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AOC URBAN RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT

If you have driven through the Flats lately, you've probably noticed that things look a little different on Scranton Road; the Cuyahoga AOC Urban Riparian Habitat Restoration Project, also known as Scranton Flats, is taking shape. Several hundred trees and bushes have

been planted; an observation deck has been constructed over the river, bike racks and benches anticipate visitors to the latest Towpath Trail connection, even a few Blue Herons have moved in to feed from the wild fish habitats.

Scranton Flats will open to the public in May of 2014, with a dedication event. Over the next three years or so the park will continue to evolve, a native meadow mix of grassland and flowers will take root and, once construction on the George V. Voinovich Bridge is complete, the Towpath Trail will connect to Tremont near Sokolowski's University Inn.

The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works is proud to have served as Project Manager on this transformative project. The story of converting the



former rail yard to a community asset is one of cross-agency partnership. The county coordinated efforts with property owner City of Cleveland, grant applicant Ohio Canal Corridor and the Cleveland Metro parks who will provide day-to-day maintenance and operations of the site.



The county and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) were able to complete two major projects simultaneously on the site as the Walworth Run Interceptor Alignment updated local infrastructure. Expertise on the natural environment was provided by The Cuyahoga RAP, The US Fish & Wildlife Service and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Grant funding from Clean Ohio and the US EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative made the project possible.

The Cuyahoga County Video Team has generously created a series of status updates, which are collected here; <http://publicworks.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Towpath-Trail-Project.aspx>

COUNTY KENNEL

The Cuyahoga County Kennel is a temporary home for dogs that are found on the streets by the county dog wardens. The staff are doing a

great job in placing animals in loving, caring homes. In 2011 58% (live release) which refers to animals being

returned to their owners, adopted by a new family or transferred to another facility. In 2012 the live release percentage was 76% and in 2013 the percentage increased to 80. Dogs are held for 72 hours in order for the owner to claim them. After the holding period, unclaimed dogs are available for adoption. A staff member will help with advice and coaching after the dog has gone home with their new family. All

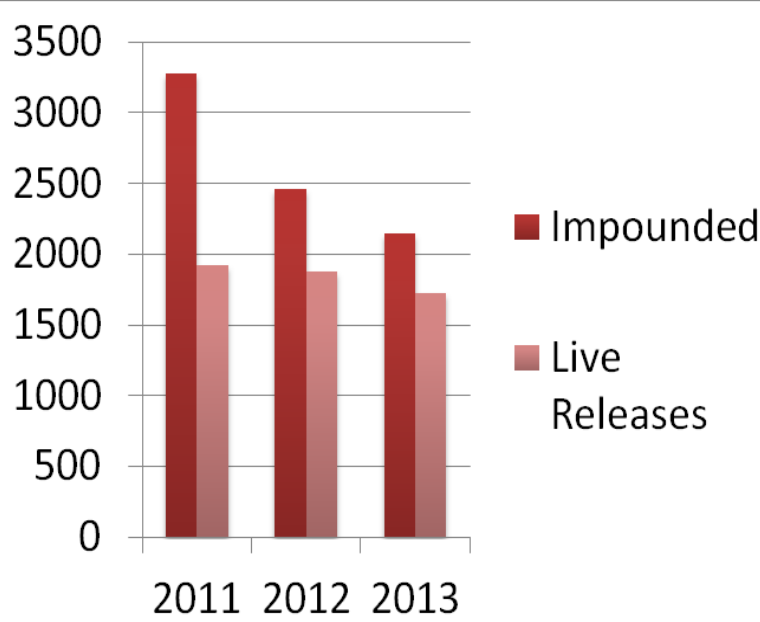
adopted dogs are spayed or neutered before leaving the animal shelter. The county's very reasonable adoption fee of \$90.00, this includes a

night you can see six (6) featured dogs at 6:45 p.m. that are available for adoption.

One of the goals of Kennel Manager, Mindy Naticchioni

along with her team, is to continue to increase the percentage of live releases over impounded animals from the previous year. If you are thinking of adopting, please visit the kennel on Tuesday, Wednesday &

Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday & Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.. The kennel is located at 9500 Sweet Valley Drive, Valley View or call (216) 525-7877. Closed Sundays and Mondays.



dog license, an adoption kit with specially prepared training literature, initial vaccines, as well as the dog will be spayed or neutered and dog food. The county kennel participates in many weekly projects in an attempt to place as many dogs as possible, including weekly television showings and "on-site promotions. The kennel is also the home of the Dick Goddard Dogs on Cleveland's Fox 8. Every Friday

Good News!!

Pete Campbell, Mail Services Senior Supervisor, expressed his thanks to everyone that helped in the mailroom move to the Justice Center, from IT personnel to the

Resident from LaGrange, Ohio, writes to congratulate Bonnie and DPW on having a wonderful employee, **Gina Ware, Permit Coordinator**. Promptly and courteously, Gina addressed a problem that Mr. Kincannon and his family had with a rental of the garage at the Courthouse, on Lakeside



Ave. for his daughters wedding. The issue had been going on for nine months prior to Gina coming on the scene. Mr. Kincannon goes on to say “ We hear so much about public employees these days, I believe that when people perform at a high level, they should receive that pat on the back!”

Parma resident, Ms. Davis sent an e-mail about what a great experience she had recently with **Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Workers, Michael Parks and Nick Kall** when they serviced her home. Michael and Nick

were pleasant, personal and efficient. They helped Ms. Davis understand everything they needed to do in order to resolve the problem.

Come to the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter and see all of the new changes! Meet some of the new deputy dog wardens and of course meet the dogs! Check out the kennel on Face book for events and other information! Meet Shyla, a 5 1/2 year old terrier mix female. This beauty has been enjoying



her holidays in a foster home. According to her foster mom, Shyla enjoyed the company of people and dogs alike and fit into the household right away. Her favorite thing is to sit on your lap and snuggle into a soft blanket. If you are interested in meeting Shyla, please call (216) 525 -7877 or e-mail Cynthia Breda, Volunteer Coordinator at: cbreda@cuyahogacounty.us

Make sure to protect your pets during this very cold winter. Salt on walkways can dry out your pet's paws. Make sure to give their paws a good wipe-down after they come inside.

SAFETY:

Northeast Ohio is experiencing one of the coldest winters on record. Here are a few tips to get you through this frigid spell:

Wear layers-when you go outside, the layer closest to your skin should be wool or synthetic material-not cotton. Cotton does a



Watch for frost-bite, depending on the tempera-

ture and wind chill, frost-bite can set in within minutes. The first sign is a prickly or itchy sensation. Next, the skin will turn red, pale or grayish yellow and start looking hard or waxy. Numbness and blisters come next. If you get blisters, don't pop them. Leave faucets slightly on in extremely cold weather, water

pipes can freeze and even break. To help prevent this, leave your tap water on a bit so it's dripping continuously. Also open your kitchen cabinets doors under the sink to allow more heated air to get to the water pipes.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Mindy Nattchioni, has been the new **Cuyahoga County Kennel Manager** since May of 2013. Prior to her current position, Mindy was the Director, of Client Services at Provide a Ride, in Warrensville Heights. Since taking over as the Kennel Manager, Mindy's mission has been to

reunite lost dogs with their owners, provide safe and humane animal control and educate the public about animal advocacy and pet overpopulation through community awareness. Mindy is very pleased to be working with such a positive and caring team at the kennel. In her

spare time, Mindy enjoys any activity that she can spend time outdoors, working in her garden, hiking or playing

with her two dogs, Joplin and Zephyr. Meet Marcel, (Cage #72). He is a four month old terrier mix that came to the kennel scared of people and skittish. As you can see he has clearly warmed up and is a fun active little puppy.



Human Resource Corner:

The State of Ohio Worker's Compensation Laws cover County employees. A County employee who sustains a job related injury or occupational disease may be eligible to receive benefits from the Bureau of Worker's Compensation (BWC). During this time of year with snow and ice, injuries may be likely. In the event

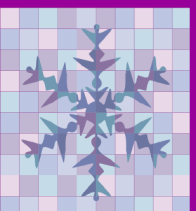
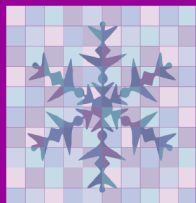
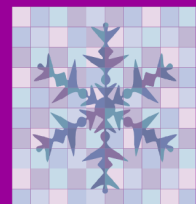
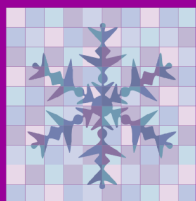
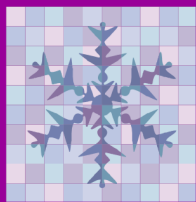
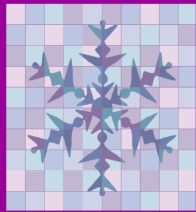


of an injury, the employee should immediately notify their supervisor and complete an Accident Investigation Report. If there is a need for the employee to remain off work due to the injury, the employee should contact their supervisor as well as Human Resources to make sure

proper time is utilized. Also be mindful to submit medical documentation to the Human Resource department. The county also offers an Alternative Work Program for employees who have sustained a workplace injury in which they are able to work for a specific period of time in a modified form of their present job or at a different job assignment. For an em-

ployee to be allowed to return to their prior position, a full duty release from treating physician must be provided. Section 12 of the Policy and Procedures manual gives more detail on Worker's Compensation and the Alternative Work Program. Always feel free to contact the Public Works HR Team with any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY~FEBRUARY!!!!



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| 2/1 | Charles Payton, Sr. | 2/20 | Danny Mancini |
| 2/2 | Harry Karr | 2/20 | Daniel M. Petras |
| 2/5 | Otilio Morales | 2/21 | Benita Fazl |
| 2/6 | Michael Palazzo | 2/21 | Amy McDonald |
| 2/7 | John Walker | 2/22 | Terrence Parham |
| 2/7 | Michael Forepaugh | 2/23 | Donald Hursell, II |
| 2/8 | William Laux | 2/25 | Richard S. Orosz, Jr. |
| 2/9 | Michael G. Maline | 2/25 | James Galvin |
| 2/9 | James A. McConnell, Jr. | 2/25 | Timothy Banks |
| 2/10 | Darryl Lobas | 2/26 | Patrick Lynch |
| 2/10 | Richard Rohaley | 2/26 | Juliann Conway |
| 2/11 | Todd Swindell | 2/26 | Patrick Lynch |
| 2/12 | James May | 2/28 | Suzanne Britt |
| 2/12 | Raymond West | 2/28 | Tommie E. Poole |
| 2/14 | Kirk A. Mericle | | |
| 2/15 | Timothy Bozeman | | |
| 2/15 | Thomas Litto, Jr. | | |
| 2/15 | Steve Meade | | |
| 2/16 | Francis Doherty | | |
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| 2/19 | Terence J. Solomon | | |