



OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Know of someone getting back into the workforce?

A Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) can make reemployment easier for those who may have been denied a job because of a criminal record. It's all about getting back to work!

The next CQE event is happening on Nov.

14th (10:30 - 1:30 p.m.) at **Saint Paul AME Church**, 4118 Brookside Blvd, Cleveland. The Dec. 12 CQE event will take place at **Community of Faith Church**, 5949 Engle Avenue, Cleveland (10:30 - 1:30 p.m.)



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Communicating information to residents is a priority

Please welcome Opportunity Corridor Communications Consultants Valerie C. Smart and Demetrius O. Williams (of Smart Strategic Business Solutions), as well as Carla Williams, Jobs Ambassador. They will work with Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation to make sure residents in all Opportunity Corridor neighborhoods are aware of job opportunities, receive accurate information about the construction process, and fully understand the economic potential of the project.

Valerie is a Cleveland native and holds a Master of Arts in Nonprofit Administration from John Carroll University. She also has a commercial media arts background, resulting in a talent for digital media and music production.

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Demetrius, also a Cleveland native, has over 10 years of experience in for-profit

and nonprofit industries. He holds degrees in Business Management and Nonprofit from John Carroll University. Williams specializes in using unconventional tools to spearhead marketing campaigns, resulting in multiple organizational success stories.

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Carla is a native Clevelander and recent graduate of Cleveland State University's Levin College of Urban Affairs, where she received a BA in Public Management. As Jobs Ambassador, she will attend job fairs and community safety meetings while connecting residents of wards 4, 5 and 6 with Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ). She looks forward to working with the residents in Hyacinth, Kinsman, Central, Fairfax, and Buckeye-Woodland to reach their employment goals.

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BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EARLY NOVEMBER GREENWAY PLAN PUBLIC MEETING!

Opportunity Corridor staff are out in your community

Executive Director Marie Kittredge and Adrian Johnson from the Opportunity Corridor Partnership welcome opportunities to engage with a wide range of audiences. Recent opportunities have included:

- A presentation to the Community Organizers and Allies group.
- A presentation to Cleveland area Cornell University alumni.



- Participation in a FredTalk on The Digital Economy at The City Club of Cleveland (above), as well as attendance at Cleveland’s 2015 Sustainability Summit.

- A presentation at the Young and Wise luncheon (above) sponsored by Enterprise Community Partners. For this gathering, Enterprise brought together a group of young community development professionals to learn more about the Corridor and provide a chance for questions and discussion. The panel format was moderated by Michael Taylor, PNC Bank Senior VP for Community Development and co-chair of the Opportunity Corridor Steering Committee. Marie Kittredge provided an overview of the road and related workforce and development initiatives. Additionally, Fairfax Renaissance Executive Director Denise VanLeer and Executive Director of Slavic Village Development Chris Alvarado provided their perspective and responded to questions. The luncheon was hosted by Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland.

Road Construction Update

Carnegie Avenue at East 105th Street is restricted to one lane in each direction from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. for approximately 10 days as work takes place at the intersection. For more info on road construction, log-on to ODOT’s website here, or call 216.584.2007.

RIGHT: This aerial photo from ODOT was taken Sept. 18, showing the paving progress on East 105th Street between Cedar & Quincy Avenues.

