

SL7 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

AROUND THE WAY



Connecting Faith to Our Work

In April 2018, Kim Fields brought together the faith leadership and community partners through a meet and greet held at Fairhill Partners. The meeting was a success, and the pastors wanted to build on the momentum by taking congregational leaders on a bus tour throughout the neighborhood.

We worked collaboratively with Reverend Clarence Hall, Jr. of Morning Star Baptist Church, Elder Ernest Fields, Calvary Hill Church of God in Christ, and Nelson Beckford from the Cleveland Foundation. The goals of the tour were to:

- 1) Identify community resources, assets, and services that potentially benefit you and your constituency;
- 2) Highlight physical development and planning initiatives that have been completed, are currently being implemented, or will be executed in the future.



RTA E. 116/Saint Luke's Public Art Community Meeting
Dec. 11, 5-7 pm
Rice Library



Harvey Rice Chat-N-Chew
Dec. 14, 8:30 am



Habitat for Humanity Open House
December 15. 10 am

There were 45 attendees, and 20 were from the faith community - an approximate 50% increase in participation! Several partners highlighted their current and future projects. [HERE](#) you will find the map of the stops of the tour. In addition, we visited Williams' Place, a side lot enhancement project completed by Church of the Living God.

The tour ended with a debrief over lunch at Edwin's Restaurant. When describing their experience, attendees stated they feel hopeful and inspired. Others used words like interconnected and unified, transformational and synergistic.

This was a good first step in bridging the gap between the faith community, institutional partners and residents. We will hold a follow-up meeting with the faith leaders in January to identify shared interests and opportunities for greater involvement.

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OUR BACKYARD

No More Liquor Stores

The community is taking an active stand against liquor stores in the neighborhood. Currently, a permit is being pursued by a business (formerly Lolly Bar) on E. 110th and Hulda and Family Dollar on E. 130th and Buckeye. Residents and the Councilman are against adding more liquor locations to the neighborhood and are going to City Hall on Friday, December 7 to contest the permit. Letters are also being written to oppose the request.

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Time for Action!

Councilman Griffin and residents have called on the public to support a petition to prevent Family Dollar from locating in the old Life Skills building. [READ MORE](#) and sign the petition.

OPPORTUNITY CORRIDOR

What Role Can St. Luke's Play?

ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) held a ribbon cutting for the completion of Section 1 of Opportunity Corridor – E. 105th Street from Quebec Avenue to north of Chester Avenue. Section 2 of the corridor is E. 93rd Street to Quebec, and the third section is I-490/E. 55th to E. 93rd.

While there are many pieces and parts to the Corridor, I am representing the Foundation by sitting on the Neighborhood Economic Impact & Equity Committee led by Dr. Melissa Burrows, Director of the Mayor's Office of Equal Opportunity. The function of the committee is to maintain and report overall diversity and inclusion efforts of Opportunity Corridor based on construction hours. Additionally, the Committee will focus on measuring impact based on participation by minorities and residents.

Simplified, Opportunity Corridor will bring jobs, and the residents surrounding St. Luke's will be in a prime position to secure these jobs. There is much work to do to determine how this "opportunity" will be extended to the community, and what we can do to make sure people are ready. We, as a Foundation, can play a role in ensuring all people are able to benefit.

Read the [Real Estate and Labor Market Analysis](#) for the Opportunity Corridor to learn more about existing conditions, the core job zone, labor market analysis, workforce opportunities and more.

SHAKER SQUARE

"This is Shaker Square"

Here's the latest digs on Shaker Square:

- The project has been branded "This Is Shaker Square" and has its own [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and Instagram profiles. Click to follow! A website, [www.thisisshsq.com](#) will also go live before the end of the year.
- First round of public outreach was completed Nov 16-17. Over 600 people were engaged and completed nearly 400 surveys.
- We have now surpassed 600 surveys completed (online and in-person). We are breaking down who completed them to be ensure that the community is at least somewhat equitably represented in the feedback.
- The planning schedule has been finalized and will conclude in June of 2019, with large-scale public feedback events in February and April (in addition to the comments we will receive at its unveiling in June).
- The project has received widespread press coverage from the Plain Dealer, ABC5, and WCPN [Ideastream](#).



-Wayne Mortenson, CNP

PURPOSE BUILT

Write the Vision



Nearly 40 partners from Glenville and Buckeye-Woodhill gathered at New Bridge to debrief about the Purpose Built Conference and begin to shape a vision for Purpose Built here in Cleveland. Participants were asked to build a community focusing on the three pillars of the Purpose Built model: education, mixed-income housing, and wellness.

They were given hands-on materials and worked in teams to build a community prototype that reflects their vision for housing, green space, schools, services, and amenities that will enhance the lives of residents.

The group was posed a scenario to ignite their imagination:

It's 2025, and the Purpose Built Conference is right here in Cleveland! We are documenting our progress as we get ready to present to people across the country, and we are planning our tour of the Buckeye and Glenville neighborhoods.

- *What will we show them?*
- *What activities will they hear about and see?*
- *What achievements have been made? Consider the before and after.*
- *What partners are being recognized and highlighted?*

The goal of the exercise was to create a vision that informs the identity of the initiative – it's name, mission and vision statements. The next step is to form action teams per neighborhood that can begin shaping education, housing, and wellness as a means to enhance the Buckeye-Woodhill community.

Curious... what is your vision for the neighborhood?

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