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Sparx City Hop



Sparx City Hop (formerly Sparx Gallery Hop) is the best way to explore your city! From 12noon to 12midnight on Saturday, September 12th, visitors are provided the perfect opportunity to explore the art galleries, restaurants and unique features of each Down and Aroundtown Cleveland neighborhood. A free, city-wide trolley service will be available throughout the day for visitors to easily "hop" from one neighborhood to another. Local artists will entertain passersby in each district as restaurants offer special event pricing for City Hop participants. [Read more...](#)



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And don't forget the [Future of Downtown Forums](#) on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 8:30am & 4:00pm and Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 8:30am.

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Downtown News

Crowe Horwath Moving Downtown



In August, the City of Cleveland announced the latest business that has decided to move to Downtown Cleveland, [Crowe Horwath LLP](#). Crowe Horwath is one of the largest public accounting and consulting firms in the United States. It grew from a single office in South Bend, Indiana in 1942 to today having 25 offices and 2,500 employees nationwide. They are also affiliated with Crowe Horwath International, a network of international independent accounting and advisory services firms. For the past 15 years, Crowe

Horwath has maintained an office in Mayfield Heights; however, when the lease expired, management decided to explore new options. There were two primary reasons for their choice to move downtown. First, management recognized the importance of being located in the heart of the largest city in Northeast Ohio. Second, the central location is ideal for client relations, networking and recruiting new talent - they considered it the best location for everyone. The new space is approximately 7,000 square feet on the 9th floor of the Fifth Third Center (600 Superior Avenue). The City of Cleveland worked with the company as they made their decision and will provide financial incentives, including a \$100,000 forgivable loan to help fund a few modest modifications and updates to the space. Crowe Horwath plans to move their 51 employee office in during the month of December.



Fleischman Architects Sign New Lease

Richard Fleischman + Partners Architects, Inc opened in Cleveland in 1961 and is about to celebrate 50 years of successful business. A recent addition is the opening of a new location on 7th Avenue in Manhattan - just a couple blocks from Penn Station. Plus, on August 26th Fleischman Architects signed a new lease for an attractive first floor space of the Osborne Building located at 1020 Huron Road. Construction of the new space will begin within two weeks with a projected move in date of January 1st. The new space will include 5,000+ square feet, both the first floor and lower level. The architecture firm operates daily with the concept that by working together, you'll discover the best ideas. Thus, the new space will become, as founder Dick Fleischman called it "transparent." All exterior glass of the first floor will be replaced and the work space of the first floor will have very few walls to promote collaboration between the 22 current staff members. There will also be "visual access holes" connecting the first floor to the lower level space. For more information about the firm, visit the [Fleischman Architects website](#).

Tri-C's Hospitality Program Moving to Public Square



The current home of Cuyahoga Community College's Hospitality Program is their Metropolitan Campus, a location somewhat removed from the core of Downtown Cleveland. While a portion of the program will remain at the Metropolitan Campus, Tri-C envisions a new culinary learning center in the core of downtown Cleveland, a "front-door" that will afford the program high visibility in downtown as well as partnership opportunities with nearby industry employers. In August 2009, Tri-C signed a lease for 25,000 square feet in the first floor of the May Company Building on Public Square. Construction of the space is scheduled for completion in July 2010. The completed space will feature state-of-the-art cooking facilities, classrooms and a demonstration studio, and the potential for specialized and limited retail services. This learning center will bring Tri-C's specialized teaching environments, culinary demonstration studio and student activity center directly to the street. The new Downtown facilities will not only expose their students to the rebirth of the Euclid Corridor and potential employers but will infuse Cleveland's urban core with the energy of hundreds of imminent professionals who will soon be seeking jobs and new residences. This new "front-door" will feature a video wall that will anchor the campus's activity center and present local and nationally recognized Chef Lecturers. Tri-C's objective is to grow their Hospitality program's enrollment from 140 to 500 students to meet the rising demand for an educated hospitality/culinary workforce. Visit the [Tri-C Culinary Arts page](#) for more details about the program.



Progress in the Warehouse District



Last month, Clevelanders watched as streetscape improvements in the Historic Warehouse District on West 6th Street started and were completed within a couple short weeks. The sidewalk and patio space allows for a more enjoyable pedestrian and outdoor dining experience for visitors to the district. The completion of the West 6th Street improvements is just one of the many that have already taken shape and are planned for the future. WKYC Channel 3 did a nice report on the progress. [Click here](#) to watch the clip.

Port Authority's New Lakefront Plan



On Thursday, August 20th at the [Downtown Quarterly Series](#) at the City Club, the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority released the new plans for redeveloping Cleveland's greatest asset, the lakefront. The new plans include a three phase approach; the first will build upon the existing attractions surrounding the North Coast Harbor, including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, the Great Lakes Science Center and Voinovich Park. The plan, produced by Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects of New York, include wide promenades near the water's edge, streets angled to lessen winter winds, town squares and pocket parks, boat-friendly docks and marinas, Metropark-like green space running east to west throughout the site, and so much more. When creating the plan, Eckstut explained that they considered features of Cleveland's most unique and favored neighborhoods, such as Little Italy, Chagrin Falls and others. The goal is to create an area with several "places" to stop and enjoy, reducing traffic speeds in order to encourage walking and transit use, and also to make it a year-round neighborhood to enjoy, both in winter and summer. For a more detailed look of the plans, view the [Cuyahoga County Port Authority's Draft Plan](#).

Renovations of the New Doubletree Cleveland



The Doubletree Cleveland Downtown/Lakeside, the newest hotel in Downtown Cleveland, debuted on December 30, 2008. The building was previously home to a Holiday Inn for 34 years. The Hotel Group, a Seattle-based management company for the Doubletree, recognized this location as a prime address to establish a new Doubletree. It's the closest hotel to the Rock and Roll Hall of fame, is host to 379 guest rooms and the 18 stories provide a beautiful view of the lakefront, plus it is in the heart of the financial district with government offices right next door.

The renovation of the hotel was done to give the space a Doubletree feel with a touch of "Cleveland." The theme revolves around historic Cleveland, such as framed pictures of bridges and other iconic images. Throughout the building, there are accents of steel, stone and wood with modern furnishings. The rooms received new carpeting, flooring, wall coverings and various bathroom fixtures. The hotel also added 10,500 square feet of meeting and banquet facilities, including a 5,643 square foot ballroom.

To learn more about the recently completed renovations, visit the [Doubletree Cleveland Downtown/Lakeside website](#).



RTA Recognized in Grist's Top Ten

Grist Magazine, a nonprofit environmentally focused organization out of Seattle, Washington, recently released an article listing surprising public transportation systems throughout the United States. Listed with other cities such as Phoenix, Richmond, and Los Angeles, Cleveland's Greater Cleveland Regional Transportation Authority ranked in their top ten.

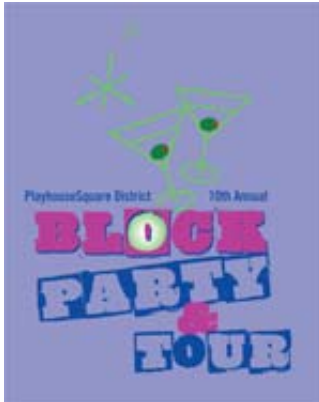
Specifically, they made mention of the free downtown trolleys. Visit the article on [Grist's website](#).

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Events

PlayhouseSquare Block Party & Tour



On Friday, September 11th, PlayhouseSquare District Development Corporation (PDDC) will host the [10th Annual PlayhouseSquare Block Party and Tour](#). The district-wide, end of summer, outdoor event will be held at Star Plaza from 5:30-9:30pm and feature food, beverages, live music, Cornhole Tournament finals, and offer visits to neighborhood special locations. The Block Party will also kick-off Sparx City Hop, which takes place the very next day, on Saturday, September 12th. [Click here](#) to read more about Sparx City Hop, an event celebrating the visual, culinary and performing arts of Cleveland's Down and Aroundtown neighborhoods.

Throughout the Block Party, live entertainment on Star Plaza is presented by DCA's Sparx Concert Series performers. Food and beverages will be available from Taste of Excellence including Johnsonville Brats, Shear's snacks, and other food samplings from area restaurants. There will also be a full cash bar. Block Party sites include a walking tour throughout the newly renovated Wyndham Cleveland at PlayhouseSquare, the new Liggett Stashower offices and M Lang Executive Attire and Lounge, a locally owned and long-time tenant of PlayhouseSquare. While touring the neighborhood, guests will enjoy unique lighting effects, created by Future Lights and a free public presentation of Dance Showcase at the Ohio Theatre. Plus, attendees visiting the sites on tour are eligible to win an "Overnight Theater Package for Two" which will include an overnight stay, breakfast and theater tickets from the Wyndham Cleveland at PlayhouseSquare and clothing gift certificates from MLang Executive Attire & Lounge.

Tickets for the event are just \$25 (plus handling) at PlayhouseSquare.org, at the PlayhouseSquare Ticket Office and by calling 216-241-6000.

7th Annual Sparx City Hop



If you enjoy exploring art galleries and studios, trying the latest fare at a unique restaurant and being entertained by talented performers at neighborhood festivals, then Sparx City Hop is your event! On Saturday, September 12th from 12noon to 12midnight, the 7th Annual Sparx City Hop (formerly the Sparx Gallery Hop) is the perfect opportunity for everyone to explore the elements that make Down and Aroundtown Cleveland so special. Down and Aroundtown

Cleveland is the collection of nine distinctly unique districts within Downtown and those directly connected to Downtown. Together, these neighborhoods make up the most dynamic mix of metropolitan entertainment and lifestyle in the region.

The best part of Sparx City Hop is the free trolley service which connects each of the nine districts, making it easy for City Hop visitors to park their car, hop on a trolley and head anyone in the event for free! Simply show a trolley pass to the driver and hitch a ride to any of the City Hop neighborhoods. Trolley passes can be picked up at the Trolley Hub on E. 4th Street, at any other trolley stop or by downloading them for free at www.cleveland.com/sparx.

Over 60 galleries and studios are participating and will feature stunning local art from painters, sculptors, glass blowers and metal workers. Plus, over 100 restaurants and eateries throughout the City Hop footprint will be offering specials throughout the entire event. Several full service restaurants will be offering specials such as \$30 3-course menus, 20% off food and beverage checks or special happy hour pricing. Bakeries, retail shops and bars will also be offering specials throughout each of the 9 neighborhoods.

Additionally, Sparx City Hop isn't just highlighting galleries, studios, restaurants and retailers, the event also connects a plethora of special events and activities throughout the 9 participating neighborhoods, such as:

- The Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival - which includes hands-on art activities for children, live music, art and food vendors and much more. 11a.m. - 6p.m.
- 3 different sidewalk chalk stations each lead by Cleveland Museum of Art Community Arts Department Street Painters. 1p.m. - 6p.m.
- SPACES Gallery's Bad Art Day - SPACES presents a family friendly (children ages 8+) interpretation of contemporary artists Gilbert and George's "stained glass" windows. Jump off the trolley and lend an intentionally untrained hand to Bad Art Day. 12p.m. - 7p.m.
- Art is the Key - create a dynamic key chain by visiting the galleries and artist studios throughout the Art Quarter. 12p.m. - 7p.m.
- The Sparx Classic Car Show - W.6th Street will be shut down between St. Clair and Frankfort Avenue to showcase classic cars from around the region. 1p.m. - 7p.m.
- Sparx Movie Night on W.6th: a showing of The Dark Knight will take place on the street at 8pm. Bring your own chair or blanket and sit right in the street for the free movie. 8p.m. - 10:30p.m.
- Free Sparx Sidewalk Concerts throughout Sparx City Hop neighborhoods from 12noon - 12midnight

For more information about Sparx City Hop on Saturday, September 12th, visit www.cleveland.com/sparx.

Sparx Survey



If you've attended any of the Sparx events, please complete the [Sparx Survey](#). Thank you!

Cleveland National Air Show



Every year, the Cleveland National Air Show fills Cleveland's sky with unforgettable entertainment. On Friday, September 5th through Sunday, September 7th, Burke Lakefront Airport will welcome guests to a three day festival that is always a Cleveland



favorite. In fact, despite a challenging economy, ticket sales for 2009 are already surpassing those of 2008! Advance general admission tickets for adults are \$19, children ages 6-11 are \$12, and children 5 and younger are free for general admission. Tickets at the gate are just \$2 more. Every day, gates open at 9 a.m. with flying running from 10:30am until 4:30pm. Inside the gates, fans will explore an aviation festival with more than 50 aircraft attractions, including the opportunity to climb aboard a few planes, get a couple autographs, talk with pilots, take a break at the Child Convenience Center, and grab a bite to eat and drink. The 2009 attractions include: U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds precision jet team, U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier, U.S. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle, Shockwave Jet Truck, Navy E-6B Mercury, Franklin's Flying Circus and so much

more!

For information on purchasing tickets, visit www.clevelandairshow.com or call (216) 781-0747.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure



This year's Susan G. Komen Northeast Ohio Race for the Cure is Saturday, September 12th! The Komen Race for the Cure Series, the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world, raises significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, celebrates breast cancer survivorship and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease. Last year, more than 18,000 Northeast Ohioans and their

families and friends registered for the Race. The challenge is on to get just as many folks down to Malls B&C in downtown Cleveland this year.

If you'd like to participate in the Race, it's as easy as visiting <http://race.komenneohio.org> where you can:

- Register to run or walk online or locate an in-person registration event.
- Sign up to volunteer on Race weekend. Available positions and shift times are listed online.
- Locate a Race participant to sponsor with pledge dollars. Last year, the Komen Northeast Ohio Affiliate granted \$1.5 million dollars to 25 organizations in Northeast Ohio that provide education, screening and support programs for underserved women and cancer survivors. The majority of those funds came from Race participants and sponsors.
- Pink the Town! If your business would like to put on a show of support for the Race, please consider decorating your business windows, storefront, doors, sidewalks in pink as symbol of hope for a Cure.
- Donate to the cause. \$100 buys a mammogram that can help save the life of a woman in need.

For additional information about the Race for the Cure, please contact the Komen Affiliate office at 216.292.2873 or visit www.komenneohio.org.

2009 FirstMerit Patriot Bowl

Rockin' Rally and VIP Tailgate Party



The [2009 FirstMerit Patriot Bowl](http://PatriotBowl.com) at the Cleveland Browns Stadium features two excellent events on September 18th and 19th.

On Friday, September 18th from 7-10pm, the Rockin' Rally, a fundraising event for the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission will be hosted at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The event will bring together several former Ohio State athletes and local alumni for an evening of heavy appetizers, and open bar and live entertainment. Tickets for the event are \$250 without a game ticket and \$250 with a game ticket. Funds raised through ticket sales and a silent auction will support the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission. To order tickets online, visit PatriotBowl.com.

On Saturday September 19th from 8am-6pm, West 6th Street will be closed to make way for a bustling Tailgate and VIP party. The tailgate party on W. 6th is free all day. But the VIP tent is just \$40 (tickets can be purchased at PatriotBowl.com). The tailgate will feature the OSU Marching Band and Cheerleaders, Brutus Buckeye, Special Guest Archie Griffin, live entertainment and discounted food and drink along and participating restaurants. The VIP tent will offer VIP seating, 3 drink tickets, a catered meal, live ESPN Cleveland 850 remote broadcast and celebrity autographs.

This is the perfect event for OSU fans to celebrate the Patriot Bowl downtown! For more information

visit ClevelandSports.org.



United Way's Pancake Flip

On Thursday, September 3rd, United Way of Greater Cleveland is kicking off their campaign with their annual [Pancake Flip](#) on Public Square. On the Southwest quadrant in front of Tower City Center, stop by anytime between 7am and 10am and support the cause. Donating just \$5.00 will purchase pancakes, sausage and juice; free coffee is also available on site. It's not every day that you can buy and eat breakfast on Public Square, so stop by, enjoy the food, and support the [United Way of Greater Cleveland](#).



CSU Art Gallery Exhibition

Toplu: Landscapes of New Turkish Suburbia

Open through October 10th, the Cleveland State University's Art Gallery is presenting an exhibition by CSU professor Mark Slankard. The Exhibition features Slankard's large-scale photographs of suburban developments in Turkey, including Ankara and Istanbul. For more information, visit www.csuohio.edu/artgallery.

Take a Hike!



One of the most popular downtown tours of the summer has just a few days left! Three uniquely designed walking tours lead groups through downtown Cleveland's most intriguing districts, presently the city's history along the way. Cleveland's history is told by costumed historical figures from Cleveland's past. Walking tours are on Thursday the 3rd, Saturday the 5th and ending on Sunday the 6th. Each tour is about an hour long and the best part is, admission is free! On Thursdays at 6pm, meet at the Arcade (401 Euclid) for a tour of the [Historic Gateway Neighborhood](#) . At 10 am on Saturdays, meet at

Constantino's Market (1278 W. 9th Street) for a Historic Warehouse District tour. And on Sundays at 10am, meet at Settler's Landing RTA Station (1025 West Superior Avenue for a Canal to Harbor tour. For more details, call 216-771-1994.

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DCA News

Future of Downtown Forums



Since 2006, the Downtown Cleveland Alliance has managed the Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District (SID). The SID collects a special assessment on downtown properties to fund enhanced services, including uniformed safety ambassadors, sidewalk cleaning teams, marketing programs and special events. By state law, SID revenue must be used to enhance, not replace, the level of service that City government can provide. Through the SID, everyone downtown has had a role in helping to achieve the goal of a downtown Cleveland that is safe, clean and vital.

Over the past several months, Downtown Cleveland Alliance collected copious amounts of feedback

through four public forums, a variety of stakeholder meetings, and an online survey that collected hundreds of responses. A new business plan for the next 5-year term of the SID has been developed using this feedback. The Alliance will now host another round of forums in order to gather additional comments before the petition process of the SID re-authorization moves forward.

If you would like to join the discussion on the future of Downtown, please join us for one of the following forums:

Forum One

Tuesday, Sept. 1st
8:30-10:00am
IdeaCenter, Main Board Room
1375 Euclid Avenue, 2nd Floor

Forum Two

Tuesday, Sept. 1st
4:00-5:30pm
Greater Cleveland Partnership
Higbee Building, Main
Boardroom
100 Public Square, 2nd Floor

Forum Three

Wednesday, Sept 2nd
8:30-10:00am
KA Architecture
9th St. Design Studio
1468 West 9th St

For more information about the [Future of Downtown Forums](#) contact [Laura Kushnick](#) at or call 216-736-7799.

DCA City Advocates

What they're up to!

In July 2009, DCA launched one of its newest program - DCA City Advocates. The program is designed to engage more members of the downtown community with the DCA mission and to identify potential new organizational leaders. The DCA City Advocates will take action on behalf of Downtown, literally advocating for downtown development and the urban lifestyle. The find out what the advocates are working on, visit the [DCA blog!](#)



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DCA Membership Program

In 2008, Downtown Cleveland Alliance launched a membership campaign to request support for the valuable programs and initiatives produced by our organization. This past month, we welcomed our newest member, Huntington Bank. To learn more about the DCA Membership Program, visit DowntownCleveland.org or [click here](#).

Volunteers Needed for Sparx City Hop



The 7th Annual Sparx City Hop - formally known as the Sparx Gallery Hop, is a one-day celebration that connects the districts of downtown Cleveland with trolleys exposing the public to the neighborhoods of Cleveland. Festivals, galleries, studios, restaurants and industrial arts companies will open their doors and highlight their work. Check back for more City Hop details soon!

Volunteers are needed during the Sparx City Hop weekend for the following shifts:

Saturday, September 12, from 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday, September 12, from 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Responsibilities include, staffing trolley stops, distributing trolley passes (no money collection), assisting guests, and conducting surveys of the public in order to provide data for our economic impact study of the weekend. Complete training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering for this exciting event, please complete the [application](#) and return it promptly. For questions, please call Brian at 440.263.9151 or email Brian.McCrodden@gmail.com.

Downtown Photo Challenge Winner Announced



Just a couple short weeks ago, DCA's annual Downtown Photo Contest came to an end. Over 400 photos were submitted by local amateur photographers. There were three winners selected in categories for Urban Landscape, Living City and Future Forward. The grand prize winner was Bonnie Kinkopf, a legal assistant in a Downtown law office (picture shown at left). For more information on the photo contest, read

the [Plain Dealer article](#) or visit DowntownCleveland.org where contest results will be available soon.



City Bikes Program Schedule: Revised

[City Bikes](#), the first downtown bike rental service in Cleveland, has been an exceptionally positive addition to the amenities in downtown. However, the summer is coming to an end and so must City Bikes. There are only four days left to rent a bike, Labor Day weekend and Sparx City Hop: September 5th, 6th, 7th and 12th. Take advantage of the bikes while they're still here, otherwise you'll have to wait until next season!

2009 Ruth Ratner Miller Awards

Save the date! This year's Ruth Ratner Miller Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, October 30th. Mark it on your calendar and send [Maura Reilly](#) an e-mail if you would like an invitation.

To read more about DCA, visit DowntownCleveland.org

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Spotlight

Morton's The Steakhouse, Cleveland



Renowned from coast to coast for its signature menu and legendary hospitality, [Morton's the Steakhouse](#) is now in its 20th year of serving the finest steaks in Cleveland. "We've become an institution in downtown Cleveland," says Morton's General Manager and Maitre'd James Mowbray. "We were proud to be the first national fine dining restaurant in downtown Cleveland when Tower City opened and we're proud to continue to serve the downtown

business, visitor and sports crowds." Morton's serves only the finest USDA prime aged, Midwest grain-fed beef, shipped directly from Chicago, along with the finest fresh fish and seafood, hand-picked produce, and a selection of delicious appetizers and elegant desserts that continue to delight guests every evening.

Morton's private-dining Boardrooms are also available for business and social functions and can accommodate parties of 10-100. The restaurant can also be reserved for private functions during the day. For diners who want to savor the good life in a casual, warm and inviting setting, Morton's Bar 12•21 lounge is an ideal casual dining destination after work, if you're heading to the theater or a sporting event.



Community Support

This year, Morton's has a national partnership with Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, and has committed to raise a minimum of \$75,000 through auctions and donations at Morton's restaurants, including a Morton's cookbook signing reception on Wednesday

evening, October 14. The new cookbook, titled "Morton's The Cookbook: 100 Steakhouse Recipes for Every Kitchen", matches superb recipes with appropriate beers, wines and spirits. Proceeds will directly benefit the Cleveland Foodbank.

About Morton's

Morton's Restaurant Group, Inc. is the world's largest operator of company-owned upscale steakhouses. Morton's steakhouses have remained true to its founders' original vision of combining generous portions of high quality food prepared to exacting standards with exceptional service in an enjoyable dining environment. The Company owns and operates 77 Morton's steakhouses located in 65 cities in 27 states, and in Puerto Rico and six international locations (Toronto, Vancouver, Singapore, Hong Kong, Macau, and Mexico City), as well as two Italian restaurants. For more information about Morton's Steakhouse, contact Kristen at 216-621-6200 or visit www.mortons.com/cleveland.

Cleveland State University's Master Plan



Over the past couple years, [Cleveland State University](http://www.clevelandstate.edu) has made a lot of changes to the campus, better connecting it to the urban life of downtown Cleveland. Just to name a few, in November of 2008, CSU broke ground for a new and innovative student center, scheduled for a grand opening in 2010. The new student center will replace the recently demolished student center which was built in the 1970s. This past April, CSU announced the completion of the new College of Education and Human Services building is also schedule for Spring 2010.

The latest project, which broke ground last week, is a \$65 million project that will ultimately include five dorms and a 300-car parking garage. The first three dorms are scheduled to open by next fall in time for the 2010 school year. The fourth and fifth will be completed later. Once these dorms are complete, there will be a total of 1,400 places available for students on campus, the most housing available at CSU since it opened in the 1960s. CSU's new president, Ronald Berkman told the [Plain Dealer](#), "Students who live on campus take more courses, make more steady progress towards their degree, become more engage in the life of the campus and ultimately become stronger alums."



The ultimate goal of these many improvements to the campus is helping CSU become less of a commuter college and more of a campus integrated in the urban neighborhood of downtown. The CSU Master Plan focuses on connecting the campus to transit stops along Euclid Avenue, creating a network of green spaces along Euclid and on north/south connecting roads, includes plans for retailers and dormitories and critical locations throughout the campus and so much more. For more information, take a look at the [CSU Master Plan](#).

E. 12th Street Traffic Advisory

For many months, the Avenue District and surrounding streets have been under construction, transforming the northeast corner of Downtown Cleveland. The condominiums and townhouses have already welcomed dozens of new residents to downtown, new streets have been constructed and olds ones are being repaired. Currently, the western side of E. 12th Street is under construction, scheduled to end in mid September. Improvements between Superior Avenue and Chester Avenue are underway and scheduled for completion by October 2009. For details on road closures, [click here](#).

Got*City Game! Cleveland



"[Got*City GAME! Cleveland](#)", is the first-ever realityTV game show being fully filmed in downtown Cleveland. Targeting young professionals and college students, the realityTV game show features four teams in an energy-charged race against the clock that takes them through the streets of Cleveland to an array of amazing destinations with the prize being a free downtown-Cleveland residence for a year.

The teams of two start downtown condo/apartment, receive a text message puzzler, figure out the puzzle, race out of the building, and down the street to a local hotspot unique to Cleveland. There they get "zapped" with some silly challenge, get their next puzzle and so forth. Teams of cameras will follow these contestants, cars waiting to shuttle them to their next destination, crazy trivia questions about our city....and you have... "Got*City GAME! Cleveland".

The program is being developed through a collaboration of universities and production industry professionals across the region. The featured destinations will be located within six zones: Downtown (Theatre, E.4th, Lakefront/museums, Warehouse, Gateway), Ohio City, Tremont, Midtown/Asiatown, University Circle and Little Italy. This project is "collaborative economic development" initiated by T.L. Champion and Barbara Oney.

For more information and to sign up for the event, visit the [Got*City GAME website](#).



Holiday Tree Wanted!

The City of Cleveland is already on the search for the 2009 Holiday Tree! In the usual tradition, the selected tree will be displayed on Public Square throughout the holiday season. Anyone interested in donating a tree will need to contact Tangee Johnson (tangeejohnson@city.cleveland.oh.us) (cc Lisa?), Director of Special Events for the City of Cleveland. Be ready to send a picture of your holiday tree entry attached to your e-mail.



Greenhouse Tavern Receives National Attention

In January 2009, [Bon Appetit Magazine](#) released a top ten list focused on "joints for the foodie." Making the list was the newest restaurant to open on East 4th Street, the [Greenhouse Tavern](#). Before summer ends, be sure to stop by and enjoy the fresh and tasty food items from the comfort of their peaceful patio.

Chocolate Bar at the Arcade



Hey Clevelanders, It's time for a sweet surprise to be added to the East Fourth Street Entertainment District in Cleveland's Historic Gateway Neighborhood. Coming this fall to The Arcade is "The Chocolate Bar". Everything is better with Chocolate!

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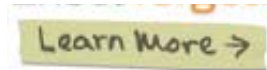
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