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Let's Romp

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Festivities on the fringe

Cool Cleveland Holiday Romp launches this Fri 12/17



Where will you be when the *Cool Cleveland c* of their best friends) kick it into high gear aft from 5-8PM for the rompingest holiday party from the open bar and a few snacks from the wander among dozens of artists' booths jamr gift ideas and hand-made art and crafts, whil malls. Hop on the trolley and tour the nearby Euclid Avenue loft apartments and the secret Collections at the Cleveland Public Library. S up a free t-shirt for your civic idea, and then

the brand-new House of Blues for a live concert in their majestic 1200-capacity N registering and paying before **midnight Thu 12/16**. Mark your calendar for rippi accessible art and next-generation networking. **Register here:**
<http://www.coolcleveland.com/index.php/Main/Party>

Cool Cleveland Commentary

Little House in the City: Downtown Life

Move over *Desperate Housewives!* Cleveland has the makings of televisio primetime drama, as suburbanites swarm to the city for high-end design, a 15-year tax abatement. This isn't Walnut Grove, the new construction c *House on the Prairie*, and their inhabitants aren't The Ingalls family by fa

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pioneers? Why are they building in the heart of the city? Timothy M. McCu pioneer trend that has been perplexing many Clevelanders.

Having just recently moved to the city myself, I wonder who are these urban pio from? And what do they do for fun? Jeffrey Kipp, of the Living in Cleveland Cent dedicated to "promoting the livability of Cleveland's 36 neighborhoods and strivin homeownership within them," defines an "urban pioneer" as, "anyone the genera expect to move away from the city." The frontier these pioneers are settling are that are effectively built up" within the 36 pre-existing neighborhoods in the city. yours truly found that Cleveland's newest urban pioneers range from twenty-som looking for a fresh start, mid-life Californians starting a second career, thirty-som residents wanting a challenge, and empty-nesters downsizing the nest and seizin abatement...

Read the Cool Cleveland Commentary Little House in the Big City by Timo

JumpStart gets \$500K This area economic development org has got it going \$500K to invest in early stage companies from Ohio's Third Frontier Validation Fu investing as much as \$1.2 million in five Northeast Ohio companies, with their sig 15 companies a year at \$250K each. So far, they've funded voice messaging firm advertiser Day-Day, Ltd., Embrace Pet Insurance, intellectual property software c Solutions, and Stanton Advanced Ceramics. It's great to witness this economic de making a difference so quickly. See *CrainTech* **here**

Beachwood recruits Israeli businesses Israel gets a piece of Beachwood Commerce is opening its office in the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commer the Beachwood-Israel economic development, complementing the City of Beachw recruite Israeli companies to the suburb. The city has been involved in the U.S. o companies from Israel, with two more openings planned. See *Cleveland Jewish N*

Flannery focuses on funding The Ohio Supreme Court has determined *four* fund education in our state is illegal and unconstitutional. While these rulings hav on most members of the Ohio legislature, Bryan Flannery, who used to be a Lake ran against Ken Blackwell for Secretary of State, has been relentlessly pushing a discontinue most of the inequitable property tax for education and force the Stat seen his billboards around town, pointing to his web site, which encourages peopl have signed his petition (he needs 100K by 12/21) so he can force the legislatur turn it down, of course, and then Flannery will likely float another petition to put the ballot in 11/05. <http://www.FlanneryForOhio.com>

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Aw, C'mon, Let Your Creative Side Out At the Painters Loft Condomini Franklin Blvd. in Detroit Shoreway. These open lofts feature 750 to 2,000 sq ft, €

ceilings, etched concrete floors, oversized windows, spiral staircases in bi-level ur
secured parking. Trade in your formal dining room with china cabs for something
Pollock. Add in 12-year tax abatement and even the creative types can afford to
in the neighborhood, check out the exciting doings in the hood – the arts district :
Public Theater at W. 65th/Detroit, the awesome restaurants and shops (Parkview
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County buys Whiskey Island which infuriated Mayor Jane Campbell, who u
Commissioner herself; Commissioners Jimmy Dimora and outgoing Tim McCorma
overrule third Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones and purchase a piece of Whiske
Moore III who owes \$1 million taxes on it. Campbell was planning to use eminen
land, apparently saving the \$6 million the County now plans to spend to purchase
into a park with a boardwalk, volleyball courts and an observation tower, possibl
Cleveland.com **here**. *PD* editors call the idea "half-baked" and blame it all on pc

CMJ Music Fest call for bands The CMJ/Rock Hall Music Fest and band subn
the three-day music festival is scheduled for 6/8-6/11/05 in Cleveland, and they'
bands will be performing at the landmark event. A full lineup of concerts will be f
Cleveland's hottest venues, including Beachland Ballroom, Peabody's, Agora and
brand kicks out prime up-and-coming artists and works with record labels to recr
The MusicFest will feature as many as 100 artists performing for tens of thousan
Cleveland. To sign your band up, visit **<http://www.CMJ.com/rockfest>** and gr
<http://www.TicketMaster.com>, while individual tickets to shows at the Beacl
available at **<http://www.BeachlandBallroom.com>**

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GameSnake is a free online service that matches players with pickup games ar
sports – from dodgeball to unicycle hockey (who knew?! GameSnake uses a play
location and sports preferences to match them with games and teams happening

facilities in their area, and they've added features to cater to athletes with disabilities created right here in Northeast Ohio as a side business to an already successful v
<http://www.GameSnake.com>

Drill Down NeighborhoodLink is the exclusive online home of the Cleveland NeighborhoodLink Study conducted by Social Compact, designed to provide the city, the business community, and Cleveland neighborhoods with a unique set of dependable business market insights that cannot be accessed through traditional market sources. They hired KeyBank to develop a website where you can access the entire study directly from the website to fuel the flow of private capital by supporting informed business decision-making in Cleveland's inner city, this effort deserves a bravo. <http://www.nhlink.net>,

Cleveland seeks Sustainability Officer Mayor Campbell will announce a City Sustainability Programs Manager to develop innovative, environmentally friendly ways for the city to create jobs, and improve public health. The Mayor will announce the position at a **12/15** at 1PM in the Red Room on the second floor of Cleveland City Hall. Show us your new initiative! The job description and application information for this cool new opportunity is on the city's website or at <http://www.TheTree.us>, the portal for what's happening in Ohio's environmental and conservation community. Deadline for applications is 1,

Export, don't import, culture Clear-thinking Charles Fee, who serves as president of Cleveland's Great Lakes Theatre Festival as well as the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, is the value of a resident theatrical company, as opposed to commercial theatre entertainment (from TV & movies, no doubt) and big money. "In Cleveland today, it may be more about building our artistic future from the riches already existing in the community than for the 'star' who will put us on the map." Exactly. See *PD* [here](#).

WiFi Research If you're a small to medium sized business that's using WiFi (like in *Cleveland*), a student at the University of Akron conducting research would like you to take an online survey that takes about 15 minutes to complete. You can take it at <http://survey.uakron.edu:2929/2w2UMO/Link.html>

Musician's Union health care The Ohio office of the Musicians Assistance Program, a nonprofit alcoholism and addiction service provider for professional musicians, announced that its offices of MAP were closed after MAP merged with MusiCares, a similar organization of the Recording Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. A plan to continue MAP's work in Cleveland through the creation of a new organization Recovering Musicians, or RPM. RPM will continue to provide intervention, referral, counseling, and support meetings for the music community in the Cleveland area. These are offered for musicians recovering from drug addiction and alcoholism every Tuesday evening, 7PM at the Voodoo Lounge. <http://VoodooAkron.com>. These meetings are free of charge, confidential, and for any musician seeking help. Call 330-607-8360.

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Enjoy the season,

--Thomas Mulready

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