Over the past year, BBC has worked with neighborhood residents, business owners, and other stakeholders to create a new plan for the Central and Kinsman neighborhoods. The purpose of the planning process was to determine the direction how BBC should continue to reinvent these communities.

The planning process occurred in several phases. BBC began by hosting community meetings in late March and early April for both neighborhoods to get information on community needs related to housing, transportation, recreation, health, and safety. We also contacted over 30 key neighborhood stakeholders to conduct interviews regarding these needs.

During the second phase of the neighborhood planning process, BBC placed several large-sized feedback boards throughout the Central and Kinsman neighborhoods in grocery stores, libraries, and eateries to collect data from residents. Each board was completely covered with feedback from the community. We also surveyed nearly 200 residents who attended the annual Ward 5 Family Festival at Friendly Inn in June 2014. We used all the information gathered in this process and presented a first draft of the plans to each neighborhood at meetings in late July 2014.

Residents gave input and suggestions on what they liked about the plans and what should be changed.

During the third and final phase, BBC conducted a series of community meetings where over 100 residents and stakeholders gathered per meeting to review the latest draft of the plan which included all feedback gathered throughout the year. Residents in attendance were able to share what they agreed with in the plan and what if anything they thought was missing.

A team composed of BBC staff, Brown and Associates Consulting, and two architect firms; Ubiquitous Design, LTD and Wanix Architects, LLC, are in the process of compiling data from the three methods of engagement and finalizing the neighborhood plan to be reported back to the neighborhood.

Exciting development ideas have emerged from this process. A few examples are a nature center near the Marion Motely Field in the Kinsman Neighborhood and a multiuse building for offices, retail, and recreation in the Central Neighborhood.

The final documents are expected to be available in January 2015. For more information or to view the final draft of the neighborhood plans, visit BBC’s website at bbcdevelopment.org or visit BBC’s office at 7201 Kinsman Road.

Thank you to all residents who contributed to the project by attending meetings, providing comments on the feedback boards, or completed a survey or an interview. We would especially like to thank the residents and stakeholders who served on the planning Steering Committee and guided this process.

— Sherita Mullins

BBC would like to recognize Priscella Fayne for being a dedicated volunteer and resident of the Kinsman neighborhood for the past 32 years. When asked what has been her favorite volunteer project with BBC, Ms. Fayne quickly stated “the Garden Sox project last year when we packaged and delivered gardens to households throughout the community.” There were many projects Ms. Fayne could have selected because she volunteers on a regular basis, from passing out flyers and door knocking to promote events, to attending festivals and helping clean up vacant fields. Ms. Fayne is always willing to help get the word about programs that will uplift her community.

Beyond volunteering with BBC, Ms. Fayne is the Vice President of the block club at Heritage View and Vice Precinct Committee Person for Ward 5 (appointed by Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland). She assists with programs at the Garden Valley Neighborhood House and is a lifelong volunteer at Anton Grdina where her son attended. Professionally, Ms. Fayne is a veteran of the United States Army and runs a successful jewelry business where she designs and makes her own jewelry.

Ms. Fayne loves the Kinsman neighborhood and has no plans on going anywhere else. “I am foreseeing the future and I will be here to see it,” says Ms. Fayne. Her advice to residents that are not active in their community is “it is your neighborhood and you have to give your input if you want it to flourish into a place to work, live, and play. I invite residents to join me when I volunteer so that they can help their community.” Thank you Ms. Fayne for the generous and sincere support you give to BBC and the Kinsman neighborhood.

— Sherita Mullins
Through hard work and dedication of Staff, Scholars, Parents and the community, Anton Grdina has shown improvement in almost all of the performance areas measured by Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD). Here is evidence of the improvements that were made in the 2013/2014 school year:

- 18.2% of 3rd graders increased their Ohio Achievement Assessment scores
- Suspensions decreased from 400 to 105
- Parent engagement events doubled from 6 to 12 events
- Parent and family contact increased from 126 to 436
- Attendance increased 6% in the 4th quarter

This momentum coupled with the return of our principal, Mr. Harold S. Booker, started the year off with a bang! There were 319 people that attended the Back to School Event and 149 parents participated in Open House. This was a new record for Anton. Also, there were ten partners there that were able to meet our families and share their programs.

Our Wraparound Strategy for this year is to focus on three priority areas: Attendance, Parent Engagement, and Resources and Partnerships. We have built a strong team to help us achieve this mission.

Kevin Baldwin- AmeriCorps Academic Success VISTA
Kevin is native of Cleveland returning home because of the opportunity to serve the lower Kinsman neighborhood. Kevin is focused on developing in-school and after-school opportunities that will provide academic support to scholars. He is looking forward to helping them realize their academic potential and helping to steer them towards greatness!

Janay Bankston- Case Western Reserve University Field Placement Student
Janay is a candidate for her Master’s degree in social work from CWRU. She is a graduate of Cleveland Metropolitan Schools. Her primary focus on the Wraparound Team is to help move attendance by connecting with families and helping to develop interventions that encourage our scholars to be “At School! On Time! Ready to Learn!” Her hope is that families will recognize their strength and potential as much as she does.

Marionna Bennett- Parent Engagement VISTA
It is critical to develop parent leadership in our schools. Marionna will be supporting all parent engagement efforts. She will work to develop relationships with our families and help to continue to build a school culture that is nurturing and welcoming. In addition, she will work to support our parent leaders in creating programs and events that will engage parents in the academic success of the children and Anton Grdina.

The school year is off to a great start, but we recognize we have large obstacles that we need to overcome. BBC, United Way’s Lead Agency, will continue to support Anton Grdina and work with our entire Lower Kinsman community to transform our neighborhood school.

We are invested! Are you? If you are interested in supporting Anton Grdina by volunteering for tutoring and other school needs, please feel free to contact the Resource Coordinator, Monique Williams at 216.812.1543 or mwilliams@bbcdevelopment.org.

–Monique Williams

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Centers coming to the neighborhood!

BBC is bringing free income tax preparation to the Kinsman and tentatively to the Central neighborhoods. Working with the Earned Income Tax Coalition of Cuyahoga County, BBC will identify trained volunteersto provide QUALITY FREE TAX PREPARATION to residents. Why give most of your refund to a high cost tax preparer? BBC will bring free tax preparers to your neighborhood.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Centers will be located at the following sites:

- Cornucopia Place
  7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 103b
  Cleveland, OH 44104
- And
  [tentative] Central Promise Neighborhood Learning Lab
  2617 Central Avenue
  Cleveland, OH 44115

To make an appointment for these or any free tax preparation sites around Cuyahoga County, please call the United Way’s First Call for Help by dialing 2-1-1.

We are also in need of volunteers, who will be trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service to provide the service. The Coalition is looking for volunteers to help greet clients and prepare taxes. Anyone can sign up to become a volunteer. There is no experience necessary, just attend a Coalition led training to become an IRS-certified volunteer tax preparer. Sign up today by visiting www.refundohio.org or call BBC’s Joy Johnson at 216.341.1455 for more information.

–Joy Johnson

### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENTS AT ANTON GRDINA

Aisha Daniel- Case Western Reserve University Field Placement Student
Aisha is a candidate for her Master’s degree in social work from CWRU. Aisha’s role is to help gain community resources and partnerships to close the gaps of services and supports need at Anton Grdina. Her hope is to bring in resources that will sustain themselves once her term is completed. She is passionate about helping at-risk youth because she was once an at-risk youth and knows how challenging life can be when no one is willing to accommodate you. She wants to be helpful in some form, while learning all she can from this process.

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If you have any questions, please call 216.664.4673 or visit www.ohiomeansjobs.com/cuyahoga.

Unique Employment and Training Program for Residents in Ward 5

The Ohio Department of Transportation [ODOT] is partnering with OhioMeansJobs|Cleveland-Cuyahoga County [OMJ|CC] to deliver a unique employment and training program to local residents as part of the Opportunity Corridor Roadway Project.

The program is sponsored by ODOT as part of a statewide plan to educate, empower and engage you and other residents in economic growth for the community through connection to good jobs in the area and other parts of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. This is a great opportunity for residents in the areas of the Opportunity Corridor who are in need of employment. Through this partnership, ODOT and OMJ|CC’s goal is to link you to existing jobs, jobs created from the building of the Opportunity Corridor and other in-demand occupations through recruitment, training and pre-employment services.

To learn participate in this program, residents are invited to attend the downtown OMJ|CC orientation that takes place every Monday [except holidays]. The orientation is an introduction to all available programs and services, information on job openings and access to an employment specialist who will help you in finding a job or developing a plan for employment.

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NFL FOUNDATION INVESTS $200,000 IN CENTRAL

BBC will be receiving a grant of $200,000 from the NFL Foundation to renovate the Dwayne Browder Field at Lonnie Burten Recreational Center. The project will allow the City of Cleveland to convert the field from grass to turf. This will not only allow youth football players to play in a safer environment, but will also create an asset for the entire community to use for various outdoor activities. Construction should begin in spring of 2015.

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Beginning in April, BBC partnered with a city-wide coalition of residents to discuss climate change and the impacts it is having in neighborhoods throughout the city. As part of this initiative, residents from Kinsman, Central, Detroit Shoreway, Slavic Village and Glenville were invited to take part in the Community Climate Ambassadors Program. The selected residents had a chance to learn about ways to make their community a healthier, greener, and safer environment.

Kinsman and Central had exceptional representation with a team that included Roman Anderson, Quiana Singleton, Destiny Camp, and Priscilla Fayne. They joined fourteen other resident ambassadors to learn about the potential impacts of climate change on the region and in their communities. The team of ambassadors brought unique insights and energy to identify several community-based interventions that would better prepare residents in the extreme weather conditions.

The Climate Ambassador’s contributions are now part of a proposal to the Kresge Foundation’s Climate Resiliency and Urban Opportunity Grant that will potentially bring funding to implement those ideas. Please call BBC’s office at 216.341.1455 and ask to speak with Erick Rodriguez to learn more about this initiative.

–Erick Rodriguez

Jump Start Your Student’s Success

George Washington Carver STEM is a great place for your child to be enrolled in school! Making sure that your child is at school every day and on time is a vital part of your child’s education, but there are many other ways that parents can contribute to their child’s success at George Washington Carver STEM.

- **BREAKFAST**: Start the day with breakfast at home or arrive at the school at 7:45am for free breakfast.
- **DRESS CODE**: Make sure your child is in dress code before they leave the house.
- **HOMEWORK**: Provide your child with an uninterrupted homework time every evening.
- **SLEEP**: Students should have 8-10 hours of sleep the night before school.
- **KNOW THE TEACHERS**: Set up appointments with your child’s teacher to learn how you can help them excel in the classroom.
- **REINFORCE SCHOOL RULES**: Learn the rules your student has to follow at school and apply them at home. [eg. Sitting while eating; no profanity]
- **ASK FOR HELP**: If your child is struggling in the classroom, speak with administration about opportunities to get him or her additional help.
- **ADD THE EXTRAS**: Sign your child up for after school programs. Attend parent and family events. Join the Parent Advisory Committee. Volunteer to chaperone field trips or to help out in the building.

George Washington Carver STEM is here to help you navigate all the hurdles to ensuring your child’s success in school. Contact your Site Coordinator, Tiffany Allen 216.404.5616 for additional help implementing these tools or accessing community resources that can improve the quality of life for you and your Carver student.

–Tiffany Allen
Ten Junior League volunteers participated in the day’s activities, including facilitating a game which gave the youth an opportunity to identify kitchen gadgets and their purpose in the kitchen. They also provided each teen with a bag of goodies which included a silverware place setting, a setting of dinnerware (dinner plate, salad plate and bowl), a $20.00 Dave’s Supermarket gift card and two cookbooks; Eat Well on $4/Day Good and Cheap by Leanne Brown and Teen Cuisine by Matthew Lonicchio.

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There are a variety of health and wellness classes offered in Cornucopia Place located next door to BBC’s office at 7201 Kinsman Road. Every week, you can Spice up Your Life with Sharon Glaspie or practice Yoga with Yoga and Martial Arts Instructor, Santell Nelson. The fall schedule is listed on the calendar of events section on page four. You can also rent the space for private parties or events. To learn more about the type of classes offered at Cornucopia Place or to rent the space, call BBC at 216.341.1455 or visit BBC’s website at www.bbcdevelopment.org.

--- Sherita Mullins

---Monique Williams

### AT SCHOOL! ON TIME! READY TO LEARN! CAMPAIGN AT ANTON GRDINA

This fall, Anton Grdina will be relaunching the At School! On Time! Ready to Learn! Campaign to improve attendance and academic performance. Every morning there will be raffles, incentives and morning activities to encourage scholars to be punctual arriving to school every day. A new element added to this campaign is the student leader group called At School, On Time Ambassadors (AOT) Ambassadors. Their role as student leaders will be to engage the student body in exciting activities and presentations to encourage them to be at school, on time, and ready to learn, in addition to promoting physical activity and breakfast intake. The Bulldog Café will be open as a breakfast alternative for 6th-8th grade scholars, which is intended to increase breakfast intake and decrease tardiness to school for this age group. There are opportunities for parents and community partners to support this campaign. To learn how you can support Anton Grdina contact BBC’s office at 216.341.1455.

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### BBC Welcomes Omelia C. Thornton to the Staff

BBC welcomes Omelia C. Thornton to the staff as the new Administrative Officer. She is a graduate of CSU with a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting. She has experience in managing properties and various industry experience in Accounting. She enjoys working with the public and helping people develop best solutions. She is very personable and believes every person has an opportunity to make a difference, whether in their family or community. Currently she is tentatively expected to Graduate from Kaplan University with her Masters of Accounting in May of 2016.
MONTHLY COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

The University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital desires to hear from the community. Join them monthly for community conversations on women’s and children’s health concerns. By participating, you will have a voice in the development of the new UH Rainbow Center for Women’s & Children’s Health. Meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month throughout September from 6pm to 7:30pm. Additional dates to be determined. The meeting location is at Neighborhood Connections, 5000 Euclid Avenue, Suite 310. The community conversations are free and open to the public. Dinner will be served. For more information, please call Rachel Hanna at 216.286.2285.

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“I believe in you, I believe in me, let’s all be the best that we can be!” is the mantra we chant throughout the school day. George Washington Carver STEM is an investment school, with funding support from the United Way of Greater Cleveland. It is striving for the best for the students, parents, teachers and community. This year, this refreshed spirit started with our new student incentive program. Students who were doing the right thing consistently were being rewarded with “Bulldog Bucks”! Every Friday the students had the ability to spend the bucks in the “Bulldog Treasure Room” on items such as markers, bracelets, basketballs and headphones. With over 150 students exchanging their Bucks every week, we saw that our students were being proactive, respecting adults, and working well together!

In addition to our student incentive program, our Spring Family Movie night was a success! Our principal, Mr. York, got into the fun by helping students understand the components of a story through movement and laughter! With Career day, Family Fun Night and piloting our Classroom Merit System, Carver had a busy, fun and productive end of the school year! There might be a little sadness that the school year has ended, but don’t worry, from June 8th-July 10th there will be summer activities in the afternoon at Camp Carver!

If you are a parent or guardian of one of our scholars, don’t forget that the School Parent Organization is meeting monthly, planning what they would like to see in the school building, volunteering in the classrooms and making big plans for next year!

All of these activities have been developed through the support and coordination of BBC’s Site Coordinator Tiffany Allen. Want to know more about the school events, volunteer, or sign your child up for Camp Carver? Call Tiffany Allen, at 216.404.5616 and join GWC in being the best that we can be!

--Tiffany Allen
This summer, BBC is giving away free rain barrels to homeowners in the Central and Kinsman neighborhoods. Rain barrels are great for the environment for a number of reasons. The water they collect from gutters is nutrient-rich and is much better for watering gardens and landscaping than tap water. By using rain water to water plants, rain barrels help you save on your water bill. They also help prevent flooding by diverting stormwater from the sewer system. Installing a rain barrel is a simple process. A small plastic diverter is attached to a downspout on the back or side of the house or garage. That diverter channels water into a rain barrel for use when it is needed. A spigot is located at the bottom of the barrel, and a hose can be connected to it for easy watering. Rain barrels are available for a limited time on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please call BBC at 216.341.1455.

FREE LEGAL AID CLINICS

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland provides free legal aid clinics throughout Cleveland. At these clinics, attorneys are available for free brief advice on legal matters relating to shelter, safety, consumer issues, and legal issues related to health, education, work, income and immigration.

Also, in addition to helping via neighborhood clinics – people in need can contact Legal Aid anytime for help – see details at lasclev.org/contact.

Below is a list of clinics through to the end of June. For more information about the clinics, contact The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland at 216.861.5500 or visit their website listed above.

SATURDAY, MAY 30 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Cleveland Clinic – Stephanie Tubbs Jones Health Center
13944 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland
More info: https://lasclev.org/event/05302015/

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Lake County Area: Learn about Sealing Criminal Records!
Miracle Revival Ministry Assemblies of God
182 West Jackson Street, Painesville
More info: https://lasclev.org/event/06022015/

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3
U.S. Veterans Legal Clinic
By Appointment Only – Please Call 888.817.3777
More info: https://lasclev.org/event/06032015/

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
Expungement Clinic
By Appointment Only – Please Call 888.817.3777
More info: https://lasclev.org/event/06042015/

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 | 9:30 – 11:00 AM
Cleveland Public Library – Fleet Branch
7224 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland
More info: https://lasclev.org/event/06132015/

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM
El Centro
2800 Pearl Avenue, Lorain
More info: https://lasclev.org/event/06202015/

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 | 9:30 – 11:00 AM
Fatima Family Center
6600 Lexington Avenue, Cleveland
More info: https://lasclev.org/event/06272015/

FREE RAIN BARRELS AVAILABLE TO CENTRAL & KINSMAN RESIDENTS

Ohio is home to many education options for students in grades K-12, including public, private, charter, online, homeschool, etc. Finding the right fit for your child can sometimes be overwhelming. School Choice Ohio, a nonprofit organization, is here to help. As the only statewide organization that educates families on the school options available for their children, School Choice Ohio helps ensure families have all the information to make the best choices for their children’s education.

When it comes to Cleveland, families have many education options. For those families who are interested in private schools but worried about the costs, there are state-funded scholarships available that can help.

Students in grades K-12 who live in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District are eligible to apply for the Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring Program. This program provides scholarships that are to be used toward tuition at participating private schools. The scholarships are worth $4,250 for students in grades K-8 and $5,700 for high school students and are renewable through high school graduation.

The application window for the scholarship program is open now. Interested families are encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible. Participating private schools fill up quickly and sometimes set their own internal deadlines.

To apply for a scholarship, your first step is to find a participating private school you would like your child to attend. To find out what private schools accept the scholarship, visit www.schoho.org. Next, you will apply to the private school. Your child will have to go through the regular admission process at the school. Once accepted, the private school will apply for the scholarship on your behalf.

If you are interested in learning more about the state’s scholarship programs or the other education options available in your area, please contact School Choice Ohio at 1.800.673.5876 or visit www.schoho.org.

–Courtesy of Kaleigh Frazier, School Choice Ohio
In little under two years, the Bridgeport Mobile Market has served over 10,000 customers throughout Cleveland. BBC is extremely grateful for the continuous support from residents, funders, partners, Ward 5 Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland and other council members.

If you see the green and white truck in your neighborhood, stop to see what everyone is talking about! The truck is carrying assorted varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as bread and hamburger buns from Orlando Baking Company and the freshest lettuce in Cleveland from Green City Growers. The truck accepts cash, credit, and the Ohio Direction Card (EBT). Starting in May, the truck accepts Produce Perks and Produce Prescriptions, which are incentive programs that provides up to $10 per day for produce to eligible residents. These programs are offered by the Ohio State University Extension, Cuyahoga County. For more information about Produce Perks and Produce prescriptions, contact Nico Boyd at 216.429.8200 ext. 212.

To expand access to fresh produce beyond residents, the Bridgeport Mobile Market has begun the Bridgeport Bundle, an opportunity for organizations, companies, and offices on the east side of Cleveland to buy into a weekly fresh produce delivery. This service is great way for employers to provide health and wellness programing to their employees. For more information or to order your bundle, call BBC’s office at 216.341.1455.

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This summer, through partnership with Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.), BBC created fifteen job positions for youth in the Kinsman and Central neighborhoods. Y.O.U. provides services that youth need in order to achieve success in the classroom and workplace. They offer programs based on national best practices and address the needs expressed by regional employers and community leaders. Youth ages 16 - 18 will be placed at community agencies such as Anton Grdina (K-8 Elementary School), Rainbow Terrace (Housing Property), Art Palace (Business for local Artists), The Church (A Local Church), and BBC’s office. BBC participates in this program every year and is committed to providing economic opportunities and career exposure to youth. Help us welcome these youth to the community when you see them this summer.

Drop a Business Card in the Fish Bowl at Bridgeport Café

Bridgeport Café is going strong in the Kinsman neighborhood. The café serves breakfast and lunch options including a full espresso and tea bar. The hours are 7:30am to 6pm, Monday through Friday.

Join Bridgeport Café’s e-mail list to get weekly e-mails for upcoming specials! To join, drop your business card into the fish bowl at the café. Also, by doing so you will then be entered into a monthly drawing. Stop in to visit soon, and don’t forget your business card!

Did you know that you can save time on your lunch break by ordering your meal online at bridgeportcafe.com? Other services available at the café are free Wi-Fi and catering. For more information, call the café manager Racquel Jones at 216.266.0140.

–Caitlyn Neely

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Vivian Winston
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Alicia Warren
Property Manager
Cornucopia Place
10TH ANNUAL WARD 5 COMMUNITY FAMILY FESTIVAL AND PARADE

It is festival time again for the Ward 5 community. Join Ward 5 Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland and your neighbors as we celebrate the rich history and cultures within the Central and surrounding neighborhoods. There will be live entertainment, food, prizes and good ole family fun for people of all ages. The festival will be held on June 27th and run from 10am – 6pm, at Friendly Inn, 2386 Unwin Road. The parade will start at a new location this year, the corner of East 30th and Central Avenue at 12pm. Staging for the parade will begin at 10am. The parade will travel throughout the Central neighborhood and end at Friendly Inn. You don’t want to miss this event. Ask your neighbor, this festival and parade gets bigger and better every year. For register for the parade, call Sherita Mullins of BBC at 216.341.1455. For information about the festival or to become a vendor, call Lottie Whittaker of Friendly Inn at 216.431.7656.

For information on any of our programs, call us at 216.341.1455. Follow BBC on Facebook and Twitter.
The United Way of Greater Cleveland (UWGC) is an agency that invests in individuals and families so they can achieve their human potential through education, income stability and healthy lives. To make strides toward achieving their goals, UWGC invested in the Kinsman and Central neighborhoods. In 2013, UWGC and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District partnered to develop the Community School Wrap Around Strategy for investments schools throughout Cleveland. Five schools in Kinsman and Central (Anton Grdina, Marion Sterling, George Washington Carver STEM, Alfred Benesch, and East Technical High School) were selected to be a part of this initiative. BBC was selected as the lead agency to support the work at Anton Grdina and George Washington Carver STEM to increase the rate of attendance, decrease the rate of tardiness, increase parent engagement, and establish and enhance community partnerships. After the first year implementing this strategy at Anton Grdina, we have seen great improvements and are confident that test scores and grades will continue to improve. This February, BBC hired Tiffany Allen as the Site Coordinator for George Washington Carver STEM. We look forward to working with this school to inspire positive changes toward meeting these goals.

In 2014, BBC was also awarded a grant to provide access to fresh fruits and vegetables and health and wellness education to youth and adults with the primary purpose to help residents change their eating behaviors and incorporate healthy eating practices into their lives. With the support of UWGC, BBC offers the following programs:

- **Bridgeport Mobile Market** – a 16-foot refrigerated box truck that carries fresh produce on a weekly basis to sites throughout the eastside of Cleveland. Items for sale also include Orlando Bakery bread and buns, Green City Growers butter lettuce, and all natural no spray produce from the local Kinsman Farm.
- **Junior Chefs** – Cooking classes for youth ages 7-12 to learn nutrition facts and make healthy snacks and meals.
- **Teen Chefs** – Cooking classes for youth ages 13-17 to learn nutrition facts while making healthy snacks and meals.
- **Junior Nutrition and Wellness Boot Camp** – Boot Camp for youth ages 8-14 that involve exposure to foods that will help promote fruit and vegetable intake among attendees. Healthy behaviors related to food choice and fruit/vegetable intake will be assessed for changes in attitudes, food preferences, and access to food. Exercise will be incorporated into each workshop and parents are welcomed to attend.
- **Healthy You** – Cooking classes for adults to learn how to cook meals that will help decrease the likelihood of chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.
- **Cooking 4 Health** – Cooking class for adults that teaches knife skills, stretching grocery money, and food safety along with putting a healthy spin to traditional meals.

These classes are held year round in Cornucopia Place located at Bridgeport Place, 7201 Kinsman Road, Suite 103B, directly next door to BBC. To register for a class or for more information, call BBC's office at 216.341.1455.

UWGC is able to provide assistance to agencies like BBC due to the thoughtful giving of residents like you. If you or someone you know has benefited from a United Way funded program and you would like to donate, visit UWGC online at www.unitedwaycleveland.org

– Sherita Mullins

New Income Tax Preparation Sites in the Kinsman and Central Neighborhoods

Cornucopia Place, located at 7201 Kinsman Road, in the Kinsman neighborhood and Central Promise Neighborhood Learning Lab, located at 2617 Central Avenue, in the Central neighborhood became homes to two new Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Centers. These centers offer free income tax preparation for qualifying residents throughout Cuyahoga County. Residents now have the option to get their taxes prepared in their own neighborhood and no longer give most of their refund to a high cost tax preparer. To make an appointment at these sites or any free site around Cuyahoga County, call United Way’s First Call for Help by dialing 2-1-1.

To ensure that we offer the best service possible to our clients, we are recruiting volunteers to greet clients and prepare taxes. The Site Coordinator for these sites is Omelia Thornton. Omelia is available to provide training to new volunteers.

BBC was able to provide this service through partnership with Enterprise Community Partners and sponsorship from Sisters of Charity Foundation, Citizens Bank Foundation, Third Federal Savings and Loan, and PNC Bank Foundation. For more information or to register to volunteer, call BBC’s office at 216.341.1455.

– Sherita Mullins
Ever wonder what happens with all of the rainfall that streams down our sidewalks and streets? What about our sinks and toilets? Well, it all gets combined in pipes below our feet. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) is in charge of cleaning the BILLIONS of gallons every year. At times, the system overflows, and our streets and sewers seep wastewater into the surrounding rivers and waterways. It is an enormous task, and they have been looking for neighborhoods to partner in keeping this from polluting our greatest natural resource, Lake Erie.

Why is this important you ask? – It is all about preserving life in the lake. Our waste can harm various species of birds, fish, and wildlife that live in the lake and rivers.

Over the summer, BBC will partner with NEORSD to help our neighborhood reduce our contribution to waste in our waterways through a project known as Colfax Green Links. BBC will work with engineers to make our streetscape and walking experience pleasant and inviting through these improvements. The areas along the sides of Colfax Road will function like sponges with soils and native plants that can absorb large amounts of water. The project will include a bio-retention rain garden, an outdoor classroom behind Bridgeport Café and a downspout disconnection program for homeowners. If you are curious about these new improvements and campaign to keep Lake Erie clean, give us a call at 216.341.1455 and ask to speak with Jason Minter or Erick Rodriguez on our staff.

--Erick Rodriquez

**BBC Announces Winners of the 2014 Best Yard Award**

This spring, BBC would like to honor four residents that live in the Upper Central, Lower Central, Kinsman, and Kinsman-Union neighborhoods who displayed the best lawns and curbside appeal in 2014. These residents received the Second Annual Best Yard award and a $100 gift card to Home Depot.

The 2014 Best Yard awardees are: Agnes Branch, 5914 Central Avenue from Upper Central; Annie Coleman, 2350 East 39th Street from Lower Central; Gloria Harris, 6912 Colfax Road from Kinsman; and Curtis and Debra Prince, 9947 Kingsbury Boulevard from Kinsman-Union.

Congratulations to these residents who have excelled at having a well-kept landscape and curbside appeal. We sincerely hope that you continue to landscape and have pride in your lawns.

BBC staff will be monitoring the neighborhoods this spring and summer to select the next round of winners. We encourage all residents to compete to win this year.

--Caitlyn Neely

**NEED HOUSING? ARBOR PARK VILLAGE IS NOW LEASING!**

Arbor Park Village has 629 beautiful, well-lit, spacious townhouses, flats and apartments with a selection of 1, 2, 3 or 4 bedroom floor plans. Arbor Park is located 30 blocks west of downtown Cleveland and is next to Cuyahoga Community College. These beautiful townhouses feature an on-site, state-of-the-art day care and early childhood development center. Arbor Park Village also includes picnic areas, two playgrounds with water features and a beautiful community center for resident meetings and events. Additionally in the community center there is a state of the art computer center with recently added training programs. Arbor Park Village gives you housing with a sense of community, look of luxury and small town feel.

In order to apply, please visit the leasing office at 3750 Fleming Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115 in the Michael R. White building for an application Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. Or, contact Tammy Fluellen, Leasing Manager at 216.881.7702 for more information.

--Courtesy of Tammy Fluellen, Arbor Park Village
**Breakfast is Still the Most Important Meal of the Day**

Anton Grdina is a member of the Fuel Up to Play 60 initiative sponsored by the American Dairy Association. Our goal is to encourage our scholars to arrive at school on time, eat breakfast, and be ready to learn once they are in the classroom.

Eating breakfast is important for everyone, but it is especially important for children. According to the American Dietetic Association, ‘children who eat breakfast perform better in the classroom and on the playground, with better concentration, problem-solving skills, and eye-hand coordination.’ The American Dairy Association states that ‘studies show that when kids eat breakfast they have higher test scores, improved daily attendance and better class participation.’

Additionally, breakfast provides improved concentration for adults, providing more strength and endurance to engage in physical activities all while lowering your cholesterol.

Below are some great tips from the American Dairy Association ([http://www.drink-milk.com/](http://www.drink-milk.com/)):

- **Be a role model** – Your kids are more likely to eat breakfast if you do, too.
- **Beyond boxed cereal** – Get creative with breakfast options that kids will be sure to wake up for. Top a tortilla with peanut butter and banana slices and serve with low fat milk.
- **Rushed morning rescue** – Keep portable items on hand such as yogurts in a tube, granola bars, fruit and single-serve, low fat milk.
- **Eat for energy** – Plan breakfast around at least three of the five food groups, especially low fat or fat-free dairy foods, fruits and whole grains.
- **Late out of the gate? Eat breakfast at school** – School breakfast is a convenient and nutritious option for busy families or kids who don’t feel hungry as soon as they wake up. It’s available to all students, regardless of socio-economic background and is a great nutritional value!

Let us all strive to eat breakfast daily. To learn more about healthy living, join one of BBC’s cooking classes. More information is included in the newsletter. –Caitlyn Neely

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ON THE HORIZON

NEIGHBORHOOD CLINIC TO OPEN IN THE CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD

The Care Alliance Central Neighborhood Clinic located at 2916 Central Avenue is opening! Starting April 1, 2015, residents will be able to visit the clinic for medical, dental, or counseling services, Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm.

Residents are invited to join Care Alliance for their Open House on March 12, 2015 from 10am-4pm. Mayor Frank Jackson and Ward 5 Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland will be there to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony at 11am. Come see the facility, meet Care Alliance staff, and celebrate this new addition to the Central neighborhood. To attend or for more information, call Gena Austin at 216.781.6724 extension 266. The staff of Care Alliance look forward to seeing you at the Open House and providing high quality care to you and your families.

For information on any of our programs, call us at 216.341.1455. Follow BBC on Facebook and Twitter.

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