



# FAIRFAX

WHERE OPPORTUNITY BEGINS

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## THE GARDENS OF FAIRFAX LUNCHEON SERIES:

18 FEB

WHERE CARE BECAME COMMUNITY  
REFLECTIONS ON THE HISTORY OF  
FAIRFAX PLACE WITH MELVIN PYE JR.



2PM-4PM

LUNCH WILL BE PREPARED BY MAMIE DENNIS AND THE FAIRFAX CULINARY TEAM

LOCATION: 9014 CEDAR AVE, CLEVELAND, OH 44106  
RSVP NOT REQUIRED BUT PREFERRED TO TAM AT 216-795-1363

### Ward 6 Community Meeting

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at Fairhill Partners, 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44104  
Live-streamed at Facebook.com/Griff4CLE6.

The next meeting will be held February 10. More information: Diana Pride-Mays @ 216-664-4234

### 3rd District Community Safety Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.  
3rd District Community Room  
4501 Chester Avenue



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## COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING SURVEY

Working adults (ages 30–59): We need your input.

Meijer, Cleveland Clinic and the Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation (FRDC) are asking Fairfax residents who are working, raising families, and managing daily responsibilities, to share their feedback.

Your responses will directly shape programs and resources designed to better support working adults and their households in the Fairfax community.

This 5-minute survey is quick and easy to complete. As a thank-you for your time, you'll be entered into a raffle to win a \$100 Meijer gift card.

Take a few minutes. Make an impact.

Please complete the survey by scanning the QR code!

<https://redcap.link/healthyfairfax>



## FREE FOOD AND HOT MEALS

### Antioch Baptist Church

8869 Cedar Avenue  
Loaves & Fishes  
Free Hot Meals Program  
Monday, Tuesday &  
Thursday  
11 a.m.–Noon

### Cleveland Alphas Community Food Pantry

2820 East 116th Street  
Frozen Meats, Poultry,  
Boxed Goods  
1st Wednesday  
of the month  
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

### Emmanuel Baptist Church

7901 Quincy Avenue  
Hot Meal Program  
2nd & 4th Wednesday of  
the month  
Carry Out Service Only  
Noon–1:30 p.m.

### Liberty Hill Baptist Church

8206 Euclid Avenue  
Hot Meal Program  
3rd Saturday of the month  
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

### New Life At Calvary Food Pantry (NLAC)

2020 East 79th Street  
Fresh fruits, veggies,  
meats and dairy  
February 21 @ 8 a.m.

### NLAC Hot Meal

February 24 @ 5 p.m.

### First Baptist Hot Meal at NLAC

February 27 @ 5 p.m.

### Olivet Institutional Baptist Church

8712 Quincy Avenue  
Food Pantry Distribution  
3rd Saturday of the  
month  
10 a.m.–Noon  
A photo ID is needed

### Open Door Missionary Baptist Church The Hunger Center

8215 Woodland Avenue  
Food Pantry Distribution  
February 27  
7:30–11 a.m.

### St. James AME Church

8401 Cedar Avenue  
Food Pantry Distribution  
3rd Friday of the month  
Both Drive-Thru &  
Walk-Up  
Noon–2:30 p.m.

### True Holiness Temple

7710 Euclid Avenue  
Food Pantry Distribution  
4th Tuesday of the month  
4:30–6 p.m.

## PNC FAIRFAX CONNECTION WORKSHOPS

To Register: (216) 391-4677 or  
[www.pncfairfaxconnection.com](http://www.pncfairfaxconnection.com)

### Get Up & Groove Family Line Dancing February 4 | 5–7 p.m.

Join us for a fun night of line dancing! Learn all the moves you need to get grooving and moving to the best hits. All ages welcome.

### Dishin' It With Dan & Connecting With the Community February 10 | 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Learn about upcoming workshops and events during this open conversation with Dan Roberson, Executive Director of the PNC Fairfax Connection. Bring your ideas and programs. They must be open to the public, non-political, and not require prior experience to attend. This session will commence immediately following Dishin' It With Dan.

### Content Creation for Beginners February 10 & 24 | 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of content creation with YouTuber Tatiana Ali. This workshop covers camera setup, lighting, sound and editing, plus tips for planning content and optimizing it for social media.

### Minding Our Business—Legacy of Black Entrepreneurship & Networking Lunch February 26 | 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

We will trace the legacy of Black entrepreneurship—from Black Wall Street in Tulsa to Cleveland's own historic Black business corridors. The session will highlight how Black communities created thriving economies through mutual aid, cooperative economics and neighborhood-based businesses. The program concludes with a networking lunch.

### Minding Our Business—Building Community Businesses With the Right Support Panel & Vendor Pop Up Expo February 26 | 5–7:30 p.m.

A 45-minute panel features Black entrepreneurs, business owners, and technical service advocates who support minority-owned businesses. Panelists will discuss the role of mentorship and technical assistance, navigating systems of exclusion, mental wellness, and why community-based support matters. A pop-up shop featuring vendors from Fairfax and Greater Cleveland, and a music experience, will follow.



by Caleen Sinnette Jennings

### February 12 - March 8

Tickets: <https://karamuhouse.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket#/events/a0SUY000005SbJV2A0>

**SYNOPSIS:** As the Vietnam War rages and the Kent State killings ignite college campuses across the country, Jackie arrives in Vermont to begin college. Caught between wildly divergent sets of friends—outrageously wealthy “WASPS,” militant black activists and passionate theatre people—Jackie is forced to confront the space between white and black culture to find her place in the world.

Age Rating: PG-13 (contains mature themes such as drug use and references to sexual encounters)



## IMPORTANT HEAP UPDATE

Step Forward now administers all HEAP, PIPP, and seasonal Utility Crisis Programs in Cuyahoga County.

Walk-in services are currently available only at 1801 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

For more information—including PRC appointments—please call 216-480-4327.

# IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## Fairfax Community Block Clubs

Current Block Clubs with regular meetings include the East 89th Street Club meeting, every 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m., and the East 95th Street Club meeting, every 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

More information: Jesse @ 216-361-8400

## New Year, New Programs

FRDC continues with its open computer lab. Stay tuned for new classes beginning in March 2026!

## Model Block Program

Need help with minor exterior repairs, such as power washing, gutter cleaning, and paint touchups?

More information:  
Jesse @ 216-361-8400



## LEAD SAFE HOME PROGRAM

Individuals interested in the program should complete the interest form at <https://leadsafecle.org/lead-safe-grants-interest-form> or call 833-601-LEAD (5323).

## Free Medical Clinic

Cleveland, OH

February 28th - March 1st

Doors open at 6 A.M, first come first serve



### FREE DENTAL



- Extractions
- Fillings
- Cleanings

### FREE VISION



- Eye exams
- Same-day-glasses

### FREE MEDICAL



- General medical exams
- Women's health exams



CASE  
WESTERN  
RESERVE  
UNIVERSITY

#### Location:

John Hay High School,  
2075 Stokes Blvd,  
Cleveland, OH 44106

**NO ID OR INSURANCE REQUIRED**  
**Service is first come first serve**

Provided by Remote Area Medical™

More information: [ramusa.org](http://ramusa.org) | [ramcleveland@gmail.com](mailto:ramcleveland@gmail.com) | 216-379-7545

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2026 2-5PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

**BELLAVIE**  
700 Beta Drive - Mayfield Heights  
**marigold.**  
catering+events



Soup 4 The Soul will hold a special forum dedicated to Mental Health. Join us for:

**MENTAL HEALTH... WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

Meet Mental Health Professionals in a panel discussion setting that will help you in identifying issues, concerns and awareness in this very neglected and challenging area.

Doors open at 11:30am; the panel discussion will begin promptly at 11:45  
Your ticket cost for the Soup 4 The Soul will allow you into this event.

[www.strengtheningourstudents.com](http://www.strengtheningourstudents.com)



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For more info: [www.strengtheningourstudents.com](http://www.strengtheningourstudents.com) or  
[sos4sustainability@gmail.com](mailto:sos4sustainability@gmail.com) or 216-342-4381



## Neighborhood Conversations

Community Coffee Social Event

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

6 - 7:30 PM

This month's focus is Celebrating Where We've Been -  
Imagining What Comes Next.

2190 E 105th St. Cleveland, OH 44106

For additional information contact:  
Jesse Dismukes @ 216-361-8400/[jdismukes@fairfaxdev.org](mailto:jdismukes@fairfaxdev.org)

FREE  
FOOD

COFFEE  
+ TEA

AND  
MORE!

# JOBS BOARD >>>

## FRDC WORKFORCE PROGRAM HIRING EVENTS

Location for All Events:

Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation  
8111 Quincy Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44104

Contact Us: [workforce@fairfaxdev.org](mailto:workforce@fairfaxdev.org)

*Unless noted all attendees must be 18 years of age or older with a High School Diploma or GED.*



Register for all hiring events with QR Code

### FRONTLINE SERVICE

**Tuesday, February 3  
10 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Open Position:

- Case Managers

*Ideal for friendly, people-focused individuals who want to connect others to vital resources.*

*All applicants must be 21+ with a valid Ohio Driver's License and able to transport clients.*

### PROVIDE-A-RIDE

**Wednesday, February 4  
10 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Open Positions:

- Wheelchair Van Drivers
- Dispatchers

*If you're interested in a Customer Service Representative position, please email us for more information.*

*All applicants will be subject to both a BCI and FBI background check.*

*All applicants must have an Ohio Driver's License for 2 years or more.*

### TOWNE PARK

**Thursday, February 12  
10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Open Positions:

- Valet Drivers
- Call Center Representatives
- Parking Concierges
- Traffic Coordinators
- Shuttle Bus Drivers

*On the spot interviews available.*

### NEIGHBORHOOD HIRING EVENT

(CITY OF CLEVELAND)

**Wednesday, February 18  
10 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Learn About:

- City of Cleveland Job Openings
- Receive Application Help
- Check Application Status

### THE GARDENS OF FAIRFAX HEALTHCARE CENTER

**Thursday, February 19  
10 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Open Positions and Pay Rates:

- Certified STNAs – \$18/hr+
- LPNs – \$29/hr+
- RNs – \$35/hr+
- Dietary Personnel – \$15/hr+
- Full-time, part-time and PRN positions available

**Free parking for FRDC Hiring Events!**

### CLEVELAND GUARDIANS

**Click the position to apply**

[Custodial Staff Teammate](#) – \$16.07/hr

[Custodial Power Blower](#) – \$19.28/hr

[Custodial Pressure Washer](#) – \$16.66/hr

[Event Security](#) – \$16.00/hr

[Retail Sales Associate](#) – \$14.30/hr

[Retail Supervisor](#) – \$17.05/hr

Additional opportunities:

[www.cleguardians.com/jobs](http://www.cleguardians.com/jobs)

## MEET ANDREA!

We are pleased to welcome Andrea Catlin to the team as our Business Development Coordinator. Andrea brings experience in relationship building, program coordination and community engagement.

In this role, she will focus on strengthening partnerships, supporting local Fairfax-area businesses, and assisting with technical assistance and outreach.



With a background spanning corporate, nonprofit and entrepreneurial experience, Andrea is passionate about collaboration, economic development, and creating meaningful connections that drive lasting community impact.

## RECREATION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**February 18 | 6 p.m.**

Fairfax Recreation Center  
2335 East 82nd Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

## FRDC 2026 Office Closings

Good Friday

Memorial Day

Juneteenth

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day-After

December 24, 25 & 31

New Year's Day

January 2

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