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*Two New Plans For Lakewood*

## Beck Center and Kaufman Park



Rendering of the New Beck Center. More on page 9.



Open park directly opposite of the library, highlights Kaufman Park plan.

by Tom Jordan

I appreciate everyone's input over the last few weeks concerning a potential development at Lakewood Plaza and the Kauffman Park area. An engaged citizenry is one of Lakewood's strongest assets. We fully expect to provide a more complete presentation about this potential development to the public. However, we are currently gathering the necessary information for the public and our elected officials to make an informed decision.

Since becoming the Planning and Development Director, I have reviewed several plans put forth by numerous developers and community groups for the redevelopment of this

area. All of these organizations had well-intentioned goals of enhancing this very important facet of downtown Lakewood. To that end, the City of Lakewood applied, along with Lakewood Community Progress Incorporated (LCPI), for a grant to enhance the streetscape along Detroit Avenue and review development opportunities in the downtown district. The City and LCPI held three public meetings on January 31st, April 19th and August 28th for this study. These public meetings were promoted by press releases, fliers, Lakewood Alive, the Lakewood Observer, and even a notice on First Federal of Lakewood's electronic billboard.

Although these presentations did not provide any specific design

or tenant recommendations for the mixed-use center, the study recommended moving the green-space to the street with a mixed-use center at the rear. The presentation given at the August 28th meeting can be reviewed at the City's website at [www.ci.lakewood.oh.us](http://www.ci.lakewood.oh.us). Those involved with the study felt that a redefined park offers the City the opportunity to strengthen and enhance the heart of the community in a manner that adds value, re-energizes public spaces, and establishes a more



Existing western gateway on Detroit.

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## Remember To Vote November 6th!

## Lakewood Hospital Commemorates Anniversary With A Centennial Gala

**Lakewood Hospital Foundation Announces Leadership Gift**

October 23, 2007 – Three floors of Lakewood Hospital were transformed into an elegant setting for its Centennial Gala celebration on Saturday, October 20. Five hundred attendees, who included current and former medical staff members, administrators, trustees, staff and community friends, enjoyed an evening of mingling, entertainment and delicious food. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of a leadership gift of up to \$5 million by Lakewood Hospital Foundation (LHF) to support the future vision of Lakewood Hospital.

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CEO and President of Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals, Fred DeGrandis; and President of Lakewood Hospital, Jack Gustin; Lakewood Mayor and Hospital Trustee Tom George; and Lakewood Hospital Board Chair Mousab Tabbaa, M.D.

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## Events & Notices

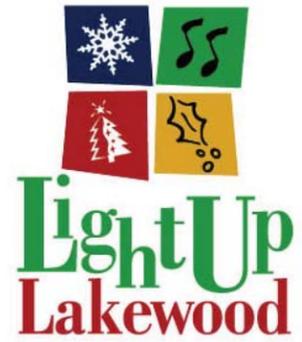
The Lakewood Observer is pleased to publish Notices on a first-come first-serve basis. Please be patient with us as we have a limited amount of free space available for these items. All notices must be submitted through the Member Center at [www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com)

# Embrace The Holiday Season In Old-Fashioned Style With Light Up Lakewood

Capture the enchanting streetscape as this historic suburb turns back time and Detroit Avenue is illuminated in Light Up Lakewood. On Friday evening November 30,

Lakewood's downtown business district will be bustling with charm during a festive holiday kickoff and tree-lighting ceremony that is destined to become an annual tradition.

A half-mile stretch of Detroit – from Marlowe to Arthur (Lakewood Hospital and Lakewood Library, respectively) -- will be closed to traffic and transformed into a holiday spectacular where residents will join their friends and neighbors for entertainment on multiple stages, holiday activities, refreshments and good cheer. "Light Up Lakewood has all the ingredients to be a magical night for the entire community," said Mary Anne Crampton, executive director of Main Street Lakewood. "Both young and old can take part in old-fashioned fun and family-centered activities as we usher in the holiday season together in style." The two-hour event starts at 6 p.m. and will include a sparkling tree lighting ceremony, a visit from Santa Claus and many other festive elements that will make the evening a night to remember.



"We're thrilled to be a part of this rejuvenation of a tradition from years past that is guaranteed to create cherished memories and new friendships," said Jack Gustin, president of Lakewood Hospital, a Shining Star sponsor of the event. "We're equally pleased that the trees on our hospital campus will 'light up' the city." Light Up Lakewood is a joint venture between Main Street Lakewood and LakewoodAlive. In addition to Lakewood Hospital, sponsors for this event include LakewoodAlive, Hinckley Lighting, Rockport Square, The Coral Company and the City of Lakewood. For more information about the event, check out

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

## Garfield Hosts Veterans' Day Program

Morgan D.

6th Grade, Garfield Middle School

This November 11th is a day to appreciate and recognize all of our veterans. At Garfield Middle School we are having a Veterans' Breakfast and Program which is co-sponsored by H2O. This program will take place at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7th at Garfield Middle School's Learning Resource Center (LRC) at 13114 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. It will begin with a breakfast, after which veterans will attend an all-school assembly

in the gym. After this program, veterans can go to different classrooms to talk to students about their memories and experiences in the military. The veterans who stay and visit classrooms, will be served lunch at approximately 11:30 a.m. Veterans can attend any or all of these events.

If any veterans would like to attend this event, please contact Nora Steele at (216) 529-4173. We sincerely hope that area veterans can attend this event so that we can honor you and show our appreciation and gratitude for your service to our country.

## Lakewood Historical Society seeking Part-time Educator/Administrative Assistant

The Lakewood Historical Society is seeking to fill their Educator/Administrative Assistant position. The position is part-time (6 hours per week). The main responsibility of the Educator is to staff the Oldest Stone House Museum during open hours (Wednesday and Sunday afternoons) and special tours for adults and chil-

dren. The Educator recruits, educates and maintains the volunteer museum docents (tour guides). A primary initial project for the Educator is to increase membership in the docent group. After the docent staff has been established the Educator will then help to oversee, develop and implement programs in accordance with the stated mission

of the Society, including special displays at the museum and outreach to the schools. For more information and a job description, please contact the Lakewood Historical Society at 216 221-7343 or [lakewoodhistory@bge.net](mailto:lakewoodhistory@bge.net). Please send all resumes to Rhonda Loje, 19159 Clifton Road, Lakewood, Ohio 44107.

## Thomas Mulready Takes Cool To Vegas

Lakewood's own Thomas Mulready is headed of to Las Vegas with some of the social networking cohorts in tow. CoolCleveland <http://coolcleveland.com> has long been considered one new media giants of the area. CoolCleveland is a social networking leader.

Jim Kukral is another online social networking expert invited to speak at the upcoming BlogWorld Expo in Las Vegas on 11/8-9/07.

Others being Cool Cleveland's George Nemeth, who started *Brewed-FreshDaily.com*, Eric Olsen, who runs *BlogCritics.org*, and Cool Cleveland's Thomas Mulready, making Northeast

Ohio one of the most heavily represented regions at this largest blog conference in the world, and a center for blog culture.

In this age of over 70 million blogs, with over 120K new blogs being created each day, a full 22% of the Top 100 web destinations are blogs. Kukral's session at BlogWorld Good to Great: Blogging and Profit Potential, offers suggestions on how to turn the garden variety blog into a money maker. And making money from your blog, directly through cash sales or advertising, or indirectly through the marketing of your existing business, is a specialty of Kukral, who

consults locally and whose two blogs, AskTheBlogger and [JimKukral.com](http://JimKukral.com) are read internationally.

Kukral answers a lot of questions in this video interview on the Superior Viaduct with Cool Cleveland's Thomas Mulready, such as, What is a blog? How can I make money with my blog? and How can I use my blog to better market my business?

<http://t.pn0.net/s/c?6i.338d.45.21t4>.

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<http://www.AskTheBlogger.com>  
<http://www.JimKukral.com>

## Sovacool Featured In Faces In The Crowd In Sports Illustrated

OXFORD, Ohio—Miami University junior cross country runner Pat Sovacool (Lakewood, Ohio- St. Ignatius) is featured in this week's (Oct. 22) Sports Illustrated "Faces in the Crowd".

Sovacool earned the honor by winning three races to start the season, including the Dayton 5K Challenge, the Great American Legends Race at Purdue University, and the George Mason Invitational. He has been named the

MAC Runner of the Week three times this season, one since the publication date, and recently finished 21st at the NCAA Pre-Nationals Race at Indiana State University.

The Oct. 22 issue of Sports Illustrated is available on newsstands. Sovacool and the RedHawks will run for the MAC Championship when they travel to Central Michigan University on Oct. 27 at 11 a.m.



photo by Joe Ott



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## Lakewood City Council

# A Championship Meeting?

Lakewood Observer readers of the City Council column will recall that it was pointed out that the production schedule of this paper does not always coincide on a timely basis with the meeting schedule of city council. For instance, council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. The Observer comes out every two weeks, in your hands on Tuesday. So, sometimes this column can report on a meeting that is only one week in the past, similar to a weekly paper. Since the paper usually is "put to bed" in a production sense on Monday night, there have been instances where the editorial staff has waited until my article is completed and filed at 11:00 the night of a council meeting. On these instances, we can get the drop, so to speak, on the other papers in town by having an article out the next day.

On those occasions where there are long intervals between a meeting and the next Observer paper I have the opportunity and the advantage of seeing how the other media have reported on a meeting—which issues were emphasized, which discussions were the liveliest.

Or, if nothing really happened at a meeting (and non-happenings do happen) then I have the luxury of wandering off with you on another facet

of city government. You might recall the article in which my call up for jury duty in the Lakewood Municipal Court prompted an article on "The Third Branch." I never did end up being called for duty but I placed my name back in the hopper in hopes of a second chance so that I could report that experience to you. Perhaps that wish precluded my selection on the second go around.

Then, there was the meeting that produced little of interest except a small report at the end from Lakewood Police Lieutenant Saballa about the department's participation in the International S.W.A.T. contest two years ago. That fortuitous nugget resulted in an in depth look at our WestShore SWAT and the subsequent involvement of the Lakewood Observer in many SWAT charitable activities.

All of which brings us up to a little gem of a meeting, a speck of gold in a geeky governmental sense, the council meeting of October 15, 2007. This will have the eerie feeling of a midwinter reminiscence of a fabulous baseball season when one game is selected for a rehash.

At issue was the Tribe, our Clevel-

and Indians; not the city. Our boys of summer were in the playoffs against Boston with the game beginning at 7:30—the same time that council meetings started. The outcome? (Not the outcome of the council meeting). Well, it could very well determine whether we went to the World Series.

The goal? Get this meeting over with fast.

President Seelie called the meeting to order at 7:31 (lost a minute). You could feel it in the air. Everybody was on their toes, just like our heroes were at that very moment. No wasted motion. Every move executed perfectly. The docket was thin, really thin. Perhaps the word went out to department heads to keep unnecessary items off until the next meeting.

As per custom, a resolution recognizing a deserving Lakewood citizen was up. Nickie Antonio (at large) and Mayor Thomas George recognized Edward Gallagher of the Beck Center for his work in music therapy. Gallagher's wife, Lisa, and their daughter posed for the ceremonial picture.

Everybody was warmed up, in the groove. Council Clerk Mary Hagan read an ordinance. This time she put

extra spin on her usual fast delivery. Even before she finished Seelie would call the play, asking for a motion. Instinctively, a member would jump in; make a motion, followed quickly by a backup offering a second. Motion after motion, the agenda was moved, just like CC mowing them down. The clock said 7:48. This could be an unofficial record for a meeting if it ended now. Members had scooted their chairs back for a sprint home to the TV sets. Administration had already stacked and gathered papers. A few remaining in the audience beamed in on the exit doors.

Just one last thing—comments from the audience. John Saylor and his wife of Parkwood Avenue stood up. They had questions about what they thought was a settlement on the part of the city with Calanni Auto Repair. They didn't like it. Assistant Law Director Thomas Corrigan came to the mound (whoops, podium). A sudden exhalation, you could feel it, this game was getting away. It wasn't going to end that fast.

Alas, it took another half an hour to examine the current status of legal action against that business before the game (meeting) was finally called.

It could have been a record—18 minutes. Well, maybe next year.

## Shields Seeks Ward 2 Seat Candidate Opposes Proposed Development Of Kauffman Park

by Kathleen Samoriski

As the race for the open Ward 2 Council seat heads into its final week, a new and explosive issue has entered the political discussion. The Drug Mart Plaza on Detroit has been purchased for just over 5 million dollars, creating an uncertain future for Kauffman Park. At his final rally at the Lakewood Women's Pavilion, Ward 2 candidate Dan Shields addressed this issue. "I am opposed to the sale of Kauffman Park," Shields stated. "I haven't seen any plan for redevelopment that includes saving the park space for our Ward 2 families. I'm all for economic development, but not at the expense of parks, playgrounds, and green space."

During his rally speech, he noted that he has taken the lead on this and other important issues facing their city. "I am the only candidate who is willing to take a public stand on the parks issue. Right now Ward 2 needs a councilman who is willing to stand up for families and children, and fight for what is right." Shields also talked about the other issues important to residents. "I took the lead in this campaign to bring the foreclosure housing crisis to the forefront, to talk about the need to fill the empty storefronts with viable busi-

nesses, and to focus on the solutions to our safety concerns - addressing the needs of the police, as stated by the police themselves. Now all the candidates are focusing on these issues, as they see that they are the most important concerns for all residents of Lakewood. Right now Lakewood needs leaders, not followers, and as a 20 year attorney and 12 year resident, I am best situated to address our challenges. His leadership in the community has been acknowledged with endorsements from the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #25 (Lakewood Police Officers), The Lakewood Sun Post, The Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, The Lakewood Democratic Club, and the North Shore AFL-CIO Federation of Labor.

As the rally concluded, Dan spoke with his supporters as they planned their final campaign push. "We need to continue our door to door campaign, to let voters know that we own a home here, we send our children to school in the Lakewood Schools, we run our businesses here, and as longtime neighbors we understand the issues important to all of Lakewood. We will get out the message that Dan Shields stands for smart, firm, progressive leadership as Lakewood continues to move forward into the 21st century!"

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# Lakewood City News

## Lakewood Is Rich in Buy Local Initiative

by Kenneth Warren

Lakewood is a prime community in Northeast Ohio for people making creative arrangements, moral commitments and smart purchases to preserve and strengthen the city's economy through buy local initiatives. The organization of local consumers and local businesses into green exchange circuits that offer ethical choice and moral value make visible the "Invisible Hand" of the free market.

As the community cultivates a moral compass and recognizes the effects of lost cash flow on Lakewood's one-of-a-kind signature businesses, people search for new ways to enhance their economic impact on the city. By creating green exchange circuits that link economical and ethical interests to more a locally determined value-added purchasing strategy, people integrate civic responsibility, convenient consumption and social solidarity into the neighborhood's quality of life.

Julie Hutchison, owner of Phoenix Coffee on Detroit Avenue, sees Lake-

wood's "green edge" in its resale shops and the thick social mix that meets in third places and buys local.

From Lakewood Is Art and the Madison Avenue Art Walk to the LEAF's community supported agriculture programs and MAMA's injection

of vitality along Madison Avenue, people in Lakewood are attempting to bring a renewed and determined buy local dynamic to daily life. Through these grassroots efforts, the circulation of dollars in the community joins the palpable expression of neighborhood

commitment and appreciation for one-of-a-kind businesses integral to Lakewood's distinctively green character.

For the holidays, LakewoodAlive and Main Street Lakewood are advancing the "buy local" with the inclusion of Lakewood CertifiChecks gift certificates in the Light Up Lakewood event scheduled for November 30th.

"Lakewood CertifiChecks will be redeemable only at Lakewood businesses. They can be used at full face value at merchants who have registered with the program," says Mary Anne Crampton, Executive Director, Lakewood Community Progress Inc., Main Street Lakewood.

Crampton sees the CertifiChecks gift certificates in combination with the convenience, cordiality and quality offered by local enterprises making for a great Lakewood experience.

"More than 150 Lakewood businesses are already signed-up and we expect the list to grow as Lakewood-ites demonstrate their support of local businesses by buying, giving and using Lakewood CertifiCheck gift certificates," says Crampton.

On November 30th, during the Light Up Lakewood holiday season kick-off event, Main Street Lakewood and LakewoodAlive will launch a "buy local" campaign by selling Lakewood CertifiCheck gift certificates, which will be redeemable at any registered Lakewood business.

Start your holiday shopping with Lakewood CertifiCheck gift certificates! The perfect gift for teachers, coaches, employees, friends and family: Lakewood CertifiChecks..

YOU CAN PRE-ORDER NOW FOR PICK-UP at the LIGHT UP LAKEWOOD EVENT! Go to [www.lakewoodalive.com](http://www.lakewoodalive.com) for an order form.

CertifiCheck gift certificates function like a cashier's check, and can be directly deposited into business bank accounts at full face value. Change is given in cash. They are available in denominations from \$5 to \$50. This is not a fundraiser. LakewoodAlive and Lakewood Community Progress Inc. are subsidizing administrative and start-up costs as a community service.

A list of participating businesses will be printed in the Light Up Lakewood Nov. 13th pull-out guide in the Lakewood Observer. Every buyer will receive a list of retailers where the gift certificates can be redeemed – currently 150!

For more information, contact Mary Anne Crampton at Main Street Lakewood: [macrampton@lcpinc.com](mailto:macrampton@lcpinc.com) or 216-521-0655

## Why I Am Voting Markling For Lakewood School Board – School Safety

by Michael Andreani

As an active Lakewood High School alumna, long-time Lakewood resident, homeowner, tax payer, and most importantly, the parent of students attending public schools in Lakewood, I would like to share with you just a few of the many reasons why I am voting for my neighbor and friend, Matthew John Markling, for the Lakewood School Board.

Markling is running for the Lakewood School Board on a platform of academic excellence, school safety, and leadership. I would like to focus on school safety.

Two of my sons attend Lakewood High School, having attending Horace Mann Middle School. My youngest son presently attends Garfield Middle School. The Lakewood Alumni Foundation office that I work in is located in the high school. My sons and I feel safe. My husband, Joel, and I feel safe sending our boys to school every day. Joel had the privilege of serving alongside Markling on both the *High School and Middle School Student Conduct and School Climate Committees*. If we are honest with each other we will all agree that no school can guarantee student safety; however, the Lakewood City Schools can take steps to improve school safety. Both Student Conduct and School Climate Committees recommended steps to improve student safety.

As a school board member, Markling will work to ensure that all school safety recommendations of both *Student Conduct and School Climate Committees* continue to be implemented fully including, but not limited to (1) *Total Enforcement of the Student Code of Conduct* – including the current dress code and ID Cards and (2) *Alternative Educa-*

*tion for Students Suspended or Expelled.*

### **Total Enforcement of the Student Code of Conduct**

As to *Total Enforcement of the Student Code of Conduct*, the Lakewood City Schools already prohibit, and impose consequences for student misconduct arising on and off of school grounds including, but not limited to: Disruption of School, Assault/Harassment, Dangerous Weapons or Instruments, Defiance of Authority, Gangs, Internet, Hazing, Bullying and Other Forms of Aggression.

Some may argue that rules do not prohibit misconduct but simply impose consequences after the fact. Markling disagrees. The simple act of notifying students and parents that misconduct will not be tolerated in our learned halls acts as a substantial deterrent. It also sets the expected tone of civility. It is unfortunate, but there always will be individuals who choose to disregard the rules. Fortunately, working toward *Total Enforcement of the Student Code of Conduct* will work to discourage such misconduct.

An important aspect of both the student dress code and identification card requirements is the preservation of safe school environment. School security experts have stated that "oversize, saggy or baggy clothing" must be prohibited because such clothing can easily conceal weapons. School security experts also indicate that identification cards must be "visible at all times" so that only students of the Lakewood City Schools are allowed in our schools and all our students can be identified should a crisis arise. While Markling has no doubt that the Lakewood City Schools is vigorous in attempting to prohibit student misconduct "every period, every day" – video surveillance has even been installed - we must remain vigilant as the security of our children is at stake.

As a school board member, Markling will support the legal disciplinary decisions of the Administration.

Markling will also encourage students and parents to take responsibility for their own actions. We must also be mindful that the Lakewood City Schools simply cannot be "every place, every time," so both students **and** parents need to also take responsibility for reporting instances of misconduct to the Lakewood Police Department (911 or 1.216.521.6773) and/or Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services (1.216.696.KIDS). Students and parents should also take advantage of making reports to the Lakewood City Schools Security Hotline (1.216.227.5311). All calls can be made anonymously. It cannot be overstated that students and parents need to take responsibility for knowing their rights and responsibilities. The contents of the *Student Handbook, Lakewood City School Discipline Code,*

and *School Board Policy* can be found on the school district's website.

### **Alternative Education for Students Suspended or Expelled**

As to *Alternative Education for Students Suspended or Expelled*, the Lakewood City Schools established the Lakewood City Academy to meet this goal. The Lakewood City Academy is a premier program that puts students, who would otherwise be removed from the educational setting for disciplinary reasons, back in the classroom through an alternative setting. Ideally, all students should be in the classroom as opposed to roaming Lakewood. The Lakewood City Academy works toward that ideal. As a school board member, Markling will continue to support the Lakewood City Academy and its mission. To learn more about Markling, please visit our website at

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

Vote Markling for School Board on November 6, 2007!

## FOP #25 Endorsements

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 25 is pleased to announce the endorsement of the following candidates for the November 6, 2007 General Election.

### **Lakewood**

**Mayor - Thomas J. George**

**Council Ward 2 - Daniel Shields**

**Council Ward 3 - Michael P. Summers**

**Board of Education -**

**Matthew J. Markling**

FOP #25 does not solicit or offer its endorsement. Candidates must make a formal request. Requests are first announced to members of the Lodge for comment and critique, and then referred to Committee. The candidates must then complete a comprehensive questionnaire

and be interviewed by a Committee of experienced law enforcement officers. A recommendation is put to the Lodge for further comment or critique, and then voted upon. Failure to complete any part of the process disqualifies the candidate. The named candidates initiated, successfully participated in, and completed all portions of this process.

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #25 represents nearly 600 local, county, regional, state, and federal law enforcement officers in western Cuyahoga and eastern Lorain Counties. The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest association of law enforcement professionals in this area, the State of Ohio, and the United States.

## Lakewood City News

### Bullock Wins Endorsement From Former Rival Gallagher, Teams Up On Neighborhood Safety

**"We Need to Take Safety More Seriously, and Bullock Tackles It Head On," says Gallagher**

Ward 2 candidate Tom Bullock recently won the endorsement of former rival Tom Gallagher for Lakewood City Council. Gallagher, who ran to represent Ward 2 during the recent October primary, said he supported Bullock because they agreed that neighborhood safety is a crucial issue that Lakewood's leaders must deal with directly, not brush aside.

"We need to take neighborhood

safety more seriously, and Bullock tackles it head on," said Gallagher. "It's not helpful to brush a problem under the rug, as some people running for office have done--that just makes it bigger. I'm endorsing Tom Bullock because we agree that safety should be our first priority."

"I'm honored to accept Mr. Gallagher's endorsement and happier still to be working with him on solutions to keep our neighborhoods safe, clean, and family friendly," said Bullock.

Gallagher and Bullock have agreed to collaborate on tackling neighbor-

hood problems such as crime, noise, trash, speeding traffic, and absentee landlords. Bullock is setting up Block Watches and "Good Neighbor Groups" across Ward 2. Bullock is the only Council candidate to author a comprehensive neighborhood safety plan.

Gallagher said Lakewood is at a crossroads and needs to crack down on problem landlords.

"Compared to fifteen years ago, Lakewood is going in the wrong direction. There are some landlords today abusing the system and making a business out of renting to problem tenants who become chronic nuisances in our

neighborhoods," said Gallagher.

Gallagher said he decided to support Bullock after getting to know him over lunch after the primary and from talking with volunteers during Primary Day at the polls.

"Bullock's supporters were very friendly. We greeted voters together, shared donuts and coffee, and had a nice time talking about issues," said Gallagher. "We were neighborly, even though we were running against each other. That's the way it should be in Lakewood."

Bullock said bridge-building was important and that reaching out to pull people together was central to his work style.

"Whether we're two candidates or whether we have two different opinions, we can still work together," said Bullock. "The best way to resolve neighborhood problems is to pull together and work as a team. That's the approach we're using for Block Watches, and for any city issue."

Bullock said he is running to bring new leadership to Lakewood, which faces rising safety challenges, home foreclosures, and budget deficits. Bullock is organizing neighbors to pull together to face these challenges. He invited all Lakewood residents to join him by signing up at his website, [www.TomBullockforLakewood.com](http://www.TomBullockforLakewood.com).

### Markling And Incumbents Exchange Endorsements

October 16, 2007 – Lakewood School Board Candidate Matthew John Markling is proud to announce that he has received the endorsement of both incumbent candidates, Linda G. Beebe and W. Charles Geiger, III. Markling is also honored to endorse Beebe and Geiger.

Linda G. Beebe said, "I am endorsing Matthew Markling for a position on the Lakewood Board of Education because I am impressed with his commitment to the City of Lakewood and to our school district and by the breadth of the knowledge that he would bring to the position."

W. Charles Geiger, III, said,

"Markling brings a professional expertise in school law that will be valuable to the school board. He is committed to working with the board toward the successful implementation of the board's goals and initiatives. I endorse Matthew John Markling for the Lakewood Board of Education."

Matthew John Markling said, "I hope to be elected to the Lakewood School Board along with Linda G. Beebe and W. Charles Geiger, III. I support the current goals and objectives of the Lakewood School Board. Both Beebe and Geiger bring a conti-

nunity and experience that will benefit the Lakewood School Board as we work toward improving academic excellence, school safety, and leadership throughout the Lakewood City Schools."

There are currently five candidates running for three school board positions. The three candidates who receive the most votes on November 6, 2007, will be elected to the Lakewood School Board.

For more information please contact Markling directly at [markling@marklingforlakewood.com](mailto:markling@marklingforlakewood.com) or visit our website at [www.marklingforlakewood.com](http://www.marklingforlakewood.com).



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# Lakewood Public Library

## The Van Sweringen Brothers Ride Again

by Ben Burdick

Oris Paxton and Mantis James Van Sweringen were the unlikeliest of real estate barons, the richest of railroad moguls and the strangest of brothers. Though they quietly passed away over seventy years ago, their contributions to the infrastructure of northeast Ohio continue to shape our daily lives. On Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the new Lakewood Public Library Auditorium, Sabine Kretschmar of the Shaker Historical Society will trace their checkered career from beginning to end. Follow the brothers from a failed housing venture in Lakewood, to the creation of Shaker Heights, and see the foundation of a rapid transit line and a nationwide railroad empire along the way. Marvel as they inadvertently pioneer the holding company, fulfill a long-held dream with the construction of the Terminal Tower and the Cleveland Union Terminal, and finally sink suddenly and silently into financial ruin. This free lecture, open to all, is sponsored by the Lakewood Historical Society.

At the height of their prosperity, when they were among the richest men in the world, the two soft-spoken brothers shared not only a single fifty-four room mansion, but a single bedroom as well. Twin beds were their sole luxury. With the riches of Croesus at their disposal, the brothers never wed. They managed their entire estate without a single servant. They almost never granted interviews, nor did they make public appearances—at least not without each other. Biographically speaking, they were inseparable to the point that their motives, personalities and idiosyncrasies literally cannot be

distinguished from one another.

Perhaps the most revealing insights available into the Vans' muted lives can be gleaned from the Shaker Standards—an all-encompassing municipal code that strictly governed the development of the city we now know as Shaker Heights. The brothers personally sweated over every detail of layout, design and style in all matters residential and commercial, making rulings on everything from acceptable building materials to permissible roof angles. Even the gently-curving roads and tree-line boulevards came, not from old trails or natural barriers, but

from the brothers' meticulous plan. It was the hardest they would ever work on anything personally. In all the great accomplishments to come, their efforts would be obscured by the influence of an army of lawyers and moneymen.

Once the Shaker project was a success on par with Beverly Hills, the brothers turned their attention to building a rapid transit line to Cleveland. From there, they became fixated on the idea of creating a central terminal for all rail traffic in northeast Ohio. Twenty years later their efforts would result in the construction of the Terminal Tower (tallest building in the world

outside of New York City at the time) but along the way their success would spiral out of control. To achieve their lofty goals, they gobbled up railroad after railroad and ceded more and more control to crafty lawyers and accountants until finally they had no idea how their financial empire actually worked. In truth, it was a house of cards—one that neatly folded in the Stock Market Crash of 1929. The younger Van Sweringen, Mantis, passed away at the close of 1934. Older brother Oris followed in 1936, nearly broke. They are buried in Lakeview Cemetery under a single tombstone marked "Brothers."

## Friends Of Lakewood Public Library Book Sale

by Paul Tepley

The Friends of Lakewood Public Library is conducting a sale of used books on Saturday, November 3rd at the Omni Center, the former Lake Erie Screw facility, at 13000 Athens Avenue. This is located in southeast Lakewood, across the street and south of Madison Park, between Halstead and Clarence Avenues. But first, a little history concerning the sale.

Because of the renovation of the Lakewood Public Library, the Friends scouted out a location to serve as a temporary home. The Omni Center proved to be the location which would fill its needs. After moving about 500 boxes of books, the Friends prepared for a sale on August 11th. The sale went well, and those attending seemed satisfied with the new setup. Shortly after this sale, work started on a major renovation of Athens Avenue. While there was still access to the Omni Center via

Lakewood Heights Boulevard, the September 22nd sale was not as successful as the August sale.

Now, here's the good news. Road construction is almost complete and traffic is able to drive again on Athens Avenue. The sale can be reached from the north and from the south. The Friends estimate that there are 800 shelves of books for the sale, including all the old favorites for book lovers who have attended past sales at the Main Library.

So what happens to the money that is made at the Friends sales? The money supports many programs conducted by the library. And soon, you will be seeing a new Lakewood Public Library vehicle on the streets. The new vehicle is a 2007 GMC Savanna Cargo van and it replaces the van that has

been used by the library for seventeen years. The Friends of Lakewood Public Library covered the entire cost, thanks to all who supported the books sales.

Come to the sale on Saturday November 3rd from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Omni Center 13000 Athens Avenue. Thank you for your support.

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## Lakewood Public Library's "Sunday With The Friends" Will Give You A Good Laugh!

by Martha Wood

Lakewood resident Jan C. Snow will present an entertaining look at what makes us laugh and why for Lakewood Public Library's "Sunday with the Friends" series on Sunday, November 11 at 2 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium.

Jan's whimsical commentary, "Marginal Considerations," originates from Cleveland radio station WCLV and is syndicated to stations around the country as a feature of Weekend Radio. Two collections of these pieces have been published: *The Nonexistence of Rutabagas and Other Marginal Considerations*, and *You May Already Be a Winner and Other Marginal Considerations*. A *Natural History of Socks*, illustrated by Eric May, was issued in limited edition by Type High, the fine art press of Kent State University. Snow's humor is drawn from her keen observations of the absurd and often wacky goings-on of everyday suburban life. She finds little things you might not even think about and renders them funny with her unique point of view. She can write effortlessly about bath-

tubs, expiration dates, toothpaste and broccoli all with a droll sense of humor.

Jan is quite the prolific writer and some 800 of her features, essays and reviews have appeared in media as diverse as *Switched-on Gutenberg* and *The Christian Science Monitor*. Her writings on dance appear regularly in the Cleveland Free Times. Jan's work is even included in *A Student's Book of College English* and she says, "The idea of being someone's homework is a real buzz." Ms. Snow's work has garnered numerous awards from various professional organizations, including a National Press Women award for editorials. She recently received an Ohio Poetry Award and her flash fiction, (fiction characterized by its extreme brevity) *Wind Shift*, was a 2006 nominee for the prestigious Pushcart Prize.

Jan has been a Lakewood resident for twenty years. She says "Some people have beach cottages or cabins in the mountains, but the Lakewood Library is my second home." Be sure to join Jan at her home away from home on Sunday, November 11.

## Days Of The Dead In Mexico

by Nick Kelley

The origins of the Mexican holiday Day of the Dead date back to the pre-Hispanic peoples of Mexico. Long before the Spaniards came to the Americas the tradition of celebrating the dead had been established. The indigenous people of Central and South America such as the Mayans and Aztecs kept skulls of their deceased ancestors and displayed them during special celebrations.

The celebration usually takes place during the first and second day of November. Much of the celebration includes visiting the graves of relatives, decorating them, and remembering the dead as they were in life. Many people will bring offerings of candy, liquor and other traditional food to the graves of friends and relatives. Skulls made out of sugar are passed out to children and the whole atmosphere is lively and festive. Skulls are a very important part of the symbolism during the celebration. Masks depicting skulls are worn and

some people will even dress up like the dead in skeleton outfits and dance to celebrate those who have passed on.

Although this tradition dates back before the Europeans arrived in Mexico, Christianity can be seen as an important part of the theme. Many shrines created for the celebration depict images of Christ and The Virgin Mary. This ancient celebration surely has changed, but many of the original symbols and meanings are still prevalent.

If you would like to learn more about this unusual and ancient celebration, then come to the Lakewood Public Library auditorium on Sunday, November 4th at 2:00 p.m. when The Friends of Lakewood Public Library will be sponsoring the Days of Dead in Mexico presented by visual artist Joe Polevoi. Come along and explore the artistry and symbolism of traditional offerings made to the spirits of dead friends and relatives during the modern Mexican celebrations of All Souls Day and All Saints Day.

# Lakewood Observer

## Beck Center And Kaufman Park

cohesive connection to the park and its surroundings. The City of Lakewood remains the only inner-ring suburb with a true downtown. By maximizing the opportunities with this asset, it will support the community and serve as a center of confluence. This new space could be used to host a variety of community festivals and events, such as Light Up Lake Lakewood and the Farmers' Market. It could provide important support to the downtown merchants and the City's Main Street efforts.

Since this process began over two years ago, a developer actually purchased Lakewood Plaza. The developer will invest in Lakewood Plaza. It is our hope that the investment will maximize the site and surrounding area consistent with the Detroit Avenue Streetscape plan. We asked the developer to perform his due diligence on two plans: one limited to his site and another with additional City property. The developer is currently involved with complex negotiations with the existing and potential tenants, architects, and financial institutions. The City of Lakewood for its part was concerned about recreational activities, and the amount of green space that would be available if the park was reconfigured. To that end, we hired Osborn Engineering, a nationally known architectural engineering firm who has been the lead architect on the Yankee Stadium, OSU Stadium, and Jacob's Field. The scope of work was to review the current uses



at the existing site and suggest improvements at the City's remaining parks and estimate their costs. City Council held a Committee of the Whole on June 11th. All Council members were given notice of the Committee of the Whole meeting, and the Clerk followed regular public notification processes that included notifying the local news media, the Lakewood Observer, and the Lakewood Public Library plus many others. At this meeting, we disclosed the necessity of this study was to see the feasibility of moving recreational programming from Kaufman Park to three other parks (Madison, Cove and Lakewood Park) if Kaufman Park was redefined. All Council

members were present with the exception of Councilmen Demro and Dever. The Committee recommended funding the study. On June 18th, the full Council approved Ordinance 74-06B to expend these funds by a 6-0 vote with Councilman Dever abstaining. Before this regular Council meeting, the Council docket for that evening was posted on the City's website. The Council docket was also available the previous Friday in Council's office. At the Committee hearing and at the Council meeting, members were able to ask any detailed questions. At the Committee of the Whole, it was also disclosed that there was a purchase option of Lakewood Plaza and the

potential developer was identified.

Over the last two months, the City has worked with Osborn Engineering in developing enhancements at the other parks and adding green space. We have laid out general parameters for the consultant to pursue in his design. Those parameters were to take the list of programmed activities at the park and build new enhanced facilities in the appropriate locations. The developer was instructed to design this space to include green space on Detroit Avenue for public use.

Lakewood has over 110 of acres of park space on school or City property. (This number includes the approximately four acres recently added to the inventory through the school's rebuilding process.) The City also utilizes part of the 3,400 acres of Cleveland Metropark space on its western border. In this process, we have involved the Division of Recreation of Lakewood City Schools who manages the park programming. It is our hope that with investment in this project, further capital improvements will enhance the overall recreation options and add further acreage for public use. In no way do we want to diminish the public park amenities currently available.

There will be a public process. If the due diligence process reveals that the development will not result in enhanced recreational opportunities for Lakewood residents, there will be no public investment or sale of land. Any sale of land will be sold at fair market value as established through an appraisal process. There are numerous zoning issues that would go before a public meeting of the Planning Commission that is a public process. The authorization to sell land by charter will require approval of City Council and further public hearings. I welcome everyone's input when and if a specific proposal is put forth. In the interim, we will attempt to keep you informed. Please understand that much of the press on any topic is frequently limited in space and in content. I hope this post is more

## Beck Center Seeks Community Feedback On Future Vision

by Fran Storch

In October 2006, during its 75th anniversary year, Beck Center made a commitment to remain in Lakewood. Now, one year later, the Beck Center will embark on a very important project aimed at sustainability and growth for the next 75 years. Details will be revealed at its Annual Meeting last night October 29, 2007.

After the Board's decision to remain in Lakewood, and the completion of a strategic plan, a design committee consisting of Beck Board members, outside experts and design and architect consultants was organized to take an in-depth look at the Beck Center's physical plant and current programming. Several brainstorming sessions were held and ideas and concepts were developed. These concepts were shared with community members at the Beck Center's Annual Meeting on the Mackey Main Stage.

The ultimate goals for redevelopment of the property now inhabited by Beck Center are economic growth enhancement, infrastructure improvement, historic preservation, and neighborhood enhancement. Essentially, the Beck Center strives to be a

cornerstone and anchor for Lakewood's Theater and Entertainment District.

"Our goal is to sustain Beck Center as a vital community resource," said Lucinda Einhouse, President and CEO. "We look forward to dynamic feedback from the public about our ideas and concepts. We would like to explore all of the issues that are critical to our patrons, our students and the neighborhood in which we reside."

Not only is the Beck Center one of the largest employers in Lakewood, but a recent study found the organization has an economic impact of \$10 million every year in Northeast Ohio. Its partnership with the Lakewood City School District to collaborate on the design of curriculum for an Arts and Communications

Academy will begin welcoming students into the program in September 2008.

For more information on the Annual Meeting, contact Yvette Hanzel, Director of Marketing & External Affairs at (216) 521-2540 extension 225 or [yvette@beckcenter.org](mailto:yvette@beckcenter.org).

Beck Center for the Arts is a comprehensive performing arts organization with one of the broadest and deepest arts education curriculums in Northeast Ohio, including classes in dance, music, theater, visual arts, and music and art therapy. The current professional theater season boasts one of the most ambitious schedules in Greater Cleveland with three Cleveland premieres and one World Premiere. For more information, visit [www.beckcenter.org](http://www.beckcenter.org).



## Lakewood Sports

# First Place Blue Devils Blast Rangers, 34 - 13

by Todd Shapiro

After nine weeks of the high school football season only six of the 116 teams in Division I remained undefeated. One of those teams visited Lakewood Stadium on October 19 when the Brunswick Blue Devils came to town to take on the Lakewood Rangers.

Brunswick's Sean Bedevelsky completed three first-half touchdown passes, including a school record 95-yarder to Ben Karaba, as the Blue Devils cruised to a 34-13 victory to clinch a share of the Northern Ohio Conference Valley Division title and a first-round home playoff game.

The Rangers struggled to move the football against the stingy Brunswick defense. Lakewood's four first-half drives resulted in three punts and just 75 yards of offense.

The Blue Devils scored the first three times they touched the football. Bedevelsky connected with Jordan Gribble on an 18-yard scoring strike to put Brunswick on the board with 9:26 remaining in the first quarter. On Brunswick's second drive a false start penalty had them pinned back on their own 5-yard line facing third down and 19 yards to go when Bedevelsky connected with Karaba in a seam in the Rangers defense. Karaba caught the ball in full stride and ran untouched

95 yards into the end zone. Sophomore Jeff Kravetz's extra point made the score 14-0. Gribble's second touchdown reception came from 3 yards out in the second quarter to give Brunswick a 20-0 halftime lead.

Despite his team's impressive showing, Brunswick coach Rick Nowak saw room for improvement in his undefeated squad. "We didn't have intensity tonight. We made too many mistakes, too many penalties. We can't do this and continue to win games." The Blue Devils were penalized 10 times for 94 yards.

Lakewood turned the ball over on the first two possessions of the second half before finding the end zone twice in the fourth quarter. Junior running back Devin Ross put the Rangers on the board with 7:38 to go in the game with a 2-yard touchdown run to make the score 34-6. Fullback Joe Young sprinted into the end zone from 21 yards out with 2:33 remaining in the contest. Ardjan Bako's extra point made the final 34-13. Young, a sophomore, rushed for 23 yards on nine carries for the night.

Rangers coach Jim Slagle had nothing but praise for the Brunswick team. "They are a good football team. Our team played hard tonight but they have such good skill position guys, they just keep coming at you."

If the Rangers (3-6) can beat Elyria (the game was to be played after

our deadline) they will double their win total from the 2006 season. With Quarterback Dan Shannon and running back Ross and Young all returning

for next season and a year of NOC conference play under their belt, the Lakewood Rangers will look to double their win total again in 2008.



**Lakewood Catholic Academy Students Collect Cereal For Lakewood Christian Service Center**

by Paul Nickels

Students at Lakewood Catholic Academy earned the chance to wear Cleveland Indians gear for a day during the playoff run when they collected almost 600 boxes of cereal to donate to the Lakewood Christian Service Center. Way to go, kids! Pictured here with just part of the donation are Nancy & Emily Kotnik and Maya and Orion Ariza, who used profits from their summer lemonade stand to purchase seven boxes of cereal for the drive. Students learned that there are needy families right in their own community.

## A New Take On The American League Championship Series

by Deborah Gilbert

I know nearly nothing about sports—I've just recently come over to the Dark Side—so, naturally, the ALCS playoffs puzzled me. Apparently, it helps to know the rules. After much confusion, I finally found something I could focus on and comprehend: the intriguing variety of spitting techniques among the players. Here is what my research has uncovered thus far.

**THE DRIBBLER** (should be considered an error in baseball): The sputum is insufficiently ejected and lands on the shirt, pants, of arm/sleeve of the spitter.

**THE ANTISOCIAL DRIBBLER** (do NOT sit or stand near): This is much like the original, but it bears enough velocity to decorate another person's outfit. It is an experience analogous to being hit by a pitched ball. The doused victim, whether player or fan, should be allowed to take a base.

**THE SPURTER** (a very basic, beginner's level): A small, single comet-shaped spittle sent a short distance by the player.

**THE DROOPER** (a more elegant version of the Spurter): This Spurter is aimed toward the ground in a stately

arc to produce a long, somewhat rectangular or oval effect.

**THE CHOKER** (a higher risk Spurter; master the simple Spurter before attempting): This one requires a huge volume of sputum in a single spit.

**THE DIGITAL** (not for amateurs): The player creates four or more separate strings of spittle that exit the mouth at the same time.

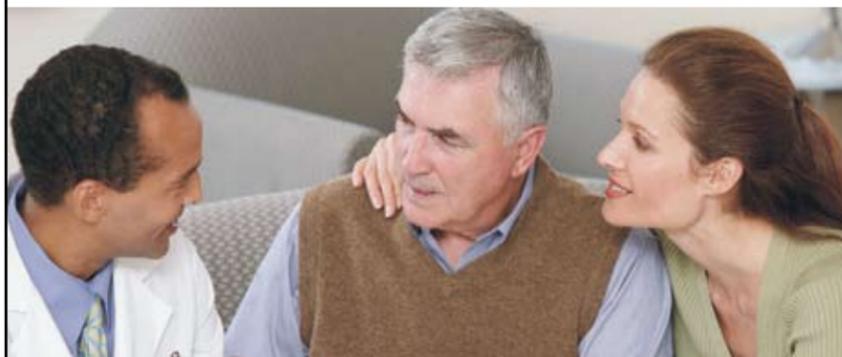
**THE CORKSCREW** (a masterful spit that takes time and training; before trying this one, chew gum 24/7 for at least 6-8 weeks to get the jaw power necessary): Corkscrews are high velocity, spinning sputum. The unprepared may end up with a wide range Antisocial Dribbler.

**THE BACKFIRE/BLOWBACK** (for experts only, and even then...): A potentially very treacherous spit, the Backfire/Blowback is one in which the player launches a Choker backwards over his shoulder. Only one such spit occurred during Game 5. Possibly devastating if executed badly.

I want to add a word of caution now that has nothing to do with spitting. No matter how cool the stone looks, Picasso Jasper has no power whatsoever over the Red Sox, even if you clasp it so tightly that your palms have permanent half-moons carved in by your fingernails.

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# Lakewood Hospital 100th Anniversary

## Celebrating 100 Years Of Serving Lakewood

Longtime Plain Dealer columnist Dick Feagler served as master of ceremonies with several special guest speakers, including: Cleveland Clinic CEO and President Delos Cosgrove, M.D.; Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals CEO and President Fred DeGrandis; Lakewood Hospital President Jack Gustin; Lakewood Mayor and Hospital Trustee Tom George; Lakewood Hospital Board Chair Mousab Tabbaa, M.D.; and Hospital Trustee and Lakewood Hospital Foundation President Brian King.

In his Gala remarks, King said: "We are pleased to announce at this Centennial Gala that Lakewood Hospital Foundation has offered a leadership gift of up to \$5 million, subject to the project size and scope, to aid Lakewood Hospital in its efforts to renew and recreate the hospital facility as well as redefine its services to more effectively serve this great community. Lakewood Hospital Foundation is an active partner in the planning process and knows plans remain conceptual at this time. We recognize this is a bold undertaking and strongly believe it is a necessary step in securing the future provision of health care services to meet the health and wellness needs of our West Shore community members." The leadership gift is subject to Lakewood Hospital Foundation's approval of the final plan.

"The board of trustees, the physician leadership and hospital administrators are working together to move forward



photo by Ivor Karabakovic

Tony Sinagra addresses party goers, in back from left to right, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals CEO and President Fred DeGrandis, Lakewood Hospital President Jack Gustin, State Rep. Michael Skindell, and John Judge, M.D.

with a master plan that will prepare Lakewood Hospital for the next century," said Mousab Tabbaa, M.D., chairman of the Lakewood Hospital Board of Trustees. "The hospital's future is linked to its continuing commitment to its staff and to the community."

"As we reflect back on the last 100 years, it is truly overwhelming what has been accomplished," said DeGrandis, who started his health care career at Lakewood Hospital in 1980. "What was founded as a 15-bed hospital in a then-rural village is now a member of the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic health system; home to Centers of Excellence; a leader among regional health care providers; and the largest employer in the city of Lakewood. As we prepare for the next 100 years, Lakewood Hospital will continue to

evolve to better meet the health care needs of our communities by implanting new technologies, modernizing the appearance of the hospital in many areas and we'll continue to adopt best practices and explore new ways to improve patient care."

The Centennial Gala featured entertainment, including a bag piper, strolling violinists, a pianist and a visit from the Lakewood High School a capella group Vive L'Four. The gala also served as a fundraiser with proceeds from the evening's raffle and silent auction earmarked for Lakewood Hospital's next century of touching lives. Lakewood Hospital kept to its tradition of serving some of the best food in town thanks to hors d'oeuvres and gourmet dinner and dessert stations catered by AVI Foodsystems, the preferred caterer of Cleveland Clinic hospitals.

The night was a monumental success thanks to a group of talented committee members from the community and the hospital, under the leadership of honorary gala event co-chairs Donna and Brian King and Mary

and Dr. Mousab Tabbaa. The event had an array of generous sponsors featuring the Centenarian sponsors: North Shore Gastroenterology & Endoscopy Center, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals and Louise Fletcher.

"The Gala was a spectacular evening filled with extraordinary people who make up the Lakewood Hospital community," says Gustin. "None of our achievements over the past 100 years would have been possible without the people of Lakewood Hospital. I am extremely proud to be part of this hospital community and proud to work amongst some of the best and brightest people. Our purpose is our patients and our goal is to continue to provide outstanding patient care to the many deserving patients and their families. We will continue to make history in our next 100 years."

Lakewood Hospital hosted an employee celebration for its employees on Monday, October 22. Employees were treated to gourmet hors d'oeuvres, raffle prizes, entertainment and commemorative giveaway items, including a Lakewood Hospital -- Century of Touching Lives puzzle courtesy of Regency Construction, Inc.

Lakewood Hospital is a 400-bed acute care hospital that has served the diverse health care needs of the City of Lakewood and Cleveland's Westshore communities since 1907. Offering a wide range of health services and education programs for women, men and children, each year Lakewood Hospital provides high-quality and innovative patient care for more than 130,000 patients. In 1997, Lakewood Hospital became part of the Cleveland Clinic health system, a partnership between the Cleveland Clinic and nine community hospitals.

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CEO and President of Cleveland Clinic, Delos Cosgrove, M.D.; Sue Windbigler and Carl Cummins, of AVI Foodsystems



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Bill Grimberg; Susan Grimberg, Lakewood Hospital Community Outreach; Sue Omori, vice president Marketing/Communication, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals; Dale Omori



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John O'Neil with John O'Neil

# Lakewood Hospital 100th Anniversary

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Kevin Kelley.



Carolyn Seelbach, Eileen Garven, Chuck Garven, M.D. (medical director of Lakewood Medical Associates, Rockport), Mainstreet's Mary Anne Crampton and her husband Byron.

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John Brzytwa; Ellen Brzytwa, Gala committee member; Rose Horning; and Duane Horning, former CEO of Lakewood Hospital in the mid 1970's



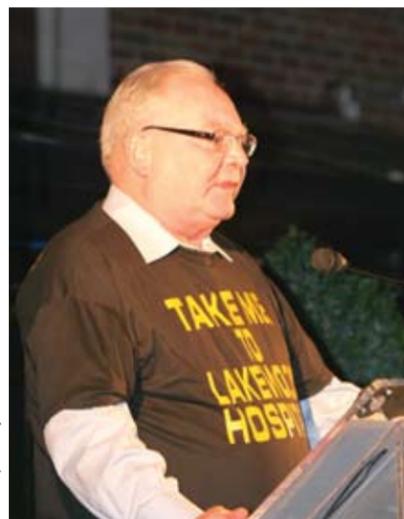
John Craighead, Laura Dollison, D.O. (medical director of Lakewood Hospital's ER), Theresa Craighead, Sara Burns (nurse manager of the ER) and her husband, Doug Burns

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Fred and Nora DeGrandis

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The always enjoyable Dick Feagler was the host for the night



Mirza Baig, M.D. (medical director of Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation), Mark Weidt (Premier Physicians)

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Gina Gavlak, Lakewood Hospital Diabetes Center and Kris Griesmar, Lakewood Hospital Foundation

photo by Ivor Karabatkovic



People checking out the auction items.

# LEAF Community Harvest Festival



photo by Tracy and Chris Trapp

by Dan Slife

On Thursday, October 18th the LEAF Community celebrated the successful completion of an inaugural season with a wonderfully successful event, the LEAF Fall Harvest Festival.

The event, which took place on the steps of the new Lakewood Public Library building, drew a diverse, inter-generational mix of Lakewoodites. Children were delighted to participate in a range of activities including coloring, bobbing for apples, decorating pumpkins and making caramel-covered apples and popcorn. The caramel was made from scratch by LEAF volunteers who also prepared an assortment of freshly cooked dishes with vegetables from our local farmers. All food was offered to the public for a suggested donation.

With the help of Pickering Hill Farms in Avon, straw bales were used

to create a barrier between the street and library lawn, allowing children to play within a safe space. Parents were able to relax and enjoy food, drink and conversation with neighbors as their children immersed themselves in constructive activity. Next to the children's area, Covered Bridge Gardens of Ashtabula sold carving pumpkins and an assortment of candied, raw and roasted nuts and popcorn. Thanks to all those families who chose to purchase their pumpkins from a local, independent venue.

During the festival, the LEAF Gallery hosted children's artwork. Mark and Jack opened a night of wholesome, home-grown folk music and Gary Nelson brought it to a close. Both acts make regular appearances at the Lakewood Phoenix Café. The LEAF Community would like to thank all the artists and musicians who donated their talent and time



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Best Pie for Taste, and Crust was made by LO Editor Heidi Hilty. This will be featured in an up coming Cheff Geoff column.

Most Original was Julie Breitenstein's Apple Chai Pie.



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Best Pie for Taste - Runner Up was this Sour Cherry Pie from Christina McCallum.

Sweet Potatoe/Squah pie was made by Laura Abrahamsen



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Kitty shows a style closer to realism, while her brother Rocco tend to be more of a minimalist.



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this summer. Your sights and sounds add an element critical to the success of this community endeavor.

Perhaps the greatest success of the evening was the pie baking contest. So, with no further ado, here are the results!

The winners of the first annual LEAF Harvest Festival Pie Bake-Off are:

Best Pie (Taste): Heidi Hilty "Heidi's Harvest Apple Pie" - \$25 Rozi's Gift Card

Runner-up: Christina McCallum "Sour Cherry Pie" - \$5 Lion and Blue Gift Certificate

Best Crust: Heidi Hilty "Heidi's Harvest Apple Pie" - \$20 Lion and Blue Gift Certificate

Runner-up: Ali Stahlheber "Hubbard Squash Pie" - \$5 Lion and Blue Gift Certificate

Most Original: Julie Breitenstein "Apple Chai Pie" - \$10 Bela Dubby & \$10 Souper Market Gift Certificates

Runner-up: Laura Abrahamsen "Sweet Potato/Squash Pie" - \$5 Lion and Blue Gift Certificate

Thanks to Rozi's, Lion and Blue, Bela Dubby and Souper Market for your generous donations! LEAF Community is dedicated to locally sustainable networks of exchange. Please patronize these local merchants!

The Best Eater Award is shared by Chef Geoff and Stan Austin. Thanks to Bill Gruhlich for serving up the pie slices. Without him a mob would have overtaken the table and made quick work of the pies!

Congratulations to the winners and also to all of the pie bakers. The voting was very close, and more importantly, the pies were all delicious and were truly enjoyed by all. Following the contest, only stray crumbs remained.

Since the end of June, the LEAF Community has been bringing local produce, music and art to the steps of the new Lakewood Public Library building on Detroit Road each Thursday evening between six and eight p.m. Every week, a small community festival appears at LPL with the arrival of dedicated legions of LEAF Community volunteers and the indispensable assistance from LPL Maintenance and Youth and Children's Services employees.

City Fresh will continue to offer Community Supported Agriculture shares through the LEAF Community for a limited number of dates, including November 1st, November 15th and December 6th. If you're interested in purchasing a share bag for any or all of these dates, please visit us in person this Thursday at the Lakewood Public



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There were things for kids to do everywhere.



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Grace enjoying the night. Who doesn't like bobbing for apples at a Harvest Festival.

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Thanks to everyone who came out to participate at LEAF Nights throughout this season. We look forward to next year! Please spread the word, recruit your friends and neighbors.

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## Pulse Of The City

# Veterans Day...And Two Shells From Hell

On the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, the First World War officially came to a close. Fortunately for America, our participation in that world-wide conflict spanned a relatively short period of time. Still, it was enough to tip the balance of power in favor of victory for the Allies.

At the dawn of the 20th century, the concept of a world-wide war was virtually unthinkable. Countries seemed to be getting along better than ever before. Communication had improved to the point that world news could be known within hours just about anywhere. Peace and human rights groups were making their voices known through the newly created mass-media outlets. The Industrial Age had created new and more convenient products for nearly everyone. Workers were getting more rights in the workplace. It even seemed like women were on the edge of being able to vote! Surely, a bright future of peace and prosperity was just around the corner?

This turned out to be a sad illusion.

At the end of America's Civil War in 1865, our nation took a long hard look at the carnage that had taken so many of our brave young men on both sides. New technological developments of rapid-firing rifles and crank-operated machine guns had changed the nature of warfare on land, while iron-clad steamships and even submarines had made naval warfare just as deadly. It was generally thought that technology was developing to the point that all war would shortly become obsolete.

In the dark regions deep beneath the veneer of peace and prosperity, however, serious powers and philosophies were stirring that would ultimately rip the 20th century into shreds. Was humanity basically bad or good? Was private property good or bad? Were



Photos by Gary Rice

riches sinful or desirable? Who should control those riches? Should religion be exalted or abolished? Which one was best? Was tolerance a virtue or a cancerous weakness to be snuffed out? Was it good to be patriotic, or better to be a citizen of the world? All of these questions, and more, were combined with modern weapons and nation-states into powerful alliances and a great arms-race.

When America faced down Spain in the 1898 Spanish-American War, and the Japanese faced down Russia in the 1902 Russo-Japanese War, the stage was set for the future. Nations began to prepare for war on a scale never thought possible. The newest technology could rule the world, and back then, as today, everybody wanted that technology.

In August, 1914, the pot boiled over. Beginning with the June assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary, the proverbial dominoes started to fall, and the world went to war. Although nearly everyone predicted a quick victory, the machine guns,

Gary Rice



left: WWI shell-lamp, and Sarajevo casing, from the Hell of war  
above: Close-up of WWI shell-lamp showing Victory and Bible inscriptions (Bible text on the brass band)

tanks, poison gas, and airplanes created an ugly trench warfare on the land in Europe, while submarines brought untold nightmares to ocean war.

On November 11th, 1918, an armistice was signed. It was hoped that this would end not only the "war to end all wars," but indeed, all wars forever. Some of the remaining shells were disarmed and engraved with the Bible verse from Isaiah about turning swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks and nations not rising up against other nations, nor would they learn war anymore.

A few of these WWI relics survive. The one illustrated in the photo was made into a lamp. The intent, of course, was that these would be the "last shells of the last war"...but they were not, of course.

Unlike live shells that are used today as improvised explosive devices to maim and kill our soldiers, it was determined that this now-empty and harmless former object of war could be used for a better cause: lighting a lamp for Peace on Earth. But... there were more wars, hundreds more, big and little, including World War II just twenty years later.

Along with the WWI shell, another smaller shell casing is also shown in the photo. This one is from the 1980's Bosnian War in the former Yugoslavia. The shell itself is missing from the casing. That is because it was probably used on someone. The engraved casing is inscribed "Sarajevo." In 1984, that city

peacefully hosted the Winter Olympics and was a unique place in Europe where people of all faiths could live in peace. From 1992 to 1996, however, the city was under siege, and was a central location for terrible violence from countless shellings and sniper assaults.

Ironically, the First World War also started in Sarajevo. These two artifacts may be separated by some 80 years, but they share the same violent roots. Together, these two items of war virtually begin and close the 20th century.

America was involved in quite a few of the 20th century wars. Some lasted just a few days, others never seemed to stop, and of course we have all the conflicts going on today even in our 21st century. America's particular common denominator for all of these conflicts was, of course, our Armed Forces. These men and women have always stepped up to the plate to defend our country.

Those of us not in uniform have the luxury of debating whether or not this war, or that one, should have been fought. Our service people do not have that luxury. They serve at the pleasure of the President of the United States. When the order goes out, they go and sometimes die, or may be wounded for life, or end up missing somewhere in some foreign land.

Veterans Day, November 11th, is for guys like Doc Unger from my last column, or Pat Ginley from another column, or the guys in Lakewood VFW Post 10646 like Harv Stretel, or yeah, my dad, Robert Rice too. Veterans Day was originally intended to primarily honor living veterans of the various American Armed Forces.

Take a moment, if you will, to drive down to Lakewood Park on Sunday, November 11th, at 11 a.m., for the Veterans Day Commemoration to be held at the "Flag Island," especially if you are a veteran, and particularly if you've never been down there. Don't hesitate.

If you are a vet, let that fact be known in some way. Other Lakewood vets will surround you with support. They'll probably greet you with a handshake, and those two wonderful words: Welcome home.

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# Lakewood Observer

## Viva Maria's!

by Kathryn Callentine

Sometimes I feel like those people in the Wendy's commercial blindly running with the lemmings headed for the next bottomless pit. That's exactly where I found myself one Saturday evening after driving fifteen minutes west of Lakewood to sit through an hour plus-wait just to eat at another ho-hum chain restaurant. And I probably would have too, if it had not been for my out-of-town guest and my seven-year-old son. No sane, hungry seven-year-old boy will wait patiently for even half an hour, and no parents will remain sane if they submit themselves to the inevitable repetitive whininess of "when are we gonna eat?" Besides, when did it become fashionable to sit outside on a cold bench huddled in one's windbreaker clinging to a buzzer listening to the vroom, vroom of the highway and inhaling *ode de exhaust* fumes?

So, fifteen minutes later my family, guest and I found ourselves being seated at my very most favorite Lakewood restaurant, Maria's. Within seconds of being seated we all had a glass of ice water and the cucina (coo-chee-na) bread was on the way. Nothing says instant comfort like a basket of cucina bread. This garlic bread is a signature of Maria's restaurant served warm and buttery. The

first crisp, flaky bite is always the best and promises of even better things to come. Ok, if you haven't figured it out yet, this article is in no way an unbiased restaurant review. I'll leave that to Zagat's. But, I beg of you, consider my commentary since I've been a regular costumer of this establishment for over twelve years and in that time, the bread has always arrived hot and the service has never disappointed.

Isn't that what makes a restaurant great? Service and taste? Maria's quotes itself as a "casual restaurant with Italian Flavor". The pasta is homemade and comes in a plethora of styles including traditional spaghetti, fettuccine, angel hair, and weekly specials such as penne and black pepper linguine. If you've never tasted homemade pasta, you'll recognize the difference immediately. I acquired a love for it as a college student when I rented a basement apartment from a sweet Italian war bride name Mama Millone. Mama always made too much and needed my roommate Julie and I to help her out (God bless her)! The texture of homemade pasta renders it neither tough nor mushy, as can be the case when dry pasta is overcooked. What? So call me Goldie Locks; I like my pasta just right!

Maria's pasta arrives in large quantities as well. Don't even consider asking for a half portion. It just

wouldn't be in the spirit of Maria's to skimp on the serving size. I almost always end up with a take home box, but I'm obligated to if I want to have room for dessert (more on that later). Along with the bread and pasta, most of the restaurant's meals are served with a salad prior to the entrée. Again, all of the dressings are homemade. Try the sweet and sour. The dinner salad offers its own panache topped with shredded cheese, grape tomatoes and sides of whole banana peppers and salty Mediterranean olives. Some customers order just the salad and bread, but I'm simply not that delicate.

Unless I'm on one of my kicks to try and be "good", I order dessert. Hands down I love Maria's bananas Foster. This is a dessert that I will order at most any restaurant, but never do I enjoy it as much as the version prepared by Maria's chef of twenty years, Lou Kocsis. Banana's Foster is an ice cream dish served with a hot rum caramel and banana sauce. Some of the fancier restaurants like to flambé the sauce at table side which can be exciting and fun. However, what makes Maria's dessert so darn delicious is the homemade almond praline wafer that adorns it. It's just an unbeatable combination and I've never had the likes of it elsewhere. If you simply are

not a bananas kind of person, try the chocolate calzone also served with ice cream. And if you don't like chocolate, then I say something is wrong with you and you should seek help immediately.

On this particular evening, the manager, Patrick Carlin, introduced me to the owner, Olga Fink. Olga and her husband took over ownership of the restaurant three years ago and have strived to maintain the warmth and hospitality inherent to this Lakewood icon now 48 years in the making. The owners have considered adding delivery services to the restaurant and possible renovations to the décor. Time will tell, although delivery could be a dangerous thing for someone like me! And part of my love for the restaurant is its staff. On one occasion I recall dining at the restaurant before going to the theatre. I was suffering from a scratchy, sore throat and it was difficult to enjoy a conversation with my friends. Without saying anything the waitress brought me a hot Toddy to sooth my throat. It was a simple act of kindness, yet not an experience one is likely to enjoy at Lakewood's neighboring suburban chain restaurants. So whether you are dressed for a night out on the town or in your favorite blue jeans remember, Viva Maria's!

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# Lakewood Opinion

## The Garden Production Review

Jeff Endress

Those readers who have followed this column know that, in the spring, I initiated an experiment turning half of my office backyard into an organic garden. While the real purpose of the experiment was to provide my family, friends and acquaintances with fresh produce, and myself with the enjoyment of having maintained a mini-farm, I recognized that there was a potential economic impact that would require analysis. As I began harvesting the fruits (or in this case vegetables) of my labors, I made a singular effort to inventory the produce as it was picked. With full disclosure in mind, I will say that there is no possibility that I can be completely accurate in my production figures.



This is the reason for any production inaccuracy

There are a number of facts which come into play, not least of which is my inability to accurately gauge the total vegetable consumption of a certain female squirrel. It is safe to say that it was considerable, but I have not increased my figures to take this into account.

There were also a number of occasions where a friend or client would help themselves to an eggplant or a tomato or two, which also did not figure into the equation. So, for the sake of disclosure, my production numbers are low. Exactly how low, I have no way of accurately gauging.

The garden originally consisted of cucumbers, zucchinis, jalapenos,

habanera and bell peppers, three varieties of salad tomatoes, Roma Italian tomatoes, broccoli, eggplant, corn, and red cabbage. During the course of the summer, unfortunately, both the cucumbers and zucchini were attacked by either a bug or a fungus, and the resultant production was affected significantly. Other than those two failures, I was pleased overall with the bounty produced by the small plot, but the question remains as to whether it was an economic success.

The cost for my little 25 x 50 foot farm, including the costs of Chris

Trapp rototilling it, four yards of mulch to keep the weeds down, garden center produce plants, and seeds and watering, totaled just under \$450. So the question becomes, did I harvest \$450 worth of produce? To answer that question, I obtained the seasonal prices of the veggies from the produce department at Heinens. Now, admittedly, my produce being organic, without pesticides, insecticides or any nasty chemicals, it was surely better than the industrial farm-raised produce which was providing me with the price points. Even so, the results are within reasonable parameters so as to provide an illustration.

While my garden still has a small amount of production left in it, most notably by way of some straggler tomatoes, eggplants and peppers, what was harvested and its corresponding cost is as follows:

- Cucumbers (prior to devastation) – 3 lbs \$5.97
- Zucchinis (prior to devastation) – 2 ½ lbs. \$3.72
- Jalapenos/Habanera/ Italian Cherry Peppers – 13 lbs. \$38.87
- Broccoli – 8lbs \$11.92
- Roma Tomatoes – 160 lbs.

- \$334.40
- Salad Tomatoes – 73 lbs. \$145.27
- Cherry Tomatoes – 4 quarts \$31.92
- Eggplant – 41 lbs. \$61.09
- Bell Peppers – 10 lbs. \$19.90
- Corn – 36 ears \$17.91
- Beets – 8 lbs. \$11.92
- Brussels Sprouts – 4 lbs. \$7.96
- Red Cabbage – 4 lbs.

\$7.92 The net result of the experiment is that for an investment of \$450, I have produced vegetables worth \$698.77. Thus, the net economic benefit is approximately \$250, or, put another way, a 35% savings over store bought produce. These totals do not take into account the amount that was harvested without measuring or the amount stolen by that evil squirrel. It also does not take into account the incalculable value of the off-the-vine freshness of wholly organic, insecticide- and pesticide-free vegetables.

I think that even had the economics not proven to be as they are, this experiment was enjoyable on so many different levels that it is one that I would continue in the future. As I analyze that future, I think that some improvements will have a significant impact upon the overall economics of the situation. It is my hope that this year, by saving some seeds and trading with other urban farmers for their heirloom seeds, I can avoid the cost of buying plants at the nursery center. I am toying with the idea of tilling the garden myself now that the initial sod busting has loosened the soil. This would be a significant financial savings, if not for the cost and impact it will have on my back. All of those potential changes aside, the reality remains that urban farming is an activity which can have significant positive impacts, not only in cost savings on the vegetables, but also in the quality enhancements of eating fresher, more healthful foods.

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# Lakewood Perspective

## The Mortgage Vulture

*With apologies to Edgar Allen Poe, and real poets everywhere, I thought the classic could use a little updating. Happy Halloween.*



### The Mortgage Vulture

Once upon my checkbook dreary,  
while I paid bills weekly, weary,  
pondering items not long ago  
charged at some forgotten store.  
While I balanced, nearly  
bouncing, came suddenly  
e-mail announcing  
an offer gently claiming that I no  
longer should be poor.  
"Tis a joke" I muttered, "me,  
no longer poor."  
Only this and nothing more.  
Ah, distinctly I remember, it was  
in a bleak December,  
as each dream home listing lay  
upon my ghastly rented floor.  
Eagerly I wished the morrow;  
vainly I had sought to borrow  
against my savings I drew value -  
value I should have heeded more  
than for a home of radiant beauty  
which angels placed along lake  
shore. Residing here forevermore.

And the silken sad uncertain  
rustling of each purple curtain  
thrilled me – filled me with fantas  
tic terrors never owed before.  
So that now, to still the beating  
of my heart, I stood repeating  
"Tis a joke, some stranger  
making me no longer poor,  
a hoax, some stranger making  
me no longer poor."  
This it is, and nothing more.

Presently my soul grew stronger;  
hesitating then no longer,  
"Dear Sir," I responded, "truly  
your forgiveness I implore.  
With my credit score subsiding,  
ever since day one residing,  
can you offer refinancing, helping  
me no longer to be poor?  
That I'm unsure I understand you,  
I ask you call and tell me more."  
Silence then, and nothing more.

Deep into my monitor peering,  
long I sat there wondering,  
fearing, doubting, dreaming  
dreams no mortal ever dared  
dream before.  
But the silence was unbroken, and  
my in-box gave no token,

### Bret Callentine

yet the only word that lingered -  
accusation that I'm poor.  
Thus I whispered, and an echo  
murmured back the word poor.  
Merely this and nothing more.

Back in my study I sat turning, all  
my soul within me burning.  
Soon I heard a gentle tapping,  
tapping at my grand front door.  
"Surely," said I, "is but the wind  
outside I'm certain"  
Regardless, let me check the latch  
that fastens my screen door.  
Let my heart be still a moment  
and this mystery explore.  
'Tis this old house and  
nothing more.

Open here I flung the entrance,  
though my mind was racked with  
penitence in then stepped a stately  
banker of the saintly days of yore.  
Not the least obeisance made he;  
not a minute stopped or stayed he  
with no talk or introduction,  
moved quickly across my foyer  
floor. Sat quickly he in wing  
backed chair, briefcase in hand he  
solely bore. Sat and stared and  
nothing more.

This old man was beguiling my  
sad fancy into smiling, with the  
grave and stern decorum of the  
three piece suit he wore.  
Since his look was quaint and  
tender, "Thou" I said, "art sure  
no lender opportunistically  
answering my e-mail from before.  
Tell me why thou visit my humble  
lakeshore." Quoth the Banker,  
"Savings galore."

Much I marveled this ungainly  
man to hear discourse so plainly,  
though his answer little meaning,  
little relevancy bore;  
for we cannot help agreeing that  
no living human being  
ever yet was blessed with seeing  
the like inside his door.  
Man or beast with tailored  
speech, quickly walk across  
his floor. With such a claim as  
"Savings galore."

But this man, sitting purely,  
opened his case and offered surely  
as if his soul he offered, a stack of  
paperwork he did outpour.  
Nothing further had he uttered  
– no disclaimer then he fluttered –  
till I scarcely more than muttered  
"Other friends have tried before.  
In the past you people leave me,  
money lost as my hopes have  
flown before." To which the man  
said only, "Nevermore."

Startled at the stillness broken by  
reply so aptly spoken,  
"Doubtless," said I "what you

utter is only stock and store.  
Taught from some unfeeling  
master whom unmerciful disaster  
followed fast and promised  
smartly till some the  
burden bore." Through financial  
dirge his melancholy hope seemed  
not a chore. His offer,  
"Savings galore."

But the man still beguiling all my  
sad soul into smiling,  
Straight I wheeled a cushioned  
seat in front of man and chair and  
floor Then upon the offer  
thinking, I betook myself to  
drinking. Clause through clause  
I read, thinking, what of the  
ominous rate of your'.  
What this grim, steep, often  
changing ominous interest rate of  
your'. Spoken moaning,  
"Do I pay more?"

This I sat engaged in guessing, but  
no syllable expressing  
To the man whose fiery eyes now  
burned into my bosom's core.  
This and more I sat divining, with  
my head at ease reclining  
On the cushion's velvet lining that  
the lamp-light gloated o'er.  
But whose velvet violet lining with  
the lamp-light gloating o'er,  
Does he press? Ah, surely more.  
Then, methought, the air  
grew denser, perfumed from an  
unseen censer  
wrought by an Airwick plugged  
into an unknown outlet in  
the floor.  
"Wretch," I cried, "by God can  
I see – through no angels he has

sent thee,  
despite – despite my prayers for r  
efinancing upon this lakeshore.  
Forget this unreal offer and for  
give that I will be forever poor."  
Quoth the banker, "Nevermore."

"Thief!" said I, "thing of evil!" –  
lender still, if man or devil  
Whether tempter sent, or whether  
tempest tossed thee through my  
door. Desolate yet still undaunted,  
in this lakeside home enchanted,  
through an unwise mortgage  
haunted, "Tell me truly, I  
emplore! Are there lower rates out  
there, tell me I emplore."  
Quoth the banker,  
"Savings galore."

"Be that claim our sign of  
parting, man or fiend," I shrieked  
upstarting "get thee back into the  
office of your heartless lending  
service corps.  
Leave no business card as token of  
that lie thy soul hath spoken.  
Leave me penniless and broken  
– quit this pitch and leave the  
paper on the floor.  
Take thy pen from out my heart,  
and take thy form back out my  
door." Quoth the banker,  
"Say no more."

And the banker, never ruffled, left  
his offer scattered, crumpled  
Upon my hardwood inlay,  
parquet foyer floor.  
His offer all but teeming with a  
money grubbers dreaming  
as the shadow of his offer still  
lingers o'er my lamp lit floor.  
My soul from out that shadow  
resolutely remains poor.  
My mortgage overwhelms me –  
evermore.

### Letter To The Editor: Mr. Fitzgerald, The Division Of Aging Transportation Is A Necessary Ser- vice To Many Lakewood Residents

Mr. Fitzgerald, The Division Of  
AgingTransportation is s Necessary  
Service To Many Lakewood Residents  
Mr. Fitzgerald,

If you are elected, the thought of  
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tation is completely depressing.

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people are in wheel chairs, use walkers  
or are just crippled?

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transportation, how do we get to the  
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I'm sure you have a beautiful, lov-  
ing family. How would you feel if they  
were in this predicament?

We are elderly, but still have a life.  
We need our transportation. Please  
don't take it away.

Sincerely,

Carol Mozany

# The Buck Stops Here

## Click Click Click

by Robert Buckeye

At an oral graduation exam at Harvard during the nineteenth century, the legendary American scientist, Louis Agassiz (Henry David Thoreau provided him with turtles for laboratory dissection), gave frogs to three seniors. Tell me about the frog, he said. The students were offended. They had studied at Harvard for four years. They

knew what a frog was. What was this?

Their description of the frog was perfunctory, abrupt, short. They were not happy. For a moment Agassiz was silent. Come back tomorrow, he said, and tell me about the frog. They returned the next day, but Agassiz tells them, they had just begun. Three days later, the students knew the frog in ways they had not

before, even though the frogs were by now worse for wear. They had the knowledge (and understanding) that only sustained attention over time could give them.

The art historian, T. J. Clark, who was doing research at the Getty Museum in California, describes how every afternoon he sat himself in front of two paintings by Poussin and looked

at them for six months. He had seen the paintings before and knew them. Or thought he did. Six months told him he did not. Now, he concludes, "I shall have a better set of questions to ask."

We do not – in fact, cannot – give such sustained attention to the details of our life today, and our failure to do so is damaging. We suffer under the dictatorship of data. Today's story, image, fact, data or sound are gone as soon as we become aware of them. There is constant flow without cessation which overwhelms us. We have no time to reflect on what we see or read, let alone know it, if we even know what knowing is anymore. We are ruled, as it were, by the remote control. Click. Click click. Click click click.

Walter Benjamin describes how soldiers returning from WWI had "grown silent." They could not describe what happened to them (as anyone who has been away from home returns to tell what he has seen). The War had come at them too fast, at every point devastating, overwhelming, and they could not assimilate what they experienced enough to talk about it. (Hemingway touches on this in "Soldier's Home.")

In The ABC of Reading, the poet Ezra Pound says we will never know a book unless we slow down in reading it, practice "slowness," that is, live with the book long enough to make it yours. In an essay titled, "Writing," Marguerite Duras comments, "My books come from this house. From this light as well, and from the garden. From the light reflecting off the pond. It has taken me twenty years to write what I just said."

In a society in which we are bombarded by data, information, images, sounds – material – by one media or another, there is no way we can understand what we need to understand, unless we find a way to slow it down enough that we may give sustained attention to what we consider. This explosion of what Clark calls "the regime of the image" may be increasingly democratic (as the Internet teaches us), but it prevents us from functioning in a democracy. We must find a way to ask a better set of questions. Only in that way can we live.

## LHS Rumors

by Dr. David Estrop

Sadly, as some of you may know, a student at Lakewood High School passed away Friday morning following a long illness. As one might expect, this caused considerable emotional pain for many students at Lakewood High School. Unfortunately, Thursday in the midst of this developing tragedy, some very inappropriate comments were allegedly made by a student or students at the high school regarding this situation. That evening, we began to receive calls, as did the Lakewood Police Department, saying that because of these inappropriate comments that there was going to be problems at Lakewood High School the next day.

Given these general threats and

the already emotional atmosphere at Lakewood High School, we activated the District's Crisis Counseling Teams and took steps to heighten security with the cooperation and assistance of Lakewood Police Department. Upon entering the building Friday morning, all Lakewood High School students were subject to a search by school personnel.

I am pleased to report that nothing related to the rumors was found. Parents who inquired were told that they could excuse their child from school today and that it would be regarded as an excused absence.

However, school is in full session, classes are being held, and the Crisis Team is attending to the needs of stu-

dents. In making this decision last week to heighten security, we thought it was in the best interest of students and staff to make sure that we had taken additional steps to provide them with a safe and secure learning environment. Most of the students and parents that I talked with were appreciative of the additional precautionary steps that we took.

The District's investigation continues into the rumors, appropriate disciplinary action for the students involved will be taken, and we will continue to monitor the situation and make our Crisis Counselors available, as needed.

For further information contact:  
Dr. David Estrop, Superintendent  
of Schools 216/ 529-4092

## West End Window Painter Winners!

Congratulations to all the painters who have helped to make Lakewood a little more "Boo-tiful" for Halloween! Over 200 students painted over 150 windows at 56 businesses! Drive along Detroit from the west end to the library to check out the scenes. Thanks to ALL who contributed!

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Tavern

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8th - Harding painted at Sheer  
Images

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12th - LHS

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# Lakewood Arts & Entertainment

## Gary Hoopengardner Rocks Berlin This Fall

by Tim Askin

A longtime Lakewood resident, singer-songwriter Gary Hoopengardner will be acting as our Ambassador to Germany when he undertakes a two-week stint of concerts in Berlin later this month.

"Hoop," as he's often called, can trace his roots in Rock n Roll back to the British Invasion. His musical career commenced in 1965, with Hoop holding down the John Lennon duties in a Beatles cover band. The group opened for such classic acts as Paul Revere and the Raiders, the Lovin' Spoonful, and Neil Diamond, before disbanding in 1967.

In the late 60s and early 70s Hoop performed with a soul band called The Motions of Soul (later called Underdog), which developed a large cult following in the region before interpersonal frictions resulted in the group disbanding in 1972. Hoop then founded a record label, Sound Stage Recording, which recorded and produced a weekly one-hour radio show, "The Midnight Smiling Dog Saloon Concert Series," which aired every Saturday night on WMMS. The program aired concert recordings of legendary jazz acts like McCoy Tyner,

Charles Mingus, Jan Hammer, and Stanley Turrentine.

For the next seventeen years, Hoopengardner's music took a backseat to being a father. As they grew older, however, Gary's children encouraged him to pick up his guitar and get back into writing music. He wasted no time getting back into the groove of practicing, performing, and songwriting, and soon had a weekly Friday night gig at the Lakewood Phoenix.

"I write songs reflecting who I am through my feelings about what I observe and experience," says Hoop. "I am not an alienated being living outside of society telling people what to think and feel. I am not a preacher or leader, only a reflection of us all." Hoop's eldest son, Gary Hoopengardner Jr., a prodigiously gifted jazz bassist, relocated to Berlin, Germany several years ago, along with tenor sax man Joshua Yellon, citing the far greater availability of work – and appreciation – available to pedigreed jazz musicians in Europe.

The ground thus prepared, Hoop embarked on his first dates in Berlin in October, 2005. His reception was more than cordial, as on his arrival he came face-to-face

with oversized posters throughout the city! Gary's authentic blues and rock stylings prompted freelance photo journalist Frank Weiner to declare, "Ungaublich... her ist die 'real deal.'"

His latest album, Julie's Place (2006), features the singles "The Sidewalks of Berlin" and "Git-R-Done." Hoop will be performing these cuts and more as he kicks

off his German dates on October 26. Classic Berlin clubs hosting Hoop include The Harlem Club, The White Trash, The Artliner, The Bebop Bar, and others. He returns to Lakewood in mid-November.

Hoop has done Lakewood proud once again and we look forward to a new crop of songs inspired by this tour appearing in 2008!



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## Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Chances are you've heard a lot about global warming and environmentalism of late, but it's also likely a lot of that information was focused either on scaring you into paralysis or putting doubt in your mind as to whether there is even a problem. I aim to do neither of these things. Rather, my goal is to provide simple tips, suggestions, and information for the curious conservationists like myself who would like to be doing something to help but may not know exactly what.

One energy-saver that you have probably already heard of is the Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb, or CFL. There have been several news reports claiming the mercury in these bulbs is highly dangerous. These reports cite the story of a broken bulb in a child's bedroom that resulted in a cleanup

costing several thousand dollars. Though bulbs have been broken and costly cleanups have been suggested as a remedy, it has been admitted that those suggestions were misinformed and incorrect. The amount of mercury in a CFL is less than that found in a common thermometer and, while dangerous if inhaled or ingested, is not as frightening as such stories would have you believe. It is interesting to note, also, the amount of mercury emitted into the air by a coal power plant to light a regular bulb is

Heather Ramsey



greater than both the mercury used to light a CFL over the same time period and the mercury contained in the bulb combined, though regulations will reduce the former in the coming years. Should you break a bulb, Energy Star (a joint program between the Dept. of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency) offers simple cleanup instructions on their website (<http://www.energystar.gov>).

Unfortunately, the presence of mercury in the

bulb does mean that you should not throw the bulbs away as you might a normal bulb, making disposal an issue. However, there are at least 6 free drop-off sites for mercury-containing items in Cuyahoga County, and many services for which you can pay. For more info on the drop-off sites, contact the County Solid Waste District at 216-443-3749.

According to Energy Star, CFLs use one-third the energy of a typical bulb and last approximately ten times as long! While the bulbs may appear initially more expensive they will, in fact, save money in the long run. Not only will you be saving money by buying fewer bulbs, but the more efficient bulbs will cost you less on your electricity bill as well. Thus, One Billion Bulbs (an online site that aims to educate people about CFLs and tracks members' bulb changes in a quest to reach one billion, <http://www.onebillionbulbs.com>) estimates that each bulb replaced will be equivalent to \$10.95 saved per year, based on energy prices in the area last year and an average use of four hours per day. And, for the environment, the bulb will result in 156.6 fewer pounds of carbon dioxide emissions, equivalent to 1% of a car or 2% of an acre of forest. Similarly, Home Depot estimates that a bulb will pay for itself within ten months and save \$45 in energy costs over its lifetime.

This might sound like a small impact, but consider the results if each household in Lakewood changed one regular lightbulb to a CFL. One bulb changed by each of our approximately 26,500 households would result in a savings of \$290,175 per year, while reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 4,619,700 pounds (the equivalent of removing 265 cars or adding 530 acres of forest). Now consider what would happen if each household changed ALL of their bulbs: Our city alone could achieve results equivalent to removing more than a thousand cars from the road or planting several thousand acres of forest and save more than a million dollars!

With this in mind, there is a Lakewood, OH group on [onebillionbulbs.com](http://www.onebillionbulbs.com) that everyone is encouraged to join: <http://www.onebillionbulbs.com/Group/LakewoodOH>. For every member of the group who posts their purchases of CFLs, the site will calculate the savings both in dollars and in carbon dioxide since the installation of the bulb and will add it to the total for the city so that we can see our progress.

### You Are Here:

## The Beginning Of My Love Affair With Lakewood

Jason Weiner

Virginia Konchan, 28, has only lived in Lakewood for six months, but in a sense has come back home. Originally from Bay Village, professional and academic pursuits took Virginia around the United States until earlier this year, when she returned to Northeast Ohio and ultimately settled in Lakewood. Currently, she is a freelance writer pursuing an MFA from Cleveland State University. We met Virginia at the Phoenix Coffeehouse on Detroit Avenue, the one place in Lakewood, she says, that has continuity with her past; it's still her favorite place to read, write, meet new people and, of course, drink coffee.

"I graduated with a college degree in English and I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do. Soon after moving back here I started applying to programs and I got into CSU and started taking classes there as a non-degree-seeking student, and then got into the program full time. I was one of those people who left Cleveland at 18, not having really burned any bridges per se, but definitely with that whole "Ohio sucks - I'm outta here" kind of mentality, only to kind of mature over the last six or seven years. While I can say that one of the reasons I came back was my family, I do feel like I'm here on my own volition because I certainly could have gone other places too. I feel like I'm choosing to be here and I'm also choosing to stay here.

I know a lot of people my age are looking at, and I did too, Tremont and Ohio City and kind of like "hipper areas." The reason I moved to the west end of Lakewood in particular is because I can walk - like a mini-hub, like a mini-New York City or like a mini-metropolis - to almost everything. I take voice lessons at the Beck Center; I walk there. I walk to Nature's Bin, which is where I do my grocery shopping. I don't really go to the bars that much, but when I do, I walk. When I go running, I walk to the Metroparks, go in there and go running. I literally can walk to just about everything that I need to do other than going to school. Having grown up in the suburbs, I never really thought I could have that experience in Cleveland. And I don't think I could have that anywhere else other than Lakewood.

I am a huge patron and supporter of public libraries, and living here and having the Lakewood Library transformed is a big part of my appreciation of Lakewood. I loved the former library and I love this library and I'm a frequent patron, checking out the events that they've got going on. I'm involved with LEAF. I've worked with them a little bit with their gardening and also I have a time-share with the program, so every Thursday I go down - now they're at the library - pick up my share and also give them my compost.

Yesterday, I was at a new store - it's like a vintage and resale clothing [place]. They were having an art walk



photo by Kris Williams

there last night and it was like 15 participating businesses and there were people collaborating. I'm into the art scene and especially in Lakewood - it's supporting local artists. I love to talk to store owners up and down Detroit, going into new retail spaces or new restaurants and just talking to people. There's certainly traffic - I think a lot of the small business owners here probably would say that they do a fair amount of business, especially on the weekends - but no one is ever too busy to the point where they can't talk to me. There's not a harried feel, to me at least, in any restaurant or establishment in Lakewood."

\*\*\*You Are Here is a photo-documentary project that highlights what Lakewood residents think and feel about their city. Interested in participating? Please contact Jason or Kris at 216.221.5146 or [lakewoodandyou@yahoo.com](mailto:lakewoodandyou@yahoo.com).

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## Brigid Balogh - A Shining Lakewood Star!

by Susan Kelly

Brigid Balogh once again does Lakewood proud. As one of 3 Speed Roller Skaters chosen to represent the United States in the Special Olympics Summer World Games held in Shanghai, China this October, Brigid won the Silver Medal and two fourth-place medals.

Brigid is not new to medal winning having taken a Gold, Silver, and Bronze in the 2003 Special Olympics Summer World Games in Ireland. Brigid also placed 4th in the World for Figure Skating in the Special Olympic Winter Games in Alaska in 2001.

Always an athlete, Brigid has been figureskating since the age of 9 in addition to playing T-ball, gymnastics, bowling, karate, in-line skating, and Irish dancing. Seven years ago she started speed roller skating at Brookpark's Skateland. To qualify for Shanghai, Brigid took home a Gold at the Ohio Games.

The new Lakewood "Y" is to be commended for providing Brigid with 2 personal trainers to help her get into top form for the World Games.

Brigid, a life-long resident of Lakewood, stays active to say the least. Along with her job at Marc's in Rocky



Brigid's welcome home party had a nice turn out with friends, family and dignitaries. Brigid with all the medals stands next to Mayor Thomas George, Council Person Nickie Antonio was there as well. A great day for Lakewood.

River, she is also a Lakewood CERT volunteer, helps feed the homeless at the Methodist Church on Wednesday nights and ushers at St. James church on Sunday morning. She was Student of the Year at Lakewood High in 2002, graduated in 2003, and switched on the Light-up Lakewood Christmas lights in 2003.

Brigid made new pen pals with some of the Chinese team and bonded

with athletes from Australia and Hungary. She didn't mind the 22-hour plane ride to China as both planes were filled with Team USA Athletes - over 400 strong.

"China is huge - the cities and tons of people", says Brigid. She liked the family who hosted her in their home the best and the food the least, "They eat noodles and rice for breakfast".

Brigid's family has a great philosophy on life - "Give And You Will Get Back". Judging by the number of people who attended her welcome home celebration this past Saturday October 20th, this life lesson is working.

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# Lakewood Real Estate

Realty Reality:

## Questions From Our Readers

by Maggie Fraley

Prudential Lucien Realtor

"What options are there in Lakewood for purchasing a condo in a lakefront building?"

Lakewood is perfectly positioned on Lake Erie to give potential buyers a wide variety of condo choices that just can't be matched by any other city in Ohio. What a delight to watch the sun rise or set over the ever changing waves! Drinking your morning coffee along with a lake view is a great way to

start your day- not only on vacation- but every day. Ending your day with the sights and sounds of this magnificent body of water puts everything in perspective. So whether you prefer the sight of the downtown skyline that glistens with excitement in the evening sky or the more serene view of the sun setting over Lakewood, with its picturesque homes and mature trees (especially in Autumn!) either view provides an oasis just outside your window.

There's a view and condo that's just right for you with many buildings both on Lake Avenue and on Edgewater Drive for sale at amazing "Midwest pricing". Currently there are 97 units for sale in 8 different buildings that range from an entry level studio at \$25,900 to the extraordinary luxury of 4,000 sq ft comprising the North end of a 26th floor at a cool \$995,000. If you're starting out, moving up or downsizing, condo living offers convenience, beauty, and enjoyment.

There are 5 lakefront Condominium buildings with units for sale on Edgewater Drive. They are Edgewater Towers, The Berkshire, The Lake House, The Waterford, and Marine Towers East. Each building offers different amenities such as pools, exercise rooms, party rooms and even rooftop decks. On Lake Avenue there are 3: The Meridian, The Winton Place, and The Carlyle. These 3 buildings also offer a variety of additional amenities such as barbers, salon services, restaurants and many units include balconies.

Each condo unit has a maintenance fee, paid by the owner which is based on its value, location in the building, and square footage. That monthly fee includes utilities- all heat,

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Not only does Condo living provide enjoyment and convenience, but it has consistently been a good investment. Even during this slow market in Northeast Ohio when there are fewer real estate sales in general 71 lakefront building units have already been sold in 2007 in an average of 104 days, within 6% of the list price, which is about the same market time and percent as in 2006.

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## Lakewood's Lakefront Estates

by Val Mechenbier,

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The Lake Erie coastline in Lakewood, from the Gold Coast to Lakewood Catholic Academy, has changed dramatically during the last half-century. According to a 1912 Platbook of the City of Cleveland and Suburbs (vol. 2, plate 28), approximately 20 individuals owned rectangular parcels that stretched from Lake Avenue to the Lake Erie shore. Many of the area's most affluent and well-connected citizens constructed homes along the lake, from summer retreats to castle-like mansions. Alexander Winton, the automaker, constructed his estate called "Roseneath" at 12906 Lake Avenue, near the current site of Winton Place. From east to west, estates named

"Waterside", "Lake Cliff", "Rock Bluff", "North Anchorage", "Rosecliff", and "Beechwood" were interspersed among the more famous estates of Winton, Theodor Kundtz, Robert Rhodes, and the Sisters of Charity of Saint Augustine. While many of the smaller estates were sold and subdivided prior to the 1950s, the site of Winton's "Roseneath" became Winton Place in 1963. Kundtz's mansion, "The Castle", at 13826 Edgewater Drive, stood until 1961 when it was torn down for the sixteen Kirtland Lane homes. Robert Rhodes' estate, now Lakewood Park, was torn down in 1959 after serving multiple purposes including Lakewood City Hall. The land owned by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Augustine is now the current site of Lakewood Catholic Academy.

## Ask the Old House Experts

by Erin Dorsey

**Q: Pat Writes:** I am constantly seeing ads on TV saying that old wood windows are not energy efficient and should be replaced with new vinyl ones. They claim to save customers thousands of dollars on their gas bills over the years. I have original wood windows on my house, and even though I love the way they look, I am thinking of replacing them before winter comes to keep heating costs down. Is there another alternative you can suggest?

**A: The Old House Experts Say:** Dear Pat, Yes! There is an alternative to vinyl replacement windows! But first, a little lesson...we call it Energy Efficiency 101. Experts measure energy efficiency by what is called R-value on a scale from 0, being least resistant to the flow of heat, to 40 or more. The R-value of a brand new double hung replacement window is only R-4, which

proves that glass is a poor insulator. We recommend adding aluminum storm windows to old single pane wood windows. It is relatively inexpensive could increase the R-value from about R-9 to R-2 or R-3, a difference you will feel. But windows aren't the only culprit. Believe it or not, most of the heat is escaping through the walls in your home. Having insulation blown into the walls of your home can have a dramatic impact on energy efficiency with a much lower price tag and quicker payback. Now, a fun fact...It can take more than 20 years to realize savings in heating costs associated with purchasing new vinyl windows. Here's the kicker: The average vinyl window has a life span of about 10-15 years. They're not even paid for when they start to break down! Where's the savings in that?! Call the Cleveland Restoration Society at 216-426-1000 for more details. We're happy to answer your old house questions.

### Lakewood Real Estate Information

(According to Multiple Listing Service)

by Andy Tabor,,Realtor, GRI-Prudential Lucien

September	2006	2007
Single Family Closed	37	32
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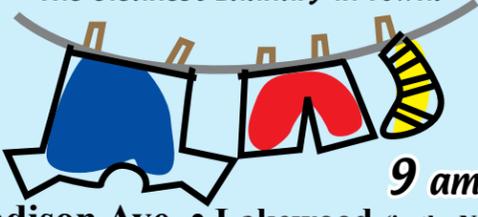
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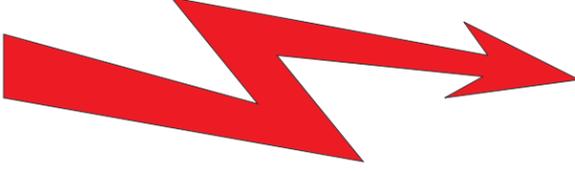
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