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The Cleveland Heights
Neighborhood Association will
have its next monthly meeting in
December. Location and time
TBD.

Attendees are asked to wear
face masks. Updates on the
revitalization efforts will be forefront
on the agenda.

Please contact Linda Askari,
president of the association,
at (864) 274-1790 for more
information.

Northside Development Group Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary!

10 YEARS!

The Northside Development Group and the community recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of the ongoing redevelopment of the Northside community. On Saturday, September 25, 2021, NDG staff, the Northside Voyagers, and other community partners celebrated with food, music, entertainment, and a variety of activities, including a dunking booth, Inflatables, balloon art, face painting, bingo, and other games. The greater Spartanburg community was invited, and many came out to share in the fun and learn more about the remarkable transformation taking place in the Northside.

The 10-year anniversary celebration was preceded by the annual 5k Run for Health and Fitness, sponsored by the Cleveland Academy of Leadership.

“ This was a great time to stop and celebrate all the hard work and accomplishments that have taken place thus far, and to do so with all those who have helped to make it happen. The NDG, the Voyagers, and our partners would like to thank the greater Spartanburg community for sharing in this memorable event!

Lekesa Whitner

Supportive Services Manager for the Northside Development Group

School Is In Session: Calling All Mentors!



The school year began on Aug. 16, 2021, and it is time for all those interested in mentoring to get in touch with their local schools and lend support. Studies have shown that children from all backgrounds perform better when provided mentors to assist with their educational and personal development.

The Cleveland Academy of Leadership (5k-5th grade) and The Franklin School (early childhood development, 6 weeks-4k) both have inspiring mentoring programs that provide opportunities for individuals to serve and support better outcomes for children. There is a required vetting process established by Spartanburg School District 7 that must take place before one is allowed to assist the children.

If you or anyone you know are interested in mentoring at either school, please contact Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Evans at: (864) 641-2444 or meevans@spart7.org. It's time to Ignite minds and develop future leaders!

ReGenesis: Now Operating Northside Clinic

ReGenesis Health Care, which provides affordable quality care based on need and income, is now operating in the Northside Clinic under the direction of the Edward Via School of Osteopathic Medicine. On Aug. 13, 2021, ReGenesis began its patient intake and a grand opening ceremony was held on Aug. 31, 2021, to welcome staff.

The Northside Clinic was established as a part of the revitalization effort to address critical health indicators for Northside residents and to provide referral services for those who are minimally insured or have no insurance. ReGenesis Chief Operating Officer Crystal Cohen provided her opinion on the collaboration: “The partnership between ReGenesis and VCOM will provide a unique opportunity for experience within diverse populations and clinical situations. Because community health centers provide unique environments to teach students to develop culturally appropriate care and unique delivery methods for clinical situations, this new collaboration will be monumental for our city, patients, and community at-large by increasing access to health care and improving the quality of care provided to underserved populations.”

The clinic is located at [220 College St., Spartanburg, S.C. 29303](#). Patients of all ages are welcome.

If you are interested in receiving your vaccination for COVID-19, the Northside Clinic is offering it under the direction of DHEC from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information contact Ny Scurry at [\(864\) 680-0841](tel:864-680-0841).



The Northside Voyagers Receive 2K Grant from Crane I&S

Crane I&S, the largest provider of instrumentation and sampling products in the world, awarded the Northside Voyagers with a \$2,000 grant from their Crane Fund for Widows and Children. The funds will be used to support initiatives designed to uplift the senior and youth populations within the Northside community.

Other notable recipients include BirthMatters, The Butterfly Foundation, Miracle Hill Ministries, and Christmas in Action, who are all community partners. The Northside Voyagers are grateful for the support provided through this grant to continue service to the community.



Northside Development Group Services Update

The Northside Development Group has recently updated the services it provides to residents of the community. As an organization, NDG not only invests in land for potential homeownership, but it also invests in people through programs that support upward mobility. Below is a list of the programs that many have already taken advantage of and are still available:

- Spartanburg Community College & Spartanburg Methodist College Scholarships
- YMCA free swimming lessons
- Emergency Home Repairs
- Homeownership Workshops
- GED or High School Diploma
- Start:Me – Small business startup program
- Job Referrals
- Career help including:
 - Medical Field
 - Construction trade referrals

Contact the Northside Development Group at (864) 598-0097 Ext. 1, or visit our office at 501 Howard St., Suite A, Spartanburg, S.C. 29303.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER JOINS NDG STAFF

Gigail Petty

Gigail Petty joined the staff of The Northside Development Group earlier this year as a Community Health Worker. Mrs. Petty serves as a liaison, connecting Northside residents to local health and social services. In this role, she is focusing on identifying each client’s barriers to health and self-sufficiency through screening and the use of appropriate assessment tools.

Her goals are to build individual and community capacity through outreach, informal health coaching, social support, and advocacy. Other duties include assisting NDG’s Supportive Services Manager in providing credit analysis, financial literacy, conducting health fairs, and providing residents with access to educational and employment opportunities.

The Northside Development Group welcomes Gigail Petty as an integral part of our team!



VOYAGER SPOTLIGHT:

Iyana Blocker



Iyana Blocker is in the Voyager spotlight for the month of September. Iyana is an 11-year-old Northside resident who attends Spartanburg Preparatory School and has been dancing since the age of 3. Her grandmother, Maxine Kelly, who is an active member of the Northside Voyagers (a community leadership group) realized that Iyana was gifted and subsequently enrolled her in the Davidic Dance Theater of Spartanburg, under the direction of Mrs. Cecilia Drummond.

Inspired by her uncle and father, Iyana continues to grow and become better at her craft. With an ever-present smile on her face, Iyana is admired by all and eventually wants to become an actor/comedienne while maintaining her love for dance. She is an active member of True Worship Center, where she shares her gift as a praise dancer. The Northside Voyagers believe with her love for people, Iyana will one day become a Voyager and serve her community as diligently as they have.

Hats off to you Iyana for being in the Voyager Spotlight for September 2021!



Northside Voice is going digital!

NDG strives to provide accurate and timely updates to our neighbors and partners through the Northside Voice newsletter. However, most of our recipients prefer to read our newsletter online. To meet this need, NDG will be sending out future newsletters via email, as well as posting on our website.

If you would like to sign up for NDG's mailing list, please follow this link:
spartanburgndg.com/newsletter

NDG will only send out periodic notices to this email and will never share your information outside of NDG staff.

If you would like to continue to have a newsletter mailed to you, please fill out the form below and mail (or hand deliver) to the NDG office.

**501 Howard Street
Suite A
Spartanburg, SC 29303**



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

Don't Forget!

The HUB City Farmers Market 498 Howard Street

The HUB City Farmers Market: The Farmers Market at Harvest park is open for the season! Come visit on Saturdays from **8am-12pm** at **498 Howard St.** for fresh produce and other vendors!

Northside Neighborhood Association

If you are interested in participating in the monthly Neighborhood Association meetings, please call **864-598-0097**. Your participation is vital to giving a voice to the community! Please visit meetings on the third Monday of every month at 6pm at the **Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center**, 650 Howard St.

Monarch Café Open Daily 498 Howard Street

Open Tuesday-Thursday for lunch with Pierre at **498 Howard St.** Stop by the Monarch Café today to see their wonderful programs and have a snack at the Café.

Be sure to stay up-to-date on events sponsored by The Butterfly Foundation. Check their website for more information on upcoming events:
www.butterfly-sc.com/events.html

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