WARD 2
Connecting Communities Festival
3 DAY EVENT

Friday, August 19, 2016
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Featuring artists: Hubbs Groove and Forecast

Saturday, August 20, 2016
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
National Recording artist, Angela Winbush

PLUS OTHER ENTERTAINERS!

Sunday, August 21, 2016
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Featuring: Women of Wisdom and Von James

JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL OUTDOOR FIELD
Hosted by Union Miles Development Corporation
Vendors, Resources, activities for all, giveaways
More information call 216.341.0757
Grand Opening of Fire Station #36 Celebrated on E. 131st

On May 14th history was made in the Union Miles and Mt. Pleasant neighborhood with the Marker Dedication of Mary Zone and George L. Forbes at the Grand Opening of Fire Station #36, the first fire station in the city of Cleveland to be built in the last 25 years. The new fire station will also house both the Fire Department and EMS.

Though the rain forced event organizers to cancel the parade from the old Fire Station #36, it did not deter community residents from taking in the historic ceremony. The city of Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Police Chief Calvin Williams, Councilman Zack Reed, Councilman Johnson, and other city officials took part in the ceremony that celebrated the outstanding work of Mary Zone and George L. Forbes along with their families.

After the grand opening ceremony, ribbon cutting, and Marker Dedication residents and others were given the opportunity to tour the brand new, state of the art facility and engage in food, fun, and community. Be sure to drive by the new Fire and EMS Station on E. 131st.

Summer 2016 UMDC Lease Purchaser Yard Beautification Contest

Union Miles Development Corporation (UMDC) will once again have the annual summer yard beautification contest. This contest is for Lease Purchaser occupants who reside in a home owned by UMDC. Winners of this contest will receive a one-time, one month rent deduction from their monthly rent (no cash prizes will be awarded).

The prizes are as follows: 1st Place- $100.00, 2nd Place-$75.00, and 3rd Place-$50.00. UMDC Lease Purchasers who are interested call (216) 355-7765 to sign up.

Happy Planting!!!

CODE ENFORCEMENT

There were 120 total surveys done on residential properties during the month of April 2016. Of those properties inspected in our service area, there were 14 that had major violations and were submitted to the City of Cleveland. 21 properties were found to be vacant & 34 properties are in foreclosure. All other properties had minor or no violations.

There were also 7 commercial properties inspected during the month of April. Only 1 commercial property had major violations and 2 others were vacant and going through foreclosure. All other commercial properties had minor or no violations.

Letters were sent out or delivered to all of those residents and owners that were found to have major or minor violations. Owners now have 60 days to make the necessary repairs.
Little Lanai Barrett Has Youth Entrepreneur Spirit!

Lanai Barrett is a 10 year old 5th grader who attends the Intergenerational School, Shaker Campus. She loves to read and write small stories.

In 2015, Lanai started her own business, “Straw made,” her little secret drink that incorporates lemonade and a strawberry mix and a little twist! She created her sign and T-shirt, she was and has been fully committed to the process and building her business.

During the summer, she attended multiple festivals and received revenue! She was so excited with the business that she continued throughout the fall and added to her business.

She saved the majority of her money and opened a savings account. Some of the funds she reinvested in business by hiring an employee to assist at large scale events and to purchase more supplies.

She is very excited to open her business and promote youth entrepreneurship.

MyCom held their annual meeting in the flats at Windows on the River where the audience was delighted to hear from keynote speaker and enthused supporter Stedman Graham. Youth who are at the focus of the program were in attendance as well as some students from the local John Adams High School.

MyCom is an initiative working with Neighborhood Leadership Institute, The Cleveland Foundation, and local agencies to connect Cleveland’s youth to available mentoring, jobs, workforce development, and community building opportunities in their neighborhoods.
City Councilman Zack Reed of Ward 2 addressed stakeholders and residents of the community in his State of the Ward speech. He informed those in attendance that the community is progressing and that we still have a lot of work to do. He is committed to finding solutions as it relates to reducing crime, unemployment and revitalizing the neighborhood. Residents were very encouraged after the meeting and showed continued support.