serenity Street, Terrence Kelley, helped him find his way to the shelter as he began the struggle to maintain his sobriety and faith. Prunty has been clean for 18 years and his time at Serenity Street has been vital, but there are still thou-

sands of drug addicts across the city who are in need of help and do not know where to turn.

Donna Conley, Executive Director for Ohio Citizen Advocate for Addict Recovery, is working to change that. Conley began her work in 2001 when she saw a void in the representation of addicts in recovery, as well as those trying to maintain their sobriety.

"There was no organized voice for those in recovery," she said. "No one was advocating for them."

That's not the case now. Ohio Citizen Advocate, as it is informally known, provides services such as recovery support, access to treatment, and training in job skills, among others. Addicts in recovery are allowed to drop in for peer and group support, as well as to take

## Local organizations work together to help addicts ditch and stay clean

part in supportive activities. While the Ohio Citizen Advocate is not able to provide housing, it can provide information for those looking for it, and is networked with residential facilities, such as Maryhaven.

Maryhaven has been "an active partner in the Central Ohio community for five decades," according to its website. According to their 2012 annual report, they reported 6,999 addicts had passed through their facilities. Greg Ritter, Director of Adolescent Services for Maryhaven, describes it as a short-term recovery facility that provides detox services and community-based programs. The detox services are for addicts of heroin and other opiates, which both Ritter and Conley identified as a statewide problem.

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**DON'T STRUGGLE ALONE** If you or someone you care about is battling addiction, you need to know that you aren't alone and there are people with the knowledge and the heart to help you begin your own road to recovery. Below is contact information for some of the organizations in town that are ready and able to help you. It's going to take hard work and it won't be easy, but you *can* do it, and your loved ones *can* do it, and it's time to get started. Don't let the sun set before making the call.

### SERENITY STREET

[www.serenitystreet.org](http://www.serenitystreet.org), 32 E Woodrow Ave., Columbus, OH 43207, (614) 358-0207

### MARYHAVEN

[www.maryhaven.com](http://www.maryhaven.com), 1791 Alum Creek Dr., Columbus, OH 43207, (614) 445-8131

### OHIO CITIZEN ADVOCATES FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY

[www.oca-ohio.org](http://www.oca-ohio.org), 6797 N. High St., Suite 238 (614) 486-2430, [advocate@oca-ohio.org](mailto:advocate@oca-ohio.org)

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

(614) 253-8501, <http://www.aacentralohio.org/meetings.php>

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# REEB AVENUE CENTER CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

South End development will mean jobs, facilities,  
and resources for residents



Photo courtesy of Moody Nolan

By SSV Staff

The long-awaited day has arrived and construction equipment is now filling the parking lot near the former Reeb Elementary School. Thanks to a unique public-private partnership that includes South Side Champions Mayor Michael B. Coleman, a dedicated group of City employees, Jane Grote Abell, Jim & Christina Grote (Donatos), Tanny Crane (Crane Group), and Don Kelley (semi-retired real estate developer), over \$12 million has been raised, the design has been completed, the contractor has been selected, tenants have been identified and construction will soon begin. As of press time, Governor Kasich, many elected officials, area business and nonprofit leaders, residents and additional investors are expected to be on hand for the September 3<sup>rd</sup> groundbreaking to help get the Reeb Renewal off to a great start on this historic day in the South Side.

The Center is expected to be completed in time for the start of the 2015-16 school year and will include a variety of services

designed to meet the needs identified by community residents through the Southern Gateway Initiative's 2013 community survey process.

Here is a list of the anticipated Reeb Center Tenants:

The Boys & Girls Club of Central Ohio that expects to double the number of youth served when the Reeb Center opens Community Development for All People, that will operate a re-designed Loaves & Fishes Lunch Program and, in partnership with the Mid Ohio Food Bank, offer a fresh food co-op where community members will be able to obtain quality, fresh vegetables and other perishable foods South Side Learning & Development Center will have a new, state-of-the-art facility that will offer more childcare spots for area families. Ohio Means Jobs – Central Ohio Workforce Development Center, Godman Guild Association, and Connect Ohio will assist people in preparing for and finding jobs, St. Stephen's Community House will continue to operate its Family-To-Family program, and the "Heritage Hall" will honor the history of the South Side and the South Side Neighbor-

hood Pride Center will be on hand to help residents with any issue, especially those related to community relations, safety and code violations.

Reeb Avenue Center is located across the street from the site of the former South Side Settlement House which will become the South Side Settlement Heritage Park and be a cutting-edge ground water management system – along with a great adult and youth recreation area.

"We are thrilled that construction is underway on the historic Reeb Elementary School and thank all the Champions, investors, nonprofits, businesses and community members who have helped us get to this day" said Erika Clark Jones, Deputy Director of the Community Relations Commission, City of Columbus and Project Manager for the Southern Gateway Initiative. "We will be working hard to complete the renovations and know the Reeb Avenue Center will become another center of community activity and cherished South Side asset." ♦

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The South Side Voice is dedicated to providing the South Side of Columbus with a high quality community newspaper, which recognizes and celebrates the achievements of community members; shares pertinent news and information of interest to the community; and promotes neighborhood cohesion, community engagement and good citizenship.

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/Steeltown 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 use of story ideas and event listings submitted by the public and the number of copies to be printed, mailed or otherwise distributed is at the discretion of the Editorial Committee within the limits of available resources.

## FROM THE EDITOR



Photo by Megan Leigh Barnard

### New digs, new job, new chickens

See that photo above? That's me. I want you to know what I look like. I hope that, if you see me, you'll stop me and let me know what's on your mind.

I'm not a lifelong resident of the South Side, but I have lived there before; I spent three years on Stanaford behind the old Settlement House, before it was razed last year. I lived on the corner; you might have noticed my house because I kept chickens in the yard. I loved the fresh eggs and the silly noises the birds would make when I'd come out in the morning to give them corn. Sometimes I'd put a little scratch on my banjo and let them peck away...sometimes they seemed better at banjo than I was. My next door neighbor had between four and 30 pit bulls in her yard, and I remember her staring at me like I was crazy when I'd walk around with Henrietta riding on my shoulder like a chubby parrot. I thought she was crazy to have so many dogs, but I'd give her eggs once in a while and she never seemed to mind the clucking.

I know the South Side and so, when I started to help with the Voice a few months ago, I realized how important it is to have a newspaper to let people in the community know what was going on. Recently, I decided to quit my day job and work full-time on the paper, and to move back to the neighborhood.

So I'm back. As soon as I'm finished writing this letter, I'm loading up the U-Haul and moving to Merion Village.

The South Side has its share of problems – you know, and I know. We're all aware. The South Side is also one of the most interesting and diverse neighborhoods in the city, and has some of the most committed and engaged residents. A whole lot of people are working to make this a great place to live and raise their families. I'm excited to rejoin the effort.

So if you see me, stop me. Check out [www.allthingsouth.org](http://www.allthingsouth.org). Send us an e-mail at [paper@southsidevoice.org](mailto:paper@southsidevoice.org). Or, if you want to, text me at (614) 301-3960 with tips on stories, or to let me know you want to write for the paper.

I'm looking forward to meeting you.

Regards,

David S. Lewis  
Editor, South Side Voice

Dodge Pool after its 2012 renovation. Lincoln Pool's getting a similar treatment and will be open for fun next summer. Photo from Meyers and Associates



## Breaking Ground on the Lincoln Park Swimming Pool

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department has pegged Lincoln Park as the next in line to receive a remodeling of its swimming pool. Lincoln swimming pool will be the third city pool to experience an update to its water-based recreation facilities, following Dodge swimming pool in 2012 and Maryland swimming pool this year, according to the Department's Aquatics Administrator, John Gloyd. In 2006, a master plan was developed by Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. to update city swimming pools, since the most recent swimming pool construction last took place in 1975.

"All my facilities out there are there are 30 to 40 - more than that now, closer to 50 years old," he said. "We are just replacing old facilities."

Gone will be the "old, rectangle" pool from the past; instead, the outdated structure will be replaced with a "zero-depth" pool which Gloyd described as "basically like a beach."

The zero-depth pools allow for patrons to walk into the pool gradually, instead of the typical ladder found on traditional pools. Lincoln's new swimming pool will also feature two large water slides, six lanes for competitive swimming, and even a "tot area" for young children (which will include a smaller slide, as well). The pool will feature brand new bathhouses with men's and women's restrooms and showers, along with a locker area for patrons to keep their belongings.

### NEW FACILITY, LIKE DODGE POOL, TO FEATURE SLIDES AND "ZERO-DEPTH" ENTRY

By Kamari Stevens

Vending machines with snacks and drinks will also be available.

All of the changes are expected to allow for a "more open environment," according to Gloyd.

"Trends have changed; the [traditional] pools are outdated," he said. "To keep them functional, you have to put money into fixing it."

Instead of using money to maintain the antiquated facilities, Gloyd felt it was time for a complete overhaul. Meyers and Associates Architecture Firm and Gutknecht Construction were contracted for the design and construction, respectively. Gloyd said the renovations would total approximately \$4.2 million. Plans for the debut of the newly revamped swimming pool are aimed at mid-June of 2015, but Gloyd couldn't confirm an exact date until early spring, after assessing the construction through the winter, which delayed the re-opening of Maryland's pool this past Summer.

"We have every intention of getting it done by the middle of next June," he said, "but if you saw last winter's construction season, it was horrible."

Whenever the Lincoln swimming pool re-opens, Gloyd expects it to be "inviting to more people."

"(The renovation) is overdue," he said. "The people in these communities, the City of Columbus, there is no reason they can't have the same facilities the suburbs have... it's a plus to the neighborhood." ♦

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"It's difficult to stop heroin," said Ritter.

"When you become addicted (to heroin), it changes your brain chemistry," Conley said. "The decision is taken out of your hands."

Prunty was a heroin addict before he went prison for a murder charge he admits was related to his usage.

"In my experience, there is nothing like (heroin), and you're not going back to nothing else. It wrecks your life, it kills your soul. You don't care about nothing but getting high," he said. "Every waking moment."

Ritter described seeking out treatment and beginning the road to recovery as a long process, one that can lead to frustration for those seeking help because the demand for recovery assistance is greater than the amount of resources treatment is given.

"Getting in the front door for treatment is the first challenge. I don't think it's any secret, Ohio has treatment services available," he said. "But it's never enough."

With places like Maryhaven, or long-term facilities like Serenity Street, the prospect of being put on a waiting list is a reality. Conley noted that many addicts have a tendency to relapse when faced with the possibility.

"When you hear the numbers on the waiting list, it is important to not be intimidated," said Erin Parsons, Clinical Supervisor at Maryhaven. Parsons added that persistence is necessary, and that those contacting Maryhaven for treatment will receive an assessment within two weeks. Maryhaven also runs a second facility named the "Engagement Center," which is largely concerned with community outreach for the homeless, according to Ritter. Parsons added that spending time at the Engagement Center could speed up the process for addicts looking for admission into Maryhaven.

"You have a lot of folks who are homeless, who are intoxicated, have drug and alcohol problems, and it's a safe haven for them," said Ritter.

Once entered into Maryhaven facilities, addicts are put through a four-week program that includes the identification of triggers, situations and thought processes that led to prior substance abuse.

"Treatment isn't a snapshot, it's a continuum," said Ritter. "There are few people who just need detox and

that's it. I think everybody can benefit from ongoing care."

Parson's job allows her to go into the community and try to create a stable home environment for addicts in recovery who have to return to the environment that led to their substance abuse by doing "outside of the box stuff," such as assisting with cleaning up homes, helping those recovering to find employment, playing board games, along with clinical therapy.

"[We're] creating experiences for [addicts in recovery] that they haven't had in so many years, and what we see is that it is the number-one protective factor against drug use, criminal behavior and promiscuity," she said.

"The most difficult piece (of the puzzle) is leaving treatment and going back home," said Ritter.

For most addicts in recovery that pass through Maryhaven the next step in full recovery is to enter long-term facilities such as Destiny House, House of Hope and Serenity Street, which Prunty graduated from in 2008. Serenity Street was first established in 1996, currently residing on 32 East Woodrow Avenue. With 12 beds available, Serenity Street provides a comfortable living situation for recovering addicts, but Prunty described it as "not just a party on the beach."

"You have to change your lifestyle," he said.

Every resident at Serenity Street is required to attend bible study at least three times per week, as well as group meetings. New residents receive a job working for the facility's benefit, as well.

Despite his many years of sobriety, Prunty can find his job to be stressful at times and admitted he is tempted to use when he experiences "total frustration," but combats those feelings through regular "spiritual maintenance."

Having gone to detox units to share his journey in recovery, Prunty said that volunteering is vital.

"I think every recovering addict's responsibility is to help get somebody else in recovery," he added.

Conley, who is planning the Ohio Rally for Recovery taking place at the Statehouse on September 16, where addicts in recovery will share their stories, said she sees a lot of compassion in the recovery community.

"They give back, they are open, and they are honest," she said. ♦

Scott Creary with his South Side bees. Photo by Kamari Stevens



## BRINGING BACK THE BEES



### After years of pesticide driven bee blight, local beekeepers produce distinctive honey on South Side

By Kamari Stevens

Brad McClincy and Scott Creary, local beekeepers and owners of Brad's Bees in Marysville, have found a safe haven in the form of the South Side of Columbus, away from agricultural expansion and pesticide usage. Originally based in Marysville, Brad's Bees have set up close to 200 hives in Columbus, 30 of which reside on Marion Road.

"Columbus is ideally situated, because it's in the heartland of America," Creary said.

Brad's Bees' main source of revenue is directly from honey sales, but they regularly sell bees and hives to hobbyists, as well as teach classes at Brothers Drake Meadery in the Short North. Creary, who holds a Master's Degree from the University of Maryland in entomology (the study of insects), met McClincy, a beekeeper since 1979, at a conference.

"Bug people are in short supply," said Creary. "And we always manage to find each other."

McClincy and Creary have operated their hives within the city for a year and are looking for a permanent location to operate their business closer to their bees. One location, an abandoned fire station on Parsons, seemed promising, but was out of the group's reach financially. The different locations have provided each bee yard with its own distinct qualities that come out in the honey, even in the short time the hives have been set up. Creary said variations in the honey's flavors are due to the variety of flowers in each area.

"Characteristics of the honey are very different from bee yard to bee yard, which has been very interesting for (us) to see," said Creary.

McClincy noted that beekeeping has changed considerably since he began. It was easier to keep bees many years ago, he said.

"You didn't have to do much with (the bees). They were out behind the shed and you could go out once a year and take honey away from them. It's not like that now," said McClincy. "The recent problems have made beekeepers be more cognizant and take better care of their bees."

One of the reasons for special attention necessary for beekeeping is the declining population of bees.

"Crashing would be a better term to use," said Creary.

Potential causes for the decline of the bee populations vary, said Creary, but pesticide usage has played a part—specifically an insecticide found in many agricultural pesticides, neonicotinoid, synthesized nicotine from tobacco plants. Pesticides containing neonicotinoids are currently banned in Europe for their alleged effect on pollinator populations.

"(We want) to raise awareness for the challenges facing bee population," he said.

McClincy advises people to "stop buying the chemicals."

Even with the hardships of maintaining healthy populations at Brad's Bees, both men are happy to have found a place where their bees are able to function without the worry of "rampant pesticide use."

"Our food security is inextricably tied with that of pollinator health. (Bees) are an integral part of our food supply," said Creary. "(So) long-term, the goal is to make Columbus a better place for bees."

For more information, find and 'like' Brad's Bees on Facebook.

# HELP WANTED

## NEED A JOB?

*Don't believe the humbugs: Unemployment is falling, and the economy is getting better... It's time for you to get your piece of the recovery!*

*Businesses are hiring, even if you haven't been in the workforce for a while. Let the South Side Voice help you find your dream job!*

By SSV Staff

If you or someone you know is having difficulty finding a job because of some perceived “barrier,” such as having been out of the work force for a long time, lacking a high school education, having a criminal record, lacking consistent transportation or being short on skills that employers are seeking (computer, welding, commercial drivers license etc), the Ohio Means Jobs - Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC) is the place to start! COWIC and Community Development for All People are collaborating to help South Side residents prepare for (and find) work. The COWIC South Side efforts in the past 18 months have helped 191 people from the South Side find jobs, and you could be next! Information sessions will be held at CD4AP (946 Parsons Ave.) from 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16. The series of COWIC-led workshops end with a Casting Call (a job fair style event) on Thursday, October 2. This marks the first of three sessions planned for the remainder of this year. For information, contact Jo Youngs at (614) 583-1333 jayoungs@cowic.org.

Why not think about a job with a nonprofit organization? Contrary to popular opinion, “nonprofit” doesn’t always mean “volunteer,” and there are many that do pay – some, in fact, offer very competitive wages. There are over 8,000 nonprofits in Franklin County that address all different kinds of issues. If you have a calling to work in a personally rewarding job, check out one of these:

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY HOUSE** (at 1150 E. Main St.) Social Worker (LSW) with experience in case management, working with families in crisis and home visitation. Send cover letter and resume to: [tjones@cchouse.org](mailto:tjones@cchouse.org) or fax: 614-252-9164. CCH is also hiring infant/toddler and preschool teachers. Bachelor degree in ECE or Child Development required, experience preferred. Send resume w/cover letter to [proberts@cchouse.org](mailto:proberts@cchouse.org) or fax them to (614) 252-9164.

**COMMUNITY COMPUTER ALLIANCE** (at 371 Maier Pl Unit 15, Brewery District) has a part-time opening for a Telephone Solicitor, 12 hours/week to call businesses and ask for donated computer equipment. You must have a good phone manner; be outgoing; be familiar with Microsoft Excel and MS Outlook. Prior experience is helpful, and this job is not on the bus line, so candidates must have reliable transportation. Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pay: \$9.00 per hour. Send resume to Dan Hurst, Executive Director, at [dhurst@ccompa.org](mailto:dhurst@ccompa.org).

**IMPACT COMMUNITY ACTION** (at 700 Bryden Rd.) is hiring a Self-Sufficiency Coordinator to help people in the Re-Entry Work Readiness and Employment Plus programs. Position requires an associate

degree in social work or related, or equivalent knowledge and experience. Must have a valid driver’s license and/or reliable transportation for frequent area-wide travel. Get an application at: [http://www.impactca.org/what\\_you\\_can\\_do/join\\_us.html](http://www.impactca.org/what_you_can_do/join_us.html). Send resumes to Lakeshia Calhoun, Human Resources Manager, at [lcalhoun@impactca.org](mailto:lcalhoun@impactca.org).

**NATIONAL CHURCH RESIDENCES** has over 70 jobs available in the Columbus area (some require transportation to outlying offices such as Gahanna). Jobs range from part-time help in the laundry to nurses and IT technicians. They especially need van and bus drivers for senior health centers. Both full-time and part-time jobs are available. Full-time is split-shift, 6:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Part-time is either the day or evening shift. **No experience is necessary. NCR will train you!** Must have a valid driver’s license and be able to pass a drug/alcohol screening and background check. View all jobs and apply online at [www.nationalchurchresidences.org/careers](http://www.nationalchurchresidences.org/careers).

**NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL** has 208 jobs currently available ranging from Patient Access Reps to Custodians and HVAC positions to nurses and doctors. Check their website at <https://careers.nationwidechildrens.org>; applications taken only online, but assistance with applying is available from

[talent@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:talent@nationwidechildrens.org) or by calling (614) 355-4111. Calls are encouraged, as the application system is complex. NCH employs about 6,000 people throughout Columbus, about 30 percent of whom live in zip codes 43205, 06 & 07.

**THE SALVATION ARMY IN CENTRAL OHIO** is recruiting 3 Ameri-Corps PATH members to help educate the public about human trafficking. The Volunteer Management Specialist requires some college education and the Public Education Specialist must be a college graduate. Both are full-time jobs, immediately available and end June 26, 2015. They also are hiring an Anti-Human Trafficking Case Manager (Bachelor in Social Work & LSW) and a Coordinator (Masters in Social Work). For more information <http://careers.use-salvationarmy.org/SalvationArmyCurrentJobs.php?jobID=1148>, or send your resume and cover letter by mail to Michelle Hannan, The Salvation Army, 966 East Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205, or to [mhannan@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:mhannan@use.salvationarmy.org).

**NOTE:** If you do not have a computer or online access, help is available at both the Parsons Ave. and South High Street branches of the Columbus Metropolitan Library and at COWIC (1111 E. Broad St.).

## MANDY'S HEALTH CORNER Tips and tricks for healthier living that won't break the bank *By Mandy Fowler*

### Setting Down Soda

*Even just drinking fewer sugary sodas each day will leave you feeling healthier, better hydrated*

Water protects our vital organs, as well as detoxifies and regulates the body temperature. By consuming the daily-recommended amount of water, the body’s metabolism support and energy increases because the lungs work better when moisturized for easier breathing. Blood flow and brain functions run smoother when the body stays hydrated. Bones become stronger and less brittle, and muscles are less likely to tighten.

Sugary sodas, on the other hand, increase body fat, can lead to diabetes, and are generally unhealthy for you...and too many of us reach for them too quickly. While it’s fine to treat yourself to an occasional coke, too often

we reach for a soda when what our body really wants is something healthier: water.

Fruit infused water is a great compromise: it’s a great way to increase your daily vitamin intake, to stay hydrated, and to liven up boring old tap water. Change up the fruit blend (for example, add oranges and mangos to boost vitamin C levels, strawberries and blueberries to increase potassium and antioxidants) and try out fruits you like. Jeni’s Splendid Ice Cream, for instance, is known for offering cucumber-infused water, and it’s amazingly refreshing! Experiment until you find one you like, and then don’t forget to make it. If it’s delicious and in a pitcher in your fridge, you’re going to drink it!



#### What you will need:

1 gal drink container  
3 cups of fresh, cleaned, and sliced seasonal fruit

Clean and slice fruit into small chunks or slices and place into 1 gal. drink container.

Fill container with water and place into refrigerator until desired temperature. Add ice and enjoy.

## SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS



### EVERY MONDAY - THURSDAY

#### HOMEWORK HELP AT THE COLUMBUS METRO LIBRARY

845 PARSONS AVE.

3:30-6:30 p.m. and FRIDAY, 3-6 p.m.

Free place for K-12 students to get help with homework from friendly staff and volunteers. Continues through the school year.

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

#### FAT (FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS) CONCERT SERIES

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Southeast Lions Park, Barthman & 6th

FREE This last concert for the season will feature local musicians, so don't miss it! Bring your own lawn chairs, food & non-alcoholic beverages.

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

#### REEB AVENUE CENTER GROUNDBREAKING

280 Reeb Ave. 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Join with Governor Kasich, Mayor Coleman, Reeb Champions Jane Grote Abell, Tanny Crane and others to celebrate the start of renovations to convert the former school into the new Reeb Avenue Center. This FREE event will be held outside, so dress for the weather!

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER

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#### PARSONS AVE. MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

NOON meeting at Scrambler Marie's, 567 E. Livingston Ave.

Anyone interested in the development of Parsons Avenue is welcome to attend. Lunch is self-pay.

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

#### SOUTH SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE CENTER TEAM MEETING

1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Barack Recreation Center, 580 E. Woodrow Ave.

Join Jo Anne St. Clair, code officers, and others as they discuss issues of interest at this regularly scheduled meeting that is open to the public.

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m. at South High School 1160 Ann St.

Join in to help cheer Coach Keith Dimmy & the Bulldogs to victory over Groveport-Madison. Away games Sept. 12 at Harvest Prep, Sept 19 at Walnut Ridge and Oct. 3 at Eastmoor Academy. Get the scoop on all high school football action at <http://www.10tv.com/content/sections/sports/firstand10/index.html>

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8

#### SOUTH CENTRAL COMMONS BLOCK WATCH MONTHLY MEETING

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Contact [sherrilzeitler@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrilzeitler@yahoo.com) for location and agenda

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11

#### WOMEN TO WOMEN LISTENING CIRCLE

11:30 - 1:30 Corpus Christi Center of Peace 1111 E. Stewart Ave.

FREE; lunch provided at 11:30; 2nd Thursday of each month.

All women of any age or life circumstances are invited. There are no requirements. This is simply a place to

### SATURDAYS SEPTEMBER 13 & 27 & OCT. 11

#### WALK WITH A DOC

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Indian Mound Park, 3901 Parsons Ave.

Meet at the shelter houses (in the gym if weather is bad). Great, free opportunity to get some medical questions answered and enjoy a healthy walk geared to all fitness levels.

step away, breathe and share with other women. No pre-registration is necessary. No childcare available, so please make other arrangements for your little ones. For information, call Corpus Christi Center of Peace at (614) 512-3731, or email [corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com)

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11

#### MARION FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m. at MFHS, 1265 Koebel Rd.

Join in to help cheer Coach Brian Haffele and the Red Devils to victory over Hartley. Away games on Fridays Sept. 5 at Northland, Sept 19 at Independence and Sept. 26 at Walnut Ridge.

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13

#### JOURNALING THE JOURNEY

9:00 a.m.- 4:30p.m.

A day of writing into prayer \$25 fee includes lunch, coffee breaks and a journal. This is a quiet day of reflection for anyone interested in exploring the art of journaling. For information, call Corpus Christi Center of Peace at (614) 512-3731 or email [corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com). You can also register online at [cccenterofpeace.org](http://cccenterofpeace.org)

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

#### FIRST ANNUAL GLASS & STEEL COMMUNITY CONCERT & CELEBRATION

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Parking Lot of the John R. Maloney South Side Health Center, 1905 Parsons Ave.

FREE! Bring the family for an afternoon of music, fun, and family-friendly activities. Area non-profits and community groups

will be on hand to share resources and information. Tours of the Health Center will also be available.

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

#### JOB SEARCH INFORMATION SESSION

10:00 a.m. - NOON at Community Development for All People, 946 Parsons Ave.

Attend this session and more to be qualified for the job fair October 2. Contact: Jo Youngs at COWIC (614) 583-1333 or [jayoungs@cowic.org](mailto:jayoungs@cowic.org). This is a great way to get help preparing for and finding a job.

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18

#### SOUTH SIDE HEALTH ADVISORY

COMMITTEE 6:00 - 7:30

Community Development For All People, 946 Parsons Ave.

Led by Columbus Public Health to discuss health related issues and share information. All are welcome to attend. Contact Shalini Madireddy at [smmadireddy@columbus.gov](mailto:smmadireddy@columbus.gov) or (614) 645-2679. Free parking in lot just to the north of the building.

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m. at South High School, 1160 Ann St.

Join in to help cheer the Bulldogs to victory over Independence.

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

#### SOUTH SIDE RISING HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXPO

Noon - 3:30 p.m. Maloney Health Center, 1905 Parsons Ave.

FREE Event - plan to attend to learn about programs and organizations in the community as well as see the development going on and learn about available housing options for current and prospective residents. Sponsored by the Columbus South Side Area Commission. Contact Erin Synk, Housing Commissioner, for more information, at [eesynk@yahoo.com](mailto:eesynk@yahoo.com)

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

#### FOURTH ANNUAL HICKS, HARRIS & FERGUSON MULTIPLE MYELOMA SYMPOSIUM

Third Episcopal District of the AME Church Headquarters, 288 South Hamilton Road

9:30am - Registration & Breakfast

10:00am-1:00pm

The program includes keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Booth, Senior Pastor at

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. To register, visit <https://mmore.webconnex.com/HHFSymposium>, or e-mail/call Cheryl at Cheryl@mmore.org or (614) 754-6798

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20**

**SAVING OUR MEN  
ANTI-VIOLENCE RALLY**  
1459 E. Livingston Avenue  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (corner of Livingston and Kelton)

Free event aimed at protecting men in the community from violence. Contact Janee' Jenkins X-Clusive Empowerment Network, (614) 733-8192.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21**

**LET'S MOVE COLUMBUS**  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m., South High School, 1160 Ann St.

FREE, healthy activities including a run/walk, health evaluations, bounce house and other fun activities for kids and adults. Free health screenings and counseling also on-site. Pre-register and receive a free gift when you check in <http://letsmovecolumbus.com/information-and-registration/southside-lets-move-columbus/>. Join in to help the South Side have the most participants of any of the four Columbus sites hosting this amazing event!

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23**  
**SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Barack Recreation Center, 580 E. Woodrow Ave.

The Commission makes recommendations to the City regarding zoning, events, and changes in the south side area. It is comprised of representatives from all 10 civic association areas. Open to the public; come and have your voice heard on the issues that affect YOU!

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24**

**CSSAC & FSCAC AREA  
BLOCK WATCH MEETING**

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Barack Recreation Center, 580 E. Woodrow Ave.

This is a monthly meeting of all South Side Block Watch Representatives AND the community at large. Anyone

is welcome and encouraged to attend. Different guest speakers are invited each month to present a range of information.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26**

**SOUTH HIGH  
SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

7:30 p.m. at South High School, 1160 Ann St.

Join in to help cheer Coach Keith Dimmy and the Bulldogs to victory over Independence.



**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 27  
HEALING THROUGH  
NEEDLECRAFT: A  
DAY OF REFLECTION  
FOR KNITTERS &  
CROCHETERS**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Center of Peace 1111 E. Stewart Ave.

This is a quiet day to reflect on how needlework can help us to heal and how the products of our needlework can bring healing to others. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch. Bring your latest project to work on while we share insights and wisdom! For information, call Corpus Christi Center of Peace at (614) 512-3731 or email [corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com); you can also register online at [cccenterofpeace.org](http://cccenterofpeace.org)

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To have your meeting or event listed, send us a short description, date, time, location and web link (if any). [paper@southsidevoice.org](mailto:paper@southsidevoice.org)

**PLAN AHEAD:**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 2**

**COWIC CASTING CALL  
(JOB FAIR)**

Contact: Jo Youngs at COWIC (614) 583-1333 or [jayoungs@cowic.org](mailto:jayoungs@cowic.org) for time and location.

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 3**

**MARION FRANKLIN HIGH  
SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

7:30 p.m. at MFHS, 1265 Koebel Rd.

Join in to help cheer Coach Brian Haffele and the Red Devils to victory over Africentric.

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 9**

**WOMEN TO WOMEN  
LISTENING CIRCLE**

11:30 - 1:30 Corpus Christi Center of Peace 1111 E. Stewart Ave. FREE; LUNCH PROVIDED AT 11:30 - 2nd Thursday of each month.

All women of any age or life circumstances are invited. For information, call Corpus Christi Center of Peace at (614) 512-3731, or email [corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com)

**CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
LEADERS & MEETING TIMES**

*Editor's Note: Many of the civics are canceling their meeting this month due to National Night Out; if you plan to go to your civic's meeting, check with them to make sure there will be one.*

**Schumacher Place**

Kathy Green, *President*  
[Kathryngreen@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathryngreen@yahoo.com)  
Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Planks Cafe on Parsons

**Hungarian Village**

Paula Copeland, *President*  
[hvsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:hvsociety@yahoo.com)  
614-222-2145, Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Hungarian Reform Church, 365 Woodrow Ave.

**SouthSide C.A.N.**

Debera Diggs, *President*  
614-598-2237. Meeting is Monday, September 11, 7:00pm. For more information contact President Debera Diggs.

**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.

**Vassor Village**

Beau Bayliss, *Vice President*  
[bayliss.1456@gmail.com](mailto:bayliss.1456@gmail.com)  
1st Wednesday of each 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)

**Innis Gardens Village**

Brenda Cummings, *President*  
[bndbhealthy@yahoo.com](mailto:bndbhealthy@yahoo.com)  
Meetings held 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Block Watch 6 - 6:30 p.m., Offices of RockTen 1015 Marion Rd.

**Reeb-Hosack/  
Steelton Village**

Linda Henry, *Co-chair*  
[lshenry4@gmail.com](mailto:lshenry4@gmail.com)  
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*  
[earlittfield@sbcglobal.net](mailto:earlittfield@sbcglobal.net)  
614-329-5294  
Meetings held 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Alvis House, 1755 Alum Creek Dr.

**Southern Orchards  
Southside United  
Neighbors**

Richard Shaffer, *President*  
[southernorchards.1982@gmail.com](mailto:southernorchards.1982@gmail.com), Meetings held 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m., Stowe Mission, 888 Parson Ave.

**Stambaugh-Elwood**

William Bibb, *Area Commissioner*  
[williambibb1@wowway.com](mailto:williambibb1@wowway.com) 614.500.2298; Meetings on 4th Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. Location varies, contact William Bibb for current location

## PARENT CORNER



### ONWARD TO FORTUNE, FULFILLMENT, AND COOKIES!

Students at the South Side Learning and Development Center prepare to graduate preschool August 15, 2014, at St. Ladislav Church. The kids led parents and onlookers in the Pledge of Allegiance and a performance of *What Does the Fox Say?* Preschool is an important part of a child's development; now these children's parents will see them proudly enter kindergarten and continue to enrich themselves throughout their education. The South Side Voice is inspired by the commitment of parents, educators, and volunteers, all of whom are essential in forming the village wherein these children will eventually find success. Congratulations, students, and good luck in kindergarten!

Photo by David S. Lewis

# PARENT'S CHOICE! IS YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL THE BEST FIT?

*This special information section is provided courtesy the Ohio Department of Education, Office of Quality School Choice; edited by SSV Staff*

Make sure your child is attending the best school for him or her. You do have options!

**A**s the calendar turns to August, the countdown to the start of the school year begins. For most families, this means another year at the same school, but for others, it may mean the opportunity to choose something different.

Within Ohio there are many different educational options for families, from public neighborhood schools and public charter schools to area private schools. It's important for families to know they have a choice in the education their children receive, and what those choices are. Most families think that where they live determines where their children must go to school, but the truth is that parents have much more power to choose their student's school than they may realize.

For Columbus City Schools parents, there are several resources available to support their right to choose. The Ohio Depart-

ment of Education offers different scholarship programs that can help cover the cost of tuition at participating private schools. Based on your assigned public school or income level, your student may qualify for up to \$5,000 in tuition. If your student has special education needs, he or she may qualify for up to \$20,000. These scholarship programs can go a long way over the course of a student's education and help prepare them for future success!

To learn more about specific eligibility, program details and private school options, call (877) 644-6338 (toll free) or visit [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov); search, "Scholarships."

Choosing a school for your child to attend may take some time, but there are lots of resources to help! Below are some steps to take and questions to ask yourself as you begin your school search!

**TARGET YOUR VALUES:** *Identify what things are most important to you about your child's education!* What do you like about your current school? What would you change? How important is location or transportation?

**MAKE A CHECKLIST OF YOUR NEEDS:** *Write down the things that must be included in your desired school!* What learning styles fit your student best? What sort of school environment would your student like? Does your student want sports teams or extracurricular activities?

**SET UP A VISIT:** *Go see the school for yourself!* How do you feel when you walk into the school? What do the classrooms and facilities look like? Can you imagine your child attending this school?

*In order to help in your school search process, be sure to use the following online resources:* **Ohio Department of Education:** visit [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov), search **Scholarships**. List of designated schools whose students are eligible for a private school scholarship Participating private schools for scholarship programs **Parent checklist for selecting a private school/provider:** [www.pickyparent.com](http://www.pickyparent.com) **Tips and resources for parents on how to choose the best school for your child:** [www.greatschools.org/Ohio](http://www.greatschools.org/Ohio) **Parent reviews and feedback on local schools** School Choice Ohio: [www.schoio.org](http://www.schoio.org) Detailed information and resources on how to navigate school choice in Ohio Access to counselors who can help you navigate the school search process.

After reviewing all the information available, you may decide to keep your child at your current school. Or, you may join other Ohio parents who are taking the opportunity to make a different choice in where their children attend school. By using the resources available to them and making informed decisions, parents can help give their students a great education that fits their needs!