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Marathon Man Saves The Day

by Tim Kanak

On Tuesday, September 11, a young woman was mugged in front of Madison Park. It happened just before 10 a.m. in the morning on an otherwise dismal day. Six years after 9/11, violence still occurs daily. Unfortunately for the victim and the suspect, on this day it occurred in Lakewood.

A young black male, in his early 20's, approached the victim, who asked not to be identified, knocked her to the ground, yanked her purse off of her arm and fled. "The guy just ran up behind me, totally catching me off guard," stated the victim. But in Lakewood, where population density makes for more eyes on the street, few such transgressions in public view will go unnoticed. Luckily for the victim, Rob Lindenbrg, owner of Rob's Lakewood Marathon & Hitch was watching the incident go down just across the street. He and a buddy were having their morning coffee just before he sprung into action.

While his pal called the police, Rob jumped in his truck and chased after the suspect, who fled with two other males in the getaway vehicle. The chase took the crooks and the hero through several Lakewood streets, with citizens unaware. They darted up Madison Avenue, through Clifton Park, into Rocky River and back. The police joined in, about six cars, and eventually cornered the suspect and accomplices with a standard police tactical move.

The hero, Lindenberg, was blown away by the voracity of the suspect. "This is just ridiculous. How do you just do this in this town during broad daylight," asked Lindenberg. "As I began chasing them, they tried ditching me, waving a gun at me, and then eventually, when the LPD took over the chase, they gave up. They had no where to go." The victim is just so thankful that someone did something. "I can't believe it. Everything happened so quickly. That guy was awesome," said the victim. "If it wasn't for him, they would not have been caught 100%," she continued.

Lindenberg was quick to suggest that more people should look out for each other in our city. "How anyone could just sit around and watch things occur and do nothing is simply crazy." He believes citizens should step up. "At least someone cares enough to go the extra yard to look after one of our own," he continued. Lindenberg was thrilled to have been receiving so much praise for something that, seemingly,

was innate to him. "People have been coming in and just shaking my hand. It really makes you feel good for getting involved. The young lady didn't deserve that to happen."

The victim couldn't have been happier. "I thanked him (Rob) profusely and bought him a case of beer," said the victim in appreciation. She was also elated that the police brought

her purse back and allowed her to go through the car to retrieve the rest of her purse's contents, which the suspect had dumped on the floor. The victim also stated that an AT&T work van pulled over and asked if she was ok. "Which way did they go," asked the unknown driver.

This whole situation just goes to show that in this city, no matter what

the situation, the Lakewood tradition of citizens helping each other will always triumph over the chaos making of atomized individuals, from atomizing places both urban and exurban. So, for all the would-be criminals coming to Lakewood, I suggest you go somewhere else. If you come to Lakewood looking for trouble, trouble will find you instead.

Colleen Wing: Party Person Hopes to Bring Business Sense and Community Bond to City Council

by Kenneth Warren



"I've always been a party person," says Republican Colleen Wing, who is running for the Ward Three Seat to be vacated by Robert Seelie. Currently Wing serves on the State Central Committee of the Ohio Republican Party, a position she will need to surrender if elected. To be sure, a portion of Wing's no-nonsense perspective on political process has been developed in the Republican Party's organization.

"Everybody knows government's inefficient. Let's not pretend," Wing states firmly. Precisely because she is not tethered to a job with Cuyahoga County nor aligned with the Democratic Party, Wing sees herself providing important balance and representation to Lakewood's City Council. "I'm not in this for a dude or a job," Wing smiles, conveying a wry and practical sense of the values that inspire her to serve in a representative capacity.

"Local Government should not be a jobs program. We can run our city government like we would our home. Cover essential needs first, budget accordingly and have savings available for a rainy day." Having studied the voting patterns of Ward 3, she knows where she can expect to do well with a message of fiscal responsibility, based

in part on an analysis of Ken Blackwell's showing in a past primary.

"Ken won 3B, 3D in the Primary not the General as well as 3 other precincts," says Wing. "That showed to me that people wanted change and leadership within the Party. I have worked within the Republican Party to encourage our focus on fiscal responsibility and demanding accountability to our elected officials. I supported Ken because of his fiscal issues."

With a focus on people and effective action, Wing recognizes the pitfalls of party politics, too. "The Party has lost its focus and we spend our time fighting with each other and not getting anything done - much like council and the administration to some extent. I recognize that is not what people vote for and definitely not what they want from government, it's about people not party. That is extremely important to me."

In an effort to economize and generate value for taxpayers, Wing sees outsourcing some government services as a strategy worth considering. "If we can save money by outsourcing some of our current services to provide more police, we have to look at that option," says Wing.

"Safety is paramount in ensuring a secure future," according to Wing who believes the Police Department can be fully funded through current revenue.

Wing trusts that her Republican Party experience and commitment to local government mean that she is ready and highly skilled for the inevitable negotiations that occur in the political process of municipal governance.

"I sat through forty hours of budget hearings pregnant with Nathan," says Wing, confident six years of attending Lakewood City Council meetings has helped to prepare her for the challenge of representing Ward Three. "I don't

bowl, play cards or scrapbook," explains Wing, hoping to convey the depth of her interest in governance and politics. By paying attention to budget hearings and attending City Council meetings regularly, Wing demonstrates credibility and seriousness in her approach to matters finance and governance.

"Isn't the first thing you do, when you are look for a job is research the company?" asks Wing, slightly incredulous that people can run and get elected to council without ever a City Council meeting. "Now, I have no authority to get past the wall," says Wing, whose ride on "the rollercoaster of such issues as the West Nile Spraying, The West End Project, The Streets Plan(s), Income tax increase, The Grow Lakewood Report, CitiStat and countless others" has inspired her run.

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Events & Notices



Summer Reading Club 2007

During Team Read, Lakewood Public Library’s 2007 Summer Reading Club, Jack Winn won a giant paper mache baseball autographed by 163 kids who completed either 30 books or 30 hours of reading this summer at Main Library. Prizes were awarded from both Main Library and Madison Branch, including 16 \$20 gift certificates to Borders sponsored by The Friends of LPL and 22 sports t-shirts and toys donated by area colleges and universities.

Recovery International Is On The Move

by Fred Weller

Recovery International (formerly Recovery, Inc.), a mental health support group program active in Lakewood for over 45 years, is pleased to announce a change of location for the Young Adults meeting. As of Wednesday, September 5, the Young Adults Recovery Group (ages 18-35) which has been meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church will begin to meet in Room 208 of Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 14502 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Those over 35 are welcome to attend the regular Recovery International group which also meets at Lakewood Presbyterian in Lawther

Hall on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Recovery International is a non-profit peer-to-peer self-help mental health program founded in 1937 by Chicago psychiatrist Abraham Low, M.D. Participants at Recovery meetings learn cognitive/behavioral coping tools and life skills to help them deal with temperamental behaviors, nervous symptoms and fears. Recovery is an international program with 600 weekly meetings in North America, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Israel and India. There are 31 Recovery International meetings in northeast Ohio. Additional information about the program is available at www.neorecovery.org or by calling (216) 267-1674.

Lakewood Retailers Promotional Opportunity!

by Mary Anne Crampton

All Lakewood merchants are encouraged to start considering how they would like to participate during Light Up Lakewood activities, Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and Dec. 2. Main Street Lakewood and LakewoodAlive are collaborating to encourage residents and visitors to shop and play throughout Lakewood throughout the weekend.

On November 30th, Light Up Lakewood will be launching a Certifi-

checks program. Certifichecks, which function like a cashier’s check, will be first offered for sale at the community-wide November 30th Light Up Lakewood event and will be redeemable at any registered **Lakewood business**. This is not a fundraiser. There are no fees for either the merchant or the purchaser of Certifichecks.

Because the Certifichecks program facilitates local economic activity, making a significant impact on local shopping revenues, LakewoodAlive

Lakewood Chamber Hosts Political Happy Hour

by Patty Ryan

Who says fun and politics don’t mix? The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Business After Hours at the Winking Lizard, 14018 Detroit Avenue, on Wednesday, September 26th from 5:30 -8:00 p.m. Join us for some great appetizers and listen

to each of the three mayoral candidates discuss why he should be Lakewood’s next Mayor!

Networking starts at 5:30 and the candidates begin their talk promptly at 6:00 p.m. Appetizers are free and a cash bar is available. For more information, contact the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce at 216-226-2900.

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

Lakewood Residents - Save The Date!: Light Up Lakewood Holiday Celebration Is November 30, 2007

by Mary Anne Crampton

On Friday evening, November 30, Lakewood’s downtown business district will become an old-fashioned main street for Light Up Lakewood, a festive holiday kick-off and tree lighting ceremony. Lakewood residents will join friends and neighbors for entertainment, holiday activities, shopping, refreshments and good cheer. A tree lighting ceremony, a visit from Santa

Claus and many other festive elements will make the evening memorable.

Mark your calendars now for this evening spectacular, which is sure to become an annual holiday tradition for the Lakewood community. If your business is interested in becoming a sponsor of Light Up Lakewood contact Mary Anne Crampton, executive director of Lakewood Community Partners, Inc. (LCPI) at macrampton@lcp.org.

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA Hosts School Board Candidates Forum

by Jill Carson

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA hosts School Board Candidates Forum

The Lakewood Early Childhood PTA will host a School Board Candidates Forum, Monday, September 24th, at Taft Elementary School’s gymnasium. The forum will begin at 7:45 pm and last one hour.

This program will allow Lakewood Early Childhood PTA members and the public to meet the candidates for the Lakewood Board of Education and hear their views on issues facing the Lakewood City Schools. Each candidate will make a short presentation and respond to questions that have been submitted by Lakewood Early Childhood PTA members.

The Lakewood Early Childhood PTA is part of the local, state and national PTA. It is not affiliated with any one school; but instead, strives to

promote the welfare of children and families community-wide.

All candidates have been invited to participate. This program is open to the public.



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Lakewood City Council

Sikes In '08

Stan Austin
City Council Reporter

the political world having the year of an election follow your name is generally a campaign slogan. For Michelle Sikes '08 is the year for the Olympics and the destination is Beijing. Nickie Antonio (at large) and Mayor Thomas George submitted a resolution honoring the Lakewood High graduate recognizing her participation in the World Games in Osaka, Japan. She ran in the 5,000 meter run. Since Sikes was en route home when the September 4th resolution was passed her parents and her former LHS coach Rick Ventura accepted on her behalf. The resolution kicked off a week of celebrations honoring Sikes who is also one of three Rhodes Scholars that Lakewood has produced.

Antonio then offered a resolution "calling on the United States Government to commit to and develop a firm strategy and timetable to begin the orderly and comprehensive withdrawal of U.S. military personnel and bases from Iraq." She pointed out that the war has a direct effect on local communities and therefore it's of prime interest to local governments. Mayor George pointed out that Lakewood lost a serviceman due to the war.

Speaking on behalf of the resolution was Alton Yarian, retired

Lakewood High School astronomy teacher. Judy Gallo of Edgewater Drive and announced congressional candidate Rosemary Palmer also spoke out in favor of the resolution.

Council members voted in favor of it with Ryan Demro (ward two) abstaining.

Demro then read a letter to council requesting that the rush hour parking bans on Clifton Boulevard be suspended for the duration of the water main construction project. He contends that residents trying to find alternative on street parking are stymied if they can't park on the south side of the street under penalty of having their cars towed. George indicated that prior to any large street project that the City Engineer and police anticipate and plan for traffic changes with the maintenance of safety being the first priority. Clifton, he said, poses additional temporary problems because of the bus lanes. Michael Dever (at large) indicated that any traffic issues should be discussed in the Public Works Committee. Demro claimed that the disruption constituted an emergency and made a motion to suspend the rules in order to vote on lifting the ban that evening.

The motion to suspend did not

garner a second and failed.

All cities are required to submit a tax budget resolution to the County Auditor annually. This is a projection of expenditures and revenues for the upcoming year. Finance Director Jennifer Pae submitted the resolution which called for no increase in property taxes.

Local elections can raise the tempo and temperature of public discourse. Sometimes campaigning can move from strictly campaign events into public meetings. Thus has been the nature of democracy in our country since its inception. The tempo, or pace, seems to pick up several months before and election. And, the temperature, at least as it is felt by some individuals seems to rise, also.

This fall will see an election for mayor and the ward council seats. A couple of months ago, an unsigned piece of literature was circulated in stores and on porches encouraging people to attend council meetings to express praise or concerns. One sentence reads: "It is not too late to keep Lakewood the city we love!" Another closing sentence reads: "Is Lakewood better off now than it was four years

ago." Although this is a paraphrase of Ronald Reagan's closing debate question in the 1980 presidential campaign it is also the same slogan used by mayoral hopefuls Ryan Demro and Edward Fitzgerald (at large). It was eventually discovered that no mayoral hopefuls distributed the literature.

Some campaigns for the above seats have focused on crime as an issue and have linked crime in Lakewood to "Section 8 Residents." This has become political shorthand for recipients of housing vouchers. There are some who also think it is shorthand for blacks, or minorities.

One such person is Sabrina Otis of Elbur Avenue. In open citizen comments after the regular business meeting she indicated that at the last Public Safety Committee meeting she heard comments such as "now, they're in our city." Otis asked, "Is this supposed to refer to blacks? You guys running for council and mayor keep referring to Section 8. This is not 1953 Birmingham, Alabama. This is 2007 Lakewood."

Council President Robert Seelie adjourned the meeting at 9:35. Go Sikes in '08!

Bullock Forums Point Way to Building Neighborhood Safety in Ward 2

by Tom Bullock and Robert Niery



"As a first step, I'm helping neighbors organize Block Watches and 'Good Neighbor Associations' on any street where there's interest."

Block Watches can make crime-fighting more effective by partnering with police, and neighborhood associations can help resolve quality of life problems, said Bullock.

"We're adding tools to Lakewood's problem-solving toolbox. We need to become part of the solution ourselves, since we can't lean on the police to do everything," said Bullock. "Problem-solving is more effective when neighbors get involved."

Two residents who spoke at the forum, Mara Manke and Carol Mason, are leading such an effort on Lakeland Avenue, and it has improved safety and resolved problems such as clutter and middle-of-the-night noise.

Neighbors can encourage a sense of ownership, pride in homes, and courtesy to others, said Bullock.

"By working as a neighborhood, we can make 'safe, clean, and family-friendly' contagious," said Bullock.

A meeting for Block Watch leaders is planned for October 10, 7:00 p.m., location TBA. See www.TomBullock-forLakewood.com.

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City Moves Aggressively On Foreclosed Property

By Joe Greenfield

At 1 pm on Friday, February 17th a Lakewood SWAT team showed up at 1448 Elmwood for the inspection and citation of a distressed Lakewood home in foreclosure. The property has essentially been abandoned: paint chips hanging loosely on bare wood, a window out, potential buyers of the property never able to locate a homeowner willing to sell.

Mayor Tom George credits his new assistant Sgt. Ed Farns with carefully laying the legal groundwork for the city to take action by obtaining a search warrant and then assembling a complete team of Lakewood officials to carry out the inspection of such abandoned properties. The warranted officers - Police Chief Farns, Fire Chief Scott Gillman, Building Department Head Ed Fitzgerald, Mayor Tom George and a city photographer entered the property to document its condition. Upon their exit, city officials boarded up the property to assure its security.

"We will be submitting this documentation to the Courts in order to expedite the foreclosure process," stated Mayor George. "We're sending a message to people and companies that don't maintain their properties that quality property is important to the citizens of Lakewood and if you don't keep up your property voluntarily, the city will take action against you!"

The Mayor stated that Andy Santilli, his Executive Assistant, has meticulously tracked all of the properties in Lakewood which are in foreclosure and with proper documentation of their condition, the city intends to expel their movement through the Courts. Mr. Santilli will follow their progress to determine if they are in the Sheriff's office, have been appraised, or reviewed by the

Magistrate with the goal of getting these properties out of foreclosure and back into good repair.

Council member Nickie Antonio was at the scene as well. At the Feb. 21st Council meeting, Antonio will be requesting that the Council resolve to support Ohio House Bills 293 and 294 which will enable senior citizens to finance at lower interest rates and to expedite the foreclosure process, legislation which should help move these deteriorating properties out of disrepair and back to quality residences. **The City of Lakewood means business: absentee landlords beware!**



Mayor Tom George exits the house just in front of Sergeant Ed Farns. Ed was recently appointed by the Mayor to head a task force that will look at not only putting many of the Grow Lakewood ideas to work, but will also help clean up housing problems.

Article by The Lakewood Observer

When I became Mayor four years ago, I knew that our most urgent areas to address were public safety and the quality of our housing stock. I initiated the Grow Lakewood report, which identified quality housing as a key issue for our city. I have been working hard to make sure Lakewood is known as "The City of Homes", and we have made solid progress. We are delivering real results that are improving Lakewood neighborhoods.

For information about the campaign or how to volunteer call: 440-962-3613
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Lakewood City News

Diane Hope Helbig - Candidate For Lakewood City Council, Ward 3



I am Diane Hope Helbig and I'm running for Lakewood City Council, Ward 3. I believe the issues facing Lakewood are community cohesiveness, security, and housing standards. I put community cohesiveness first because I believe it is essential to solving the security and housing standards issues. All of us – city government, city employees, businesses, schools, and citizens – need to work together to rekindle the spirit of Lakewood. It is up to each of us to play a role.

In 'The Tipping Point', Malcolm Gladwell describes something called the Broken Windows theory. 'It (crime) can start with a broken window and spread to an entire community.' He

also states that 'an epidemic can be reversed, . . . by tinkering with the smallest details of the immediate environment.'

In the book 212 The Extra Degree, the authors remind us that 'seemingly small things can make tremendous differences.'

I believe in both ideas, as well as the Law of Attraction.

In addition to working together, we can explore solutions like:

- setting an ordinance to treat school playgrounds like parks with opening and closing times.
- establishing neighborhood watch programs throughout the city.
- creating youth community cen-

ters throughout the city.

- reviewing, enforcing, and, where necessary, updating our housing standards.

As your Councilperson, I will work to ensure that all of us are working together to create the changes we seek – to revitalize a sense of community throughout Lakewood.

Throughout my career I have honed skills and qualities I believe will make me a successful Councilperson. They include: listening and problem-solving, the ability to see things from several sides and therefore offer unique solutions, strong intuitive skills and a genuine desire to help other people excel.

I was born in Columbus Ohio. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science from Michigan State University and my coaching certification from The Coach Training Alliance. I started my own professional coaching practice in 2006.

I moved to Cleveland in 1990 and have owned a home in Lakewood since 1995. We have two children getting an outstanding education from Lakewood Public Schools.

I have held Board positions for two area Chambers of Commerce. I have been on the planning committee for the Lakewood Relay for Life. I sit on the Roosevelt PTA and will be doing the same for the Garfield PTSA.

Lakewood Democratic Club Endorses Dangelo In Ward 3 City Council Race

Joe Dangelo for Council

The Lakewood Democratic Club endorsed Joe Dangelo in the Lakewood City Council Race for Ward 3 at its' September 6th meeting at the Lakewood Women's Pavilion. Dangelo's Democratic credentials include service as the Vice-President of the Lakewood Democratic Club, as a Democratic Precinct Committee-

person in Ward 3, and as the President of the Kent State University College Democrats. Dangelo also worked as an assistant for former Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe and has worked on many Democratic Campaigns.

"As a life long Democrat, I am honored and humbled to have received the endorsement of this great organization. The Democratic Party has been fight-

ing for working families from Congress to the Courthouse and I am proud to be a part of that," Dangelo said.

Dangelo works as an Assistant Medina County Prosecuting Attorney and is a member of Lakewood Alive. Dangelo has also received the endorsement of the Stonewall Democrats. Dangelo said that if he is elected he will work to attack absentee landlords who don't take care of their properties and don't rent their properties to responsible tenants.

Support Proven Leadership for Lakewood: Join Ward 3 Council Candidate Mike Summers on September 20th

Members of the community are invited to show their support for Ward 3 City Council Candidate Mike Summers this Thursday, September 20th at the Winking Lizard Tavern, 14018 Detroit Avenue. The event will run from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

Come prepared to engage in a discussion about Lakewood's future. Mike brings leadership experience to the Ward 3 race unmatched by his competitors. From his service on the Lakewood School board, the Grow Lakewood Commission, to his present bid for the

Ward 3 council seat, Mike has proven time and time again his dedication to quality leadership in our community.

Mike Summers is endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, the Lakewood Fire Fighters Association, Lakewood City Councilman Bob Seelie, former Lakewood City Councilman and 3 term State Representative Mike Skindell and former 4 term Mayor of Lakewood Tony Sinagra.

We ask you to show your support for proven leadership in these historically critical times.

At the Winking Lizard Tavern appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar. For more information contact Mary Breiner: 216-221-6742

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"The increasing crime and nuisance problem in Ward 3 and throughout Lakewood is a symptom of the fact that we have not hammered the absentee landlords and their tenants who don't respect their neighbors and don't care about Lakewood," Dangelo said. "If I am lucky enough to serve the people of Ward 3 as their councilman, absentee landlords and the tenants they rent to who disrespect their neighbors will take notice."

Dangelo also wishes to work with the block watches that have sprung up around the ward. "I believe it is part of the job description for the next council person to help these block watch programs in any way he or she can and I will, whether it is funding, passing out fliers, or providing the cookies, I will be there," Dangelo said.

Dangelo promises also to be a councilman who doesn't only come around during election time. "Part of this job is being out there listening and learning what is on the minds of the people of Ward 3 even if I don't like what is being said. A councilperson is oftentimes the most important politician in a resident's life and I promise to be responsive to every resident's concerns."

In the end Dangelo stated that he will work to bring the progressive values of the Lakewood Democratic Club to action for the citizens of Ward 3. "The members of the Lakewood Democratic Club have put their faith in me and I will do my best not to let them down."

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Lakewood Board Of Education Candidacy

by Linda Beebe

I am pleased to announce that I am running again for a seat on the Lakewood Board of Education because I believe in community service and believe that service to the children of a community is highly important and highly satisfying. I bring to the board continuity, experience and commitment.

I have served on Lakewood Board of Education for 23 years. I am a former teacher and an estate planning attorney with extensive mediation experience; I am also the wife of a former teacher Dr. Bruce Beebe and parent of two Lakewood Schools' graduates.

I find community service to be rewarding. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. I am a member of the League of Women Voters; I have set as a Trustee of the Lakewood Foundation, Lakewood Senior Citizens Inc. and the Barton Center Board of Trustees. I have served as President of the Lakewood Board of Education four times and have been closely involved in the past four years in Phase One of the school facilities project that has culminated recently in the opening of four new schools – on budget and on time.

Education is changing. When I started teaching, it was the common belief that if you put it on the table and



Linda Beebe (right).

the child didn't learn it, it was his fault. If he didn't get it by the time he was 16, he was either in a BASIC class, or in a vocational class or out of school altogether. The biggest change in education in my lifetime is the mandate to keep kids in school and teach them all to a higher level. To do this we have had to

admit that there is a lot to learn about how we should do this and to admit that we don't know or have all the answers. Teachers and school board members are learning to address different learning styles, maturation issues, effective use of assessment tools and data.

No Child Left Behind, changing state standards and the variety of external tests and measurements imposed on education are daunting; but they should not stop a great school district from finding ways to teach deductive learning, to inspire children with the awesome -- and to make learning fun and joyous so that children will continue to want to learn. Our biggest challenge is integrating the new with the tried and true.

As a board member for Lakewood schools, I work with the administration to keep our staff focused on dealing with this change; not that they will do their job perfectly every day, but I expect them to continue to learn, to be open to change, to constantly look for new ways to reach that reluctant learner, to acknowledge that all kids can learn and that all together they are going to find a way to teach them. The days of expecting children to leave school at 16 years old or sticking them in basic

classes where we keep them quiet and in their seats and little more, are gone.

The community of Lakewood is also changing. I have heard this for the 35 years I have lived here years and acknowledge that it is true. Lakewood Schools have increasing numbers of students with challenges in their lives that many of us would find difficult to comprehend.

However, if we are honest about it, schools have always had students who found classes unrewarding; there have always been children who don't fit the traditional school mode. The biggest change today is that we are not going to give up on these kids; we are finding ways to teach them and make them successful.

Nothing gets me more fired up than hearing, "This school or this city is not the same" in tones that say quite clearly that the place is going to hell in a hand basket. I agree that school is changing. Lakewood is changing. That is a fact. AND Lakewood Schools are changing for the better. Our teachers and administrators are better trained, more creative, more attentive to the needs of individual students than they ever were. We are here to educate not just the brightest and the best, but all children.

I intend to lead this district in educating more kids to a higher level; we can not give up on any child; and we must continue to find ways improve the process - one student at a time.

School Board members have to make difficult decisions. They have to be fiscally conservative. They have to be educational leaders. They have to listen and consider, put their own interests second to the interests of the district, and balance attention to details and to the big, district-wide picture. In the 23 years I have served on the board, I have constantly striven to advance the education of all children while keeping a firm rein on expenditures.

I believe Lakewood Board of Education needs to declare to our citizens and our neighbors that -- yes -- Lakewood is changing. Lakewood schools are changing. These changes may be challenging, but we are up to the task. I am up to the challenge! We want to communicate what we are doing to meet the challenges, that the times are good and exciting, and I will continue my dedication to excellence and to meeting the needs of each child.



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Lakewood City News

I 'd Like To Introduce Myself To You...

by Dawn DeFreeze

Ahh!...Lakewood, I love this place. It's been home to me and my three children for nearly 18 years now and has been a system of support for us through many tough times. I recall a drive I had taken through Lakewood from Sheffield, where I was living at the time, and commenting aloud "It's something about this place. I think I want to live here one day". I gave it the nickname "Mayberry" from that day on. Just one year later, I had relocated my then six year old son and three year old daughter into a little apartment on Lark. I was a single parent struggling to make ends meet and although I had a decent paying job with a benefits package, without the additional income that child support would have afforded, things were still kind of tough at times. There always seemed to be a wrench of some sort thrown into the budget. Things like school supplies, field trips and extra curricular activities were difficult to manage. They came in bundles at the beginning of the school year, when I also needed to somehow get clothes, shoes, jackets and backpacks. Although I traveled by bus clear across town to and from work, I could rest easy and enjoy the ride home free from the guilt of not being home when school ended for my then elementary aged children. They thoroughly enjoyed the "After School Sensation" program at the Madison Library. It was great. The children could get started, if not finish, their homework and I could review it after we'd had dinner as a family, read and laughed a little. That was another biggie, the huge emphasis on literacy thoroughly supported what I did at home and become almost a second parent. Judy was great with the kids, and still is. She was stern when she needed to be and called them all by name, giving significance to the relationship aspect of what she brings to the Madison Library. My kids loved her and still remember the fun times there. My deepest gratitude to you Judy.

Both Madison and Lakewood Parks are other places where I have formed relationships with neighbors and made memories. I recall the excitement at the reconstruction of Lakewood... the hand printing on the wall, the picnics with my children and summer movie nights. My kids would laugh at me when I would go to Hometown Band concerts. Heck, I didn't care...I just wanted to belong to my town, and to feel that my town belonged to me. Every park, every school or just any street (because we moved so often) had

a memory of life and happy milestones watching my children grow and learn.

My two oldest children (Lakewood graduates) didn't tell me until years later, that they had taught themselves to swim at Madison pool by continuing to dive into the deep end until they "got it". My oldest daughter, who was 5 yrs old at the time, played soccer there and happily scored a goal for the opposing team. Instead of paying attention, she wanted to be sure that I was watching her; she blew kisses to me through the entire game and kicked the ball in whatever direction she happened to be facing at the time. I will always remember that day. Franklin elementary holds wonderful memories as I recall transitioning my youngest from the secure nurturing environment of Lakewood Hospital childcare after kindergarten, to first grade. It was always so welcoming, coffee and donuts, safe and secure. Franklin was an instant hit, they even had the coffee and donuts and the warm secure environment for my new first grader. I also had a part in building that cool new playground.

Lakewood has become, in a sense, like family to me. I could find the support and practical help that I needed at crucial times. From the kindness and compassion of a teacher that decided to go beyond her job specifications with a smile and many words of encouragement, to the teachers that helped me recognize that I had value in being an involved parent. They helped me recognize that I had something of value in being an involved parent and that I had something of value that they needed. At times when I needed to cry and to say that I wanted to give up, I could do that too. I believe I was able to keep going forward because of them. Help came in the form of grocery bags on my front porch at just the right time to hold me over until payday.

I mentioned earlier that I nicknamed Lakewood "Mayberry." OK, so I dream a little...but somebody's dream is flying in the air and driving on our streets. Back to my point, I'll tell you

why...because I have always been made to feel that this is my town too and that I have something of value to contribute here regardless of my race, social or economic status. When I think of the word "Community", it means so much more than the conditions our parks or playgrounds, and while these things are as important to me as anyone else, the heart of the community says "What I



do to enhance the environment?" The spirit of the community is people with a common culture. It doesn't just list our problems, but it takes initiative in becoming part of the solution. I say Lakewood is a place where social lines don't exist and we work together

for the common good. No longer fearing or labeling the youth, but seeking to engage them "personally". We need to ask ourselves how often we've seen one of our youth and have taken the time to stop and make small talk, say hello, give up some spare change or even just smile at them. I often wonder how many kids are out there without role models or male figures in their lives, just hoping for somebody to care enough to toss him a football, ask how her day is going and actually listen for the answer. Maybe waiting for someone to believe enough in them - past what they see on the outside - so they would learn to believe in themselves.

There is a saying "the children are the glory of their fathers"; glory is simply a "reflection of". We see a lot of youth today absent of authority figures they could respect or trust. So I say we continue to be a community of leaders that places value on our youth and then take it a step further by finding ways to let them know that we do. We can't continue to "just" come up with more

regulations, because rules without relationship equal rebellion. I say make things fun...lets get paint, grass and flower seeds, some lawn tools, pizza and pop, and gather the leadership in our community to engage our youth in a "fix up our parks day". It would be a blast and it would certainly show up on my paint clothes.

One of the other things pluses I find in living here is the diverse economics. I recall times when I'd take from the small grocery budget I had to give my children lunch money. Although they would qualify for the lunch program, they would rather not eat because there was such a stigma attached to it. Imagine with me if you will, a community where when we looked down at an individual, that it was only for the reason of offering a hand up. What if a family that could afford to did their personal grocery shopping "twice" and distributed their second to a family less fortunate. Just what if when we went out for our evening walk, we smiled and saying hello to folks we walk past. What if perhaps, instead of getting mad at the person who took the parking space we wanted, we just wave. Maybe they would do the same for someone else.

"Mayberry", I mean Lakewood, a city with a small town feel, where we seem to embrace and celebrate culture and tradition. A place that seeks to bridge relationships, empower and engage. That's my city and I have got a part to play here. I may not be the same as your piece, but mine is a vital one, and if we put them all together, we may be keenly amazed at what we come up with.

I and my family were the recipients of the compassion of this community and although my kids are all out of the home, they continue to bring the spirit of the community into their own lives; while I continue to help build upon it here in Lakewood by bringing further awareness to the diverse needs of our families. To contact me at Lakewood Youth and Family Renaissance, call 216-221-0364 ext 2.

Sincerely,

Dawn DeFreeze

Passionate Advocate for Children and Families

Candidate for school Board 2007



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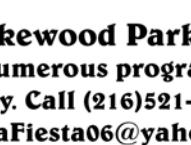
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Lakewood Public Library

LPL Undercover

by Eve Klodnick

What are you reading?
Part of our job at Lakewood Public Library is recommending books to our patrons. Based on the patron's likes, dislikes, and past reading habits our staff will try to pick materials we think that particular patron will enjoy.
But what about the staff themselves? Have you ever wondered what the people who work at the library are reading for their own enjoyment? LPL Undercover decided to find out. We asked the staff at LPL to tell us what they are currently reading. Here are some of their answers.
Kim Senft Paras, Deputy Director: I'm currently reading *At Large and at Small: Familiar Essays* by Anne Fadiman. For my book clubs I'm reading *1000 Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini and *Atonement* by Ian McEwan. All three are extraordinary; the first is nonfiction and other two are fiction.
Susan Dunn, Reference Librarian: *Peony in Love* by Lisa See. I'm reading it because I enjoyed *Snow*

Flower and the Secret Fan by the same author. It is interesting because it's fiction but it describes the way young girls were treated in China during the Ming Dynasty. The book also describes the rituals the Chinese followed after the death of a family member as well as the Chinese beliefs on the afterlife.
Sue Bish, Reference Para-professional: Currently I am reading about four books. I'm a bookaholic. My favorite is *Helen of Troy* by Margaret George. George's novel is fast paced and engaging, bringing new life to an old story.
Chris Weaver, Reference Librarian: *The Year of Yes* by Maria Dahvana Headley. This is a memoir about a woman who decides that, after many failed romances with men of her choosing, she will say "yes" to any guy who asks her out. It's witty and she is very energetic and eclectic.
Patty Steele, Administrative Services: *Desiring God: meditations of a Christian Hedonist* by John Piper
Mary Ellen Stasek, Librarian: *Heyday: A Novel* by Kurt Andersen. An episodic, historical novel that romps

through England, France and America in 1848. It's a hub between eras -- an exciting and turbulent time for social change, discovery and invention. Characters are connected and events are moved along by flimsy chance and coincidence (which I usually always enjoy). The narrative is rich in historical detail, morals and mores. This is Kurt Andersen's second novel. He is also known as founder and co-editor of the defunct *Spy* magazine, as a columnist, a commentator and host of public radio's Studio 360. If you enjoyed T.C. Boyle's *The Road to Wellville*, try *Heyday*.
Eve Klodnick, Supervisor Electronic Services: *Blind Submission* by Debra Ginsberg. It's a very funny novel about an editorial assistant and her overbearing boss. It's along the lines of *The Devil Wears Prada* or *The Nanny Diaries*, but with a mystery thrown in. The plot keeps you guessing until the end and it gives an interesting look into the literary workplace.
Martha Wood, Electronic Services: *The Cleaner* by Brett Battles. It's a fast-paced spy novel dealing with covert U.S. intelligence agencies. I've always enjoyed this genre, probably due to the influence of reading *Harriet*

the Spy as a kid!
Susan Crane, Electronic Services: *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls. It is a memoir about the children of alcoholics.
Judy Grzybowski, Manager of Madison Branch: *Cage of Stars* by Jacquelyn Mitchard because I really enjoy the author's work. She writes mystery/fiction.
Nika Petruccio, Children & Youth Services Madison Branch: *The Keys to the Kingdom* series by Garth Nix. It's a SciFantasy series aimed at a teen crowd where a normal boy gets thrust into an insane situation and the safety of the universe becomes his responsibility.
Chris Fries, Children's Supervisor Madison Branch: *Gregor and the Code of Claw* by Suzanne Collins. Will 11 year old Gregor be able to save his family and the citizens of Regalia, a city a mile below New York City, from the massive invading army of giant rats? Why read it??? Did I mention the giant talking cockroaches? Nuff said.
Adam Tully, Para-professional, Madison Branch: *The Fourth Bear* by Jasper Fforde is a masterful mix of Mother Goose gone wrong and fairy tales that fizzled. A nice adult, literary interpretation of what might happen to nursery rhyme characters in the world today. I laughed the whole time through!

Pat Hannen, Madison Branch: *Sweet Revenge* by Diane Mott Davison. I am a fan of the author. I have read all her books and I just got her new one.

Amy Williams, Madison Branch: *Dead Aim* a mystery by Iris Johansen, and *Up Close and Dangerous*, a fiction thriller by Linda Howard.

Carol Reyes, Supervisor Customer Services: *My Losing Season* a memoir by Pat Conroy, the author of *The Prince of Tides* and *Beach Music*. Conroy relates his senior year as a point guard at the Citadel during their 1966-67 season.

Marianna Cioboata, Customer Services: *Survival of the Sickest: A Medical Maverick Discovers Why We Need Disease* by Sharon Moalem.

Angelique Donerkiel, Customer Services: *Letters from Eden: a Year at Home in the Woods* by Julie Zickefoose, *Farms and Foods of Ohio: From Garden Gate to Dinner Plate* by Marilou Suszko, *Finding and Buying Your Place in the Country* by Les & Carol Scher and *Retirement on a Budget* by John Howells. All these books are indicative of where my head is at right now.

Alexandria DeJesus, Student Page: *Zorba the Greek* by Nikos Kazantzakis and a juvenile fiction book *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. In *The Lightning Thief* a 12 year old boy, Percy, finds out he is half god and is being pursued by monsters because Zeus thinks Percy stole his lightning bolt.

Now that we've shared some of the books we're reading, let us know what you are currently reading. Send your responses to undercover@lkwdpl.org and we will share some of them in our next LPL Undercover. But no matter what you are reading, the important thing is to just keep reading!

The Librarian Who Brought Eliot Ness Back To Life

by Martha Wood


Yes, reading does change lives. Twenty years ago, when librarian Rebecca McFarland was working for Rocky River Public Library, one of her job duties was giving book talks. Rebecca picked up a copy of Max Allan Collin's novel, *The Dark City*, a fictional account of Eliot Ness's arrival in Cleveland. Since reading that book, Rebecca has become an internationally recognized expert on the life and times of Eliot Ness. It all started because she wondered if even half the story Collins wrote about him was true. At the time she hadn't even known that Eliot Ness had lived and worked in Cleveland.
Rebecca began doing research on Ness at the Western Reserve Historical Society. She discovered that after the repeal of Prohibition, he was transferred to the Treasury Department's Alcohol Tax Unit, arriving in Cleve-

land as the head of the Northeast Ohio unit. Mayor Harold Burton appointed Eliot Ness city safety director in 1935 to clean up what was then rampant police corruption. Ness formed a new "Untouchable" group of six men to curtail these activities. Ultimately, Eliot was responsible for reducing corruption and gambling as well as forming the Cleveland Police Academy and significantly reducing Cleveland's number of auto fatalities. He did all this in the seven years (1935-1942) that he was safety director.
Rebecca soon had enough information to put together a slide presentation which she then presented at Cleveland Public Library. That evening the audience included some retired Cleveland Police officers and Al Sutton, a retired FBI agent and a friend of Eliot Ness. Mr. Sutton helped Rebecca to further enhance her presentation.
When A&E Television Network came to Cleveland to film a program

about Ness for their Emmy Award-winning 'Biography' series, Rebecca took the producers all over the city, including the first house he lived at in Bay Village, his home in the Clifton Lagoons and his apartment on the corner of Lake Ave and West Blvd. Rebecca's three days of work was reduced down to a 20 minute segment.
Rebecca's research has been requested for magazines, books, radio and television specials. One question that Rebecca never answered with all her research was where Eliot Ness was buried. Some time after the A&E crew was done filming, the producer called Rebecca to tell her that he knew where Eliot's ashes were. Rebecca found out that Ness's ashes were stashed in a cardboard box in a relative's garage! It took Rebecca over a year to convince Ness family members, but on the 40th anniversary of his death, in 1997, a funeral service was held for Eliot Ness. His ashes were scattered in Wade Lake at Lake View Cemetery.
Rebecca told me, "So many people think they know about Eliot Ness because they have seen the TV shows and movies about him, but that is unfair to his memory. It gives me satisfaction to be able to share the truth about his life in Cleveland, which is actually more fascinating than anything TV or movies have made up!"
Join Rebecca McFarland on Wednesday, September 19 at 7 p.m. at the Women's Club Pavilion in Lakewood Park where she will present her program on the life of Eliot Ness for the Lakewood Historical Society.

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Library Events Calendar

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Tuesday, September 4, 2007 – Thursday, May 22, 2008
Need a little extra help with your homework or just want a cool place to work? We transform part of the library into the Homework ER with helpers and a cart full of resources. Homework ER will be closed for school holidays and vacations. No need to register. Monday-Thursday, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Madison Branch

FOUR O’CLOCK CLUB: FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE
Tuesday, September 4, 2007 – Friday, May 23, 2008
Join the Club! Come for a different activity each weekday. No need to register.

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Make-It-Take-It (craft day)
Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Marvelous Mysteries (surprise day)
Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Twist, Shout, Act It Out (movement, music and drama)
Thursday	4:00 p.m.	Games Galore (game to play or make)
Friday	4:00 p.m.	Make-It-Take-It (craft day)

At the Madison Branch

READING RUMBLE 2007: A BOOK DISCUSSION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN FIFTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE
Enter the ultimate book-based team competition. Competitors will use problem –solving skills, teamwork and the knowledge of what they have read to complete a variety of challenges. Which team will rise to the top? To register, please stop in the library or call 216.226.7428.

Thursday, September 20 Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
Revenge of the Witch by Joseph Delaney

Thursday, October 4 Joey Pigza Swallowed a Key by Jack Gantos
The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot

Thursday, October 18 Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man
by Wendelin Van Draanen
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

Thursday, November, 1 Uncle John’s Did You Know--?
Bathroom Reader for Kids Only!

Thursday, November 15 Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Watson’s Go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

Thursday, November 29 Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
Airborne by Kenneth Oppel

Thursday, December 6 Summary of the eleven books

7:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m. at the Madison Branch

CAN YA TELL STORIES?: FOR STUDENTS FIFTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE
Do you like to tell stories? Ever wanted to read to children? Interested in presenting a story time to toddlers and preschooler? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, please sign up for this series of five one-hour, interactive workshops, then present a special story time to the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA. All participants who complete the program will receive a certificate and other rewards. To register, please stop in the library or call 216.228.7428. Tuesdays, October 2-October 30, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Madison Branch. Special Story Time Presentation on Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Madison Branch

FAMILY WEEKEND WONDERS
Make the library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts for children. Our staff will provide materials and ideas for families wishing to continue reading and storytelling at home. The programs are free and there is no need to register in advance. Choose the day and time most convenient for you.

Upcoming Themes:
September 21, 22, 23 Bugs Don’t Bug Me
September 28, 29, 30 To the Max (and Ruby!)

Day	Time
Friday	10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 p.m.

In the Madison Branch auditorium

FRIENDS OF LAKEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE
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PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS
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Lakewood Opinion

Public Air Waves for Public Use: Big Profits vs. Little People

by Nancy Lineburgh

Up until the late 1970s the Federal Communication (FCC) licensed very low power non-commercial broadcast stations. These were “class D” stations operated by high schools, small colleges, churches, community groups. They were educational and served their local community. They were non-commercial, the little guys.

In the late 1970s, under pressure from the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), the lobbying arm of the broadcast industry, the bigger “class D” stations were considered “not an efficient use of spectrum,” and the FCC declared them “secondary”. This meant they could exist as long as their channel was not needed for a full power station. In short the big guys kicked out the little guys.

In the 1980s the FCC passed new rules creating new classes of FM stations. These rulings resulted in a substantial increase in the number of commercial FM stations across the country. The result was the big guys got even bigger. The little guys got smaller. Local community stations were replaced by profit driven stations.

In 1996 Congress passed the Telecommunications Act which lifted the

media ownership rules, and allowed corporations to own a larger number of radio and TV stations. The big guys could now get gigantic and drive out more local stations.

Corporations like Clear Channel and Cumulus absorbed more and more stations. Local staff and coverage were reduced or eliminated, and some of the smaller stations were moved to bigger communities. Independent stations went out of business trying to compete with the chain owners. This consolidation virtually wiped out local music, culture and news. Activists claimed it squelched the free flow of ideas, the basis of our democratic system. The big guys did indeed become gigantic. Victory for the big guys was almost complete.

As this corporate anti-democratic trend continued, however, resentment against Congress and the FCC grew. A grassroots movement of radio “pirates” across the political spectrum built over 1,000 radio stations without permits and went on the air. They served their local communities, and they aimed their broadcasts against the commercial broadcasting system. At the same time media activists targeted the Telecommunications Act of 1996 bringing lawsuits against these new rules that allowed media consolidation. The lit-

tle guys were fighting back.

Many members of Congress backed the broadcasting industry. Michael Powell, chairman of the FCC, also showed favoritism toward the industry and against the low power FM (LPFM) stations. The big guys had powerful friends in high places.

The FCC also received petitions from citizens with specific suggestions on how to change the rules in favor of LPFM. The little guys were fighting back even more.

These signals from the public were clear even to the FCC. So on February 3, 1999 the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to create a new low power radio service. Thousands of comments were received from citizens on the newly proposed rules. The FCC considered the comments, and on January 27, 2000 issued their Report and Order establishing a LPFM radio service. A small victory for the little guys.

The new LPFM stations would be non-commercial and educational, and could only be licensed to non-profit organizations. Individuals and commercial entities could not obtain licenses. The FCC put specific rules in place that restricted the number of stations any organization could own, and gave preferential treatment to local applicants. They tried to restrict licenses from the radio “pirates”, but this part of the rule was declared unconstitutional in 2002. Another victory for the little guys.

Under these new rules the window for LPFM applications opened on May 30, 2000. By the summer of 2001 over 3,200 applications had been received. A small victory for the little guys.

But the ever vigilant NAB was on the job. They persuaded Congress that LPFM stations too close to powerful commercial stations would cause interference. Congress bought this argument, and in April 2001, passed the Radio Broadcast Protection Act. This Act so severely restricted the number of LPFM stations that only the most remote rural areas could qualify. Big cities, suburbs, and even many small towns would be deprived. Another big victory for the big guys.

In that same Radio Broadcast Protection Act, however, the FCC was ordered by Congress to do an independent study to see if there really was actual interference by LPFM stations that were close to full power commercial stations. The FCC hired the prestigious MITRE corporation to do

the study. This study proved there is no interference by LPFM stations to full power broadcasters. They were also supposed to do an economic study and this study was called for by the NAB. But MITRE said there was no interference to study, and so that part of the study could not be done. This study was released in 2003 and cost taxpayers \$2 million. A big victory for the little guys.

Of the 3,200 applications originally filed, just under 1,000 of them were eventually granted by the FCC. Over 500 of these stations have completed the process and are fully licensed. Another victory for the little guys.

Today the Local Community Radio Act (H.R. 2802 and S. 1675) is before Congress. This law would completely repeal all the LPFM restrictions, and authorize the FCC to license hundreds if not thousands of new LPFM stations across the country. This law if passed will put LPFM back in operation at full strength. It is time the public air waves were returned to public use. It is time to reward the little guys with victory.

Poll watching politicians are not leaders. They are followers, followers of their constituents. We the people are the leaders. If we demand LPFM, we will get it. If we don't, we won't. Please write your Congressman and Senators and tell them to support the Local Community Radio Act (H.R. 2802 and S. 1675) and help the little guys win this fight. Victory is in our hands if we act now. Our lives will be richer with local talk, local music, local programming. We will know one another more closely and our communities will be stronger. This issue is well worth our letters and phone calls.

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Lakewood Observer

What Is LCPI? What Is Main Street Lakewood?

by Mary Anne Crampton

Lakewood Community Progress Inc. (LCPI) is a community development organization. It has a board of 18, representing a cross-section of stakeholders in Lakewood’s economic development efforts. The current LCPI board president is David Shaw, Senior Vice-President, First Federal of Lakewood. LCPI is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. LCPI was formed to access funding not available through other organizational tax structures to facilitate economic development in Lakewood. For example, certain government and foundation funds are only available to nonprofit organizations.

Main Street Lakewood is a program of LCPI. About a year after LCPI’s founding, the board voted to apply for “Main Street” community status. Main Street is a disciplined process to revitalize historic downtown areas. The process has been used in hundreds of communities across the United States with great success. The federal oversight organization is the National Preservation Trust. In Ohio, the Main Street program operates under Heritage Ohio (www.heritageohio.org). Main Street Lakewood was accepted into the Ohio Main Street program in December 2005. Our Main Street district is formally defined as the Detroit Avenue commercial district from Arthur Avenue to Bunts Road.

About 40 percent of the current funding for Main Street Lakewood comes from federal community development block grant (CDBG) dollars administered by the City of Lakewood through the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). LCPI/Main Street must present its case for funding to the Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee each year. This year, we made our presentation on August 23rd. Recommendations by CAC for CDBG expenditures will be made on September 13th. This is a public meeting that will be held at 7pm in City Hall Auditorium. The balance of LCPI/Main Street Lakewood funding currently comes from community stakeholders such as the Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Hospital, and other institutions and individuals.

Main Street Lakewood is the focus of my activity right now. Its success relies almost entirely on the help of volunteers who serve on four committees: Promotion (Mike Ian Rensel – Chair), Design (Paul Beegan – Chair), Economic Restructuring (Mike Summers – Chair), and Organization (Steve Ott – Chair). Please consider this an open invitation to join us!

Here are a few examples of the dozen or more projects we’ve been working on to enhance and revitalize the Main Street district:

Detroit Avenue Streetscape Design - Observers will soon see new striping on Detroit Avenue which will be the result of Main Street initiatives to seek funding from NOACA for a new streetscape design concept. The immediate result will be slower traffic, more street parking, and a more pedestrian-friendly environment. The longer term

result (assuming we secure funding) will be wider sidewalks, new light posts, more green space, a bike facility, and more. The entire design concept was presented at Grant Elementary on August 28, and will soon be posted on the City website.

Lakewood Walks Main Street was held on August 22. Main Street Lakewood, in a collaborative effort with Lakewood Hospital and the City’s Division of Human Services, promoted the city’s walkability and its downtown shopping district with this event that motivated 160 participants to walk a total of 278 miles.

Light Up Lakewood - Main Street Lakewood is collaborating with LakewoodAlive to kick-off the holiday season with a Light Up Lakewood event. Details will be coming very soon!

In the meantime, I am meeting with merchants, property owners, and city officials to address beautification,

restoration, and maintenance issues, promotional activities, and longer-term strategic initiatives such as the implementation of the Detroit Avenue streetscape concept.

LCPI will soon undergo a strategic planning process led by Mike Summers to set goals that will leverage our 501(c)(3) status to address broader issues across the city such as housing, parks, safety, and applying Main Street-type processes to other city commercial districts.

If you would like more information about either LCPI or Main Street Lakewood activities, or if you are interested in joining a committee, please contact me directly at 216-521-0655 (my “office” is in the back of the Chamber of Commerce located at street level in the INA building – flower boxes mark my Main Street spot!) or at macrampton@lcpi.org

Colleen Wing... continued from page 1...

Citizens drawn to Wing’s campaign are impressed with a track record of attention and scrutiny to the budget, local issues and governance process. “What I like is she’s attended Council meetings for years,” says Sam Unsworth. Wing possesses a business savvy and sharp bottom-line sensibility to issues of organizational productivity and performance. “Prior to raising children, I was employed for 12 years in the Hospitality Industry with all levels of experience including as a Restaurant General Manager. I have maintained a staff of up to 120 employees. I was responsible for assessing the productivity and costs of failing locations and was given 30 days to successfully implement a finance and employee management plan,” notes Wing.

At a recent fundraiser, family members involved in Wing’s campaign were quick to remark on her big-picture thinking, listening skills, tenacity, and organizing ability. “She was 23 years old when she put together a Damon’s restaurant in Marietta. That was from everything from construction to service,” says Polly Fitzpatrick.

Wing, who grew up Elyria, con-

vinced her husband to settle in Lakewood. “My husband wanted to live in Independence. But I didn’t want to be a person living in a place everyone drives through and where nobody really knows people.”

Wing has put together a practical to-do list of neighborhood improvement projects. These include: Light Up Lakewood, which encourages neighbors to leave on or have motion sensor exterior lights as well as a House Numbering Project, which marks at the curb uniform, conspicuous house numbers to help police identify exact address.

Wing regards parenting, civic duty and community stewardship all of piece. She is an active member of St. Luke Parish, where she serves on Parish Council. As a member of Lakewood Early Childhood PTA, she chairs

Bylaws and Legislation Committees. In addition she served on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Block Grants in 2006.

“I firmly believe as parents we are taught that if we nurture the bodies, minds, and spirits of our children, that we have done our best. But the truth is that no matter how much we positively contribute in our homes to all these factors, eventually we have to send our kids out into the world. I feel it is the responsibility of all member of society to protect the interests and values that they hold dear. To stay engaged at some level helps create a balance that makes communities like Lakewood such a great place to live. Although it may not be our collective venue of choice, politics and government are two of the common threads that bond us as a community,” professes Wing.



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Lakewood Schools & Sports

Camp Counselor For The H2O Summer Service Camp Program

by John Parsons

Middle school kids in Lakewood continued their tradition of community service this summer at H2O “Help to Others” Summer Service Camp. More than 200 students, ages 11 to 14, participated in the eight-week program this summer. They gained valuable life experience while helping people in Lakewood, Cleveland, and around the world.

“The best part of this camp is that kids find out that you can have fun and enjoy helping others. It doesn’t have to be a chore,” a parent of an H2O camper said. At H2O summer camp, kids spent several hours in the morning volunteering at service sites in the Cleveland area. Each camp counselor lead a group of six or seven kids at a different site and at the end of the day all of the groups get together to discuss the service sites and what they were able to accomplish.

A favorite site for many of the campers is the Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland. The house serves as an affordable home away from home located close to the area hospitals. Families of sick children can stay for varying periods of time and bond with people in similar situations from all over the world.

On H2O’s visiting days, kids could be found cleaning windows, making crafts with the children staying at the house and sometimes making a meal for all the families. “It’s awesome for the families in the hospital. I think they really appreciate all of the help from the campers,” said head counselor, Aubrey Waddell. “All the people



in the house enjoy the crafts, food and great company.”

Another popular site is the Cleveland Foodbank. At the Foodbank, H2O campers enjoyed a wide range of projects that included anything from making boxes to cutting melons. “When my group went to the Foodbank, our job was to shovel meat out of boxes onto trays to be cooked,” said second-year counselor, Ricky Hiles. Hiles loved taking his group to help out at the Foodbank because all of the kids seemed to have a great time and got a good concept of the impact they are having on their community. “The Foodbank is awesome,” he said. “It’s definitely a great bonding experience.”

H2O Camp has been visiting a lot of the same service sites for many years, but the camp staff is always looking for new and exciting ways to get the kids involved in volunteering. This year Camp Can Do, a summer program

for children with special challenges, became a new partner. H2O campers had lots of fun interacting with their new friends, and at the end of the summer they put on a carnival for Camp Can Do and S.T.O.P. participants with lots of games and prizes. “I had a chance to do [Camp Can Do] and I thought it was really great,” Valerie Giuliano said. Valerie is one of the many campers who worked with the kids and she thought playing the games with the kids was a lot of fun. “This service site was really cool and the [H2O] kids that have done it said it was their favorite thing to do,” she said.

Working with challenged kids who are similar in age, gave the campers a chance to see that despite their differences, Camp Can Do kids are kids, just like them. Andrew Aylward, a first-year camp counselor, enjoyed the experiences he had working at Camp Can Do all summer. “I thought it was

a big success,” he said. “I think we did an extremely good job of making a positive atmosphere so that all the kids could feel very comfortable and make the most of their experience.”

Some kids that came to H2O Camp this summer got to work on another popular project: making teddy bears. “The bears are soft and cuddly and I’m excited to make the children happy,” said a camper returning for her third year, Eva Malonis. For the teddy bear project, kids made colorful vests out of felt and decorated them with buttons and fabric paint. Afterwards, they put their vests on teddy bears and wrote a note to the child who will eventually receive the bear they worked on. The finished and fully clothed bears were given to Lakewood Christian Service Center to be distributed to Lakewood children in need over the holidays.

Throughout the summer, kids in camp also spent time helping senior citizens in their gardens, making dog biscuits to raise money for the Lakewood Animal Shelter, interviewing veterans on camera for the national archives in Washington D.C. and sorting donated school supplies for Lakewood children.

This summer the campers raised money for a new global project that will provide free wheelchairs for disabled individuals in Ghana, Africa. Half of the \$1,500 raised from selling crafts at the Lakewood Arts Festival and H2O’s “Penny Wars” will be donated to The Free Wheelchair Mission and the other half is being donated to The Gloria Pointer Scholarship Fund, in memory of Yvonne Pointer’s daughter.

Rangers Drive Hard, Eagles Struggle To 7 Point Victory

by Todd Shapiro

The Lakewood Rangers did everything except get the ball in the end zone in the September 7th battle against North Olmsted. Unfortunately for the Rangers, they were unable to turn statistical domination into points. The Eagles staggered away with a 7-0 home victory in a non-league game.

Eagle running back Stephan MacDonald, who many coaches consider the fastest back in the Southwest Conference, used his speed to get around the corner of the Lakewood defense and sprinted untouched 74-yards for the games only touchdown. John Rodriguez added the extra point and made the score 7-0 with 4:42 remaining the first quarter.

Despite giving up the long scoring run the Rangers defense held MacDonald to just 102 yards on 12 carries on the night. Lakewood coach Jim Slagle praised the work of his defensive unit. “(MacDonald) got us once but they ran that play 10 more times and we stopped it every time. We gave them a physical football game tonight.”

Linebacker Gahad Suleiman single handedly stymied a number of Eagle drives with his relentless pursuit of the football. In addition to being a captain on the football team, the 5-foot-8 213 pound senior is also a standout on Lakewood’s wrestling team. “If that kid was 6-feet-tall he’d be on his way to Ohio State,” Slagle said. “He’s one of the best linebackers in Ohio.”

Lakewood ran 39 plays inside North Olmsted territory and moved the chains for 13 first downs but saw the North Olmsted defense rise to the occasion each time to keep the Rangers off the scoreboard. Senior fullback Robert Trivitt had his way with the Eagles defense rushing for 149 yards on 29 carries.

The closest the Rangers got to the end zone was early in the second quarter when they advanced two the North Olmsted 2-yard line. Eagle linebacker Nicolas Gessner tackled Trivitt in the backfield and sacked Lakewood quarterback Dan Shannon on consecutive plays forcing the Rangers to attempt a 27-yard field goal. Ardjan Bako’s kick sailed wide left and Lakewood went into the locker room at halftime trailing by a touchdown.

The Rangers best advance of the second half was an 11-play drive that saw Lakewood consume 6:35 off the clock and get down the North Olmsted 24 before turning the ball over on downs.

Slagle wrapped up his teams offensive woes stating, “We’ve been fighting this for three years now. We’ve got to learn how to win.”

Clothes donated at Lakewood fire stations were sorted, priced and arranged by the kids for giant sale that was held at the end of July. All of the clothing was sold at very low prices to make back-to-school shopping a little bit easier on many families. Thousands of clothing items for men, women and children were carefully organized for the sale. Leftover clothing was donated to local charities and domestic violence centers.

The main focus of H2O Camp is service, but when the groups return from their sites each day, the campers and counselors enjoy some fun-filled game time. During game time, the kids get a chance to unwind after a long day by playing some of their favorite games like capture the flag and redeemer (a variation of dodgeball).

H2O Summer Camp has been providing service opportunities to Lakewood youth for fourteen years. With all the fun the campers have, coupled with the perspective they gain from volunteering, it’s not hard to see why more and more middle school kids sign up for H2O Camp summer after summer.

The National League of Cities recently announced that H2O Summer Service Camp is a finalists in the 2007 Awards for Municipal Excellence. The winners will be announced at NLC’s Congress of Cities and Exposition in New Orleans, La in November.



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Lakewood Sports & Fitness News

Lakewood YMCA And America On The Move

by Carrie Weiland

THE LAKEWOOD FAMILY YMCA ENCOURAGES THE LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY TO JOIN THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN PROMOTING SMALL STEPS TOWARD A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE DURING AMERICA ON THE MOVE WEEK WITH THE YMCA, SEPTEMBER 22-29, 2007. The Campaign Aims to Motivate a Million People Nationwide to take 10 Billion Steps and Encourages Communities to Assess and Improve Their Walkability

On September 1, the Lakewood YMCA encouraged members to join YMCAs nationwide in taking “small steps” to promote active living and healthy eating. Community members are invited during the week of September 22-29 to come to the Lakewood YMCA to begin to track their steps from a variety of activities either at home, at the YMCA, or elsewhere during the week. The goal for “America On the Move Week with the YMCA” is to reach 10,000 steps here in Lakewood, and 10 billion steps across the country during this designated week. This year, the YMCA

is also incorporating neighborhood/community walkability assessments as part of its America on the Move Week with YMCA activities.

Community members are invited to join the YMCA by participating in walks and completing questionnaires to determine how “friendly” the community is for pedestrians and cyclists by rating criteria including room to walk, ease in crossing streets, behavior of drivers, and general safety and pleasantness. “One of the most effective ways to increase physical activity is to incorporate it into everyday routines. Walking is an easy and accessible activity that people can do every day,” said Carrie Weiland, Membership Director. “Unfortunately, not all communities are built to promote physical activity. By getting more members of the community moving and helping assess their community’s friendliness toward pedestrians of all abilities, the YMCA seeks to identify and break down barriers to active living.”

Chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes are our nation’s leading killers, affecting 90 million Americans, young and old. “Increased physical activity and healthy eating is of critical importance to this community if we are going to prevent and control many of these illnesses. That is why the Lakewood Family YMCA, along with other YMCAs across the country, are working to provide sup-

portive environments for community members to adopt healthy lifestyles and are beginning to work with community organizations and policymakers to make Lakewood a healthier place to live.”

Through America on the Move Week with the YMCA, the Lakewood YMCA hopes to show anyone seeking a healthier lifestyle how making just small changes can get them on their way to wellness. Research by the America on the Move Foundation has shown that making two small daily changes – taking 2,000 more steps and eating 100 fewer calories – can prevent the average annual weight gain of one to two pounds. America On the Move Week with the YMCA is part of the YMCA’s national initiative known as YMCA Activate America®. Activate America is the YMCA’s bold approach to directly address our nation’s lifestyle health crisis. Activate America shifts how we are working inside and outside the YMCA to engage all children, youth, adults, and families whose successful pursuit of health and well being in spirit, mind, and body requires continuous supportive relationships and environments.

Community members should contact their local YMCA for more information about events and activities for the week. They can also log on to www.ymca.net to sign-up to track their steps online and follow their progress on a new, interactive YMCA-themed virtual trail that highlights the YMCA’s long history of promoting health and well-being.

LHS Girls Soccer Take Nordon Knights In 1-0 Victory

by Todd Shapiro

For 79 minutes it looked like the Lakewood Rangers would have to settle for tie in a Northeast Ohio Conference divisional showdown with the visiting Nordon Knights. But with the clock winding down midfielder Jamie Meggas found a Hilary Vigh throw-in bouncing at her feet inside the penalty box and faked out Knights goalkeeper Jackie Ceglka with a low shot across the goal mouth that found the back of the net and gave the Rangers a 1-0 victory.

Meggas’s winning goal in the final 10 seconds of the game capped off an emotional week for the Rangers. Lakewood was playing without head coach Josh Thornsberry who was serving the second game of a two game OHSAA mandated suspension after being ejected from a game earlier this season. Senior midfielder Danielle Pusateri who broke her leg in a game at Twinsburg was also absent.

“I was crying as the time ran down,” Meggas said. “I wanted this game more than anything. I wanted to win this for my friend Danielle.” The first half that saw both teams feeling

each other out with most of the action occurring in middle of the field. Lakewood’s best chance to score came in the 28th minute when midfielder Lauren Rosul headed a Morgan Schroeder corner kick towards the upper left hand corner of the goal only to see a leaping Cegelka snatch the ball from the air.

After attempting just four shots on goal in the first half, the Rangers peppered the Nordon net with eight second half shots. Lakewood goalkeeper Carrie Moran turned back all four of the Knights shots on goal.

“I told them to give it their all in the second half,” acting head coach Rachel Knotts said. “In the last 10 minutes we moved our defenders up the field to put more pressure on them.”

The win improved the Rangers record to 3-4 while Nordon dropped to 1-4-2. The Lakewood girls have three home matches remaining and, according to Meggas, hope to leave a lasting impression on their school and their fans.

“I want to put some number on the wall in the gym. We have five seniors and we want to leave a legacy at Lakewood High School.”



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Lakewood Track & Field

Lakewood High School Starts Cross Country Season With Strong Start

by Joseph S. Ott

The Lakewood High School Cross Country Teams began the season at the GlenOak Golden Eagle Invitational on August 25, near Canton, Ohio.

The course for this meet was held on the campus of GlenOak High School and finished in their football stadium. The course, 5k in length (3.1 miles), snaked across rolling terrain and over grass covered fields with little or no shade.

This was a race run in very hot early morning sun with temperatures hovering around 90 degrees with at least two (non Lakewood) runners requiring medical attention due to the heat.

Senior Lakewood runner Makorobondo Salukombo (Dee) placed first in the Varsity race and had the fastest time of the weekend completing the race in 16:29.64. Boys Varsity runners Nick Meeson and Tim Kelly finished second and third in team results, respectively. The Boys Varsity Team earned a solid 4th Place finish overall. Eighteen teams competed in the Boys Varsity race.

Junior Pat Joyce, running in the JV race, placed second overall with a time of 18:31.92. Joyce finished less than one second behind Perry High School runner Shane Gillard in a sprint finish. Lakewood Boys JV finished 5th overall with 12 teams competing.

Girls Varsity placed a respectable 10th overall with 20 teams competing



Varsity runner Makorobondo Salukombo (#706) leads during the Walsh Jesuit Tomahawk Run.

in the contest. Junior Lauren Rudin was the highest placed Lakewood Girls Varsity runner. Girls Varsity runners Bianca Beltran and Daniella Beltran finished second and third respectively in team results. The Girls JV team placed 8th overall with freshman runner Missy Richardson being the highest-placed Lakewood runner.

On Saturday September 1, Lakewood High School's Cross Country teams competed at the 2007 Avon Lake Earlybird Invitational held at Lorain County Community College.

This course is run around the campus of Lorain County Community College. It

consists of rolling terrain through fields and on dirt paths in the woods.

Controversy and confusion still being talked about on Internet forums, resulted in the Lakewood Boys and Girls Varsity teams not competing in their respective varsity races. As a result, the Boys and Girls Varsity teams raced in the Open categories. Some of these runners competed in the Open race without wearing numbers and were not scored nor given official finishing times as a result.

Senior Nick Meeson officially finished first with a time 17:19.0. Casey Meeson finished second with a time of 17:40.0. Unofficially Makorobondo Salukombo finished with the fastest time of the weekend at 16:24.

Junior Hannah Evans finished first overall in the Girls Open race finishing with a time of 21:35.0. Junior Lauren Rudin placed third overall with a time of 22:02.0.

The JV teams did compete in their correct meets with Lakewood Boys JV placing a respectable sixth overall out of 20 teams competing. Junior runner

Jacob Ott placed first in team results with a time of 18:11.0. Juniors Matt Miller and Ryan Walsh finished second and third respectively in team results.

The Girls JV finished 10th overall out of 13 teams. Junior Emily Patsouras finished first in team standing (34th overall) with a time of 24:08.0.

Lakewood found some redemption from the previous weekends problems with the Boys Varsity Team placing 4th overall at the Walsh Jesuit Tomahawk Run on Saturday September 8 with 17 teams competing. This course, considered fast by Coach Ventura, consisted of some hills, wooded areas, and fields, looped around the Walsh Jesuit High School.

Makorobondo Salukombo (Dee) easily won the boys varsity race with an amazing time of 15:58.56 beating Keith Mrak of Walsh Jesuit. Mrak finished with a time of 16:10.12.

The Girls Varsity placed 8th out of 15 teams competing. Hannah Evans of Lakewood was the highest-placed Lakewood runner finishing a strong 26th overall with a time of 21:18.0

The Boys JV race saw Jacob Ott of Lakewood, Matt Miller of Lakewood, and Ben Kisley of Mentor battle for the lead the entire race. Throughout the race these three competotrs could be seen swapping the lead. In the end Matt Milled edged out both Kisley and Ott in the final 50 yards of the race. Kisley and Ott finished second and third respectivley.

The Boys JV Team Finsihed 5th overall with 15 teams competing.

The Lakewood High School Cross Country teams started their season off with a strong start. As the athletes conditioning improves over the next several races, their strengths will improve making the team even stronger. Their chances of making it to the State Championships are looking strong at this early point of their season.

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Lakewood Arts & Entertainment

Play Sparks Global Movement To Improve Maternity Care, Right Here In Lakewood

by Amy Klomfas

Using a theater-for-social-change model, local communities organize worldwide

What do mothers want? What do mothers deserve? These and other tough questions are explored in **BIRTH**, the critically acclaimed play by Karen Brody. This September, more than 100 benefit performances of **BIRTH** (doubling the number performed last year alone) will take center stage as part of Birth On Labor Day (**BOLD**), a global movement to make maternity care mother-friendly.

Locally, the **BOLD** women of Northeast Ohio will host a performance of **BIRTH** at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, at the Lakewood Masonic Hall Ballroom. The production includes a number of Lakewood residents, including **BOLD** Cleveland Coordinator/Producer Amy Klomfas, Director Jaime Bouvier and actors Nicole Lublin and Catherine Beck.

To further the community connection, an interactive talk back session with a diverse panel of local birth professionals will directly follow the performance. Proceeds from this event will benefit Ohio Midwives Alliance (OMA), a nonprofit founded in 1984 to educate women about midwifery, prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum and newborn wellness.

The importance of raising awareness about birth as it is today cannot be understated. In a global maternal mortality crisis, one woman dies every minute from pregnancy and childbirth-related causes. There is a 30.2 percent cesarean rate in the United States, and there are rampant **VBAC** (vaginal birth after cesarean) misconceptions. For instance, most women in the United States who've had one c-section aren't aware they can choose not to have another cesarean.

BIRTH has been called "the naked truth about childbirth" by City Lights Theater Company in San Jose, California. The story of eight women, **BIRTH** delivers a theatrical experience that melds the unbridled hilarity, the unex-

pected poignancy and the tragic truth about power in maternity care today.

The characters represent the birthing spectrum from liberal, "My body rocks!"-bleating Amanda (Jessica Jerome) to strong-willed, no-nonsense Vanessa (Sara Rouse), to career-driven Beth (Monica Honeycutt), violated Natalie (Mati Senerchia) and even angry, somewhat deflated Lisa (Anita Dacanay). But at the cornerstone of



each story lies personal choice. And Janet's epidural, Jillian's home birth and Sandy's cesarean section are all on display without judgment (Catherine Beck, Melissa Black Gonzales and Nicole Lublin, respectively).

"Maternity care today simply isn't mother-friendly," Brody says. "In many communities, pregnant mothers are faced with few options that support low or no-intervention birth choices; in other communities, women

feel they went with the standard medical care and were treated poorly. **BOLD** encourages all people attending performances to learn the truth about childbirth, understand where power lurks in their maternity care system and make informed birth choices."

Brody adds, "Can a play improve maternity care? It not only can—it is." It's time to start changing maternity care so it works for mothers. **BOLD** is leading the way.

What: A performance of Karen Brody's play, **BIRTH**
When: Saturday, September 29, at 7 p.m.
Where: Lakewood Masonic Hall Ballroom, 15300 Detroit Ave.
Tickets: \$12/advance, \$15/door. Visit <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/19030> to purchase in advance.

Lakewood Resident Creates Temporary Autonomous Zone In Leavittsburg, OH

by Carrie Myers

On September 28th – 30th, Recycled Rainbow, a temporary autonomous zone, will emerge at the Hide-A-Way campground in Leavittsburg, Ohio. Theme camps, art installations, and unrestricted creativity are among the many things you will experience; but this is a no spectator event, so you will find only as much as you are willing to contribute.

It's not about what you get, but what you give. Recycled Rainbow has 10 simple rules to follow: Radical Inclusion, Gifting, Decommodification, Radical Self-reliance, Radical Self-expression, Communal Effort, Civic Responsibility, Leaving No Trace, Participation, and Immediacy.

Other than firewood and ice, there will be no vending permitted. If you have something to give, gift it out. If you have something you need, bring it in! Pack everything you'll need for the weekend, take it out when you go, and leave no trace! There will be

no dumpsters or trash cans or trips to the convenience store. Electricity and water are available in the main 'Downtown' campsite, and primitive camping is available in the adjacent "Invisible City".

Prepare for rain! Prepare for anything, so you can do anything. Recycled Rainbow is an inclusive community project of which you are an integral part. You are radically responsible, but you are radically free! How will you contribute?

Each event has its own distinct theme. In lieu of our push for radical self-reliance, this year's will be Armageddon. Participants are encouraged to

employ this theme in their artworks, costumes, and camps.

Tickets are available on-line through recycledrainbow.org, or in person from a Recycled Rainbow organizer, or at the gate (prices increase on Saturday.).

For further information on purchasing tickets, directions, and a guide for first-time campers, visit the Recycled Rainbow website at recycledrainbow.org, and feel free to befriend us at myspace.com/recycled-rainbow. For more info contact event organizer and Lakewood resident Everyman at info@recycledrainbow.org or 216-228-1248.

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Lakewood Observer

Lakewood Landmark Is Preserved By Many Owners And City

by Paula Reed

If someone mentioned “the house inside the wrought iron fence at the corner of Lake and Nicholson,” it would be a rare Lakewoodite who couldn’t immediately picture the house—a one-of-a-kind Lakewood landmark.

While everyone is familiar with the Neoclassic architecture and park-like grounds of the house, its history is not so widely known. According to an article in the September 5, 2005 Lakewood Historical Society News, it is known as the Faerber/Morse House in honor of its first two owners: George Faerber, who had it built, and Agnes Doyle Morse, who added, among many other things, the solarium, the pergola, the glass canopy over the rear entrance and the fence.

George & Katie Faerber acquired the land in 1911, and hired Gustave Bohm, a Cleveland native trained in New York City to design the house. George Faerber, a self-made man who never finished high school, was the secretary/treasurer of the Forest City Savings & Trust Company. He lived in the house with his family for about one year, until his death at 52 in 1915.

Katie Faerber sold the house in 1916 to Mrs. Agnes Morse for \$49,500. “Mrs. Morse watched the place go up, board by board,” said Mrs. Faerber. “She told a nearby Realtor that if it was ever sold, she wanted to hear about it first.”

Mrs. Morse was an anomaly in her time. She went to work as a bookkeeper at age 16, later becoming secretary to George Morse, president of the Parish & Bingham Company. She married the boss, but he died in 1910, just eight months after their wedding. She inherited the stock of the company and proved a very astute business woman, helping the company prosper through its merger with two other companies to create Midland Steel, of which she became president and general manager.

Mrs. Morse spent \$100,000 on improvements to the house. She employed a full-time gardener and spent \$3,000/year on tulips (9,000 of them) alone. Her mother, sister, two nephews and a niece shared the house with her. In 1949, two years after Mrs. Morse died, Willson and Wilma Hunter

bought the house for \$28,000, slightly more than half what Mrs. Morse paid for it 35 years before. The Hunter family occupied the house for five years.

The fourth owners of the home were Margaret and Elmer Nyerges, who purchased the house in 1955. Judy and Otto Lombardo bought the house in 1977 for \$165,000. In 1979 the house served as the Hope House for the American Cancer Society—the first west side house to be selected.

Lakewood saw the house show increasing signs of disrepair in more recent years, and there were frequent rumors that the house was on the docket for sheriff’s sale. In 2005, a Kiko Auctioneer’s sign advertising the sale of architectural elements of the house appeared on the fence, which was itself one of the items up for sale.

Shockwaves reverberated through Lakewood as people were galvanized into action, and scrambled to come up with a solution to forestall the auction. In the long run, the mortgage holder saved the house from being stripped of its fixtures when the court granted its restraining order. The Lombardos then tried unsuccessfully to sell the house, fixtures included, but it went to sheriff’s sale on August 26, 2005.

There was spirited bidding when the auction opened, but most of the prospective buyers dropped out as the price exceeded \$400,000. The tension mounted as two bidders raised the ante incrementally. The auction ended

after a bid of \$605,000 was answered by a bid of \$610,000, and Sako Satka became the sixth owner of the house.

As evidenced by the constant stream of work trucks at the property, Mr. Satka has extensively remodeled the house and grounds during his term of ownership. In fact, he only moved in earlier this summer.

The threat of destruction of this landmark property awakened Lakewood to the need to protect our historic properties, and prompted the Lakewood Historical Society to create the Lakewood Preservation Fund. The purpose of the fund is to assist in the preservation or rehabilitation of historically or architecturally significant buildings or structures in Lakewood. The first project identified for use of Preservation Fund monies is the Hall House. Built in 1870 by Mathew Hall, it is located at 16906 Detroit, and is slated to be demolished for a parking lot. The Lakewood Historical Society is working to preserve this historic gem by moving



it to a new location. For more information on the both the Mathew Hall and Faerber/Morse Houses, go to www.lakewoodhistory.org and click on Artifacts.

The newly-launched Preservation Fund stands at about \$5,000, substantially short of the \$30,000 budgeted for moving the Hall House.

Mr. Satka has generously offered to open his home to the Lakewood Historical Society for use as a fundraiser to benefit the Lakewood Preservation Fund. The tour will occur on September 30, noon to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale at Geiger’s and Rozi’s in Lakewood; Liberty Books & News in Rocky River, Border’s in Westlake; through the Lakewood Historical Society at 216-221-7343, or at the door, availability permitting.

Take advantage of a rare opportunity to view this remarkable house and support preservation in Lakewood!

Made In The USA — A Challenge For You

by Naila Jones

A mommy group celebrating our toddlers’ 2nd birthdays organized a picnic and gift exchange with a limit of \$20. Fellow group member and friend Patricia Neligan Barley suggested the following: “Can we add that whatever we give be made in the USA in light of all the press about lead and toys made overseas? Just think of the gas you are saving from the ships if we buy something made here. Go green!” I thought—what a great idea. We should be encouraging that consumption behavior in our everyday lives.

The task at hand became a hardship. Three trips to Target, one trip to Toys “R” Us and one quick trip to Marc’s left me empty handed. It became a mission, a goal and also a discussion at home. We could not believe that stores did not carry toys made in the USA. We started looking at our clothes and appliances too. Everything we owned was made elsewhere, except for a guitar my husband purchased recently.

I suggested that we make it a rule in our household to only buy things that are made in the USA. Maybe we’d stop consuming and save money! But, is it possible to live without anything made elsewhere?

Author Sara Bongiorno addressed this question as she and her family

attempted to live without goods made in China for a year, and found that it was no simple task. She documented the project in her book “A Year Without ‘Made in China.’” Bongiorno said, “I wanted our story to be a friendly, nonjudgmental look at the ways ordinary people are connected to the global economy.”

The foreword, written by economist Joel Naroff, notes that 15 percent of the \$1.7 trillion the U.S. spent on imported goods in 2006 came from China. Bongiorno’s book poses some interesting points about purchasing habits and options. It certainly made me think. For instance, buying a pair of shoes made in your own country is likely to reduce your footprint, so to speak—transporting goods halfway around the world may be cheaper, but it isn’t always green.

As the date of the birthday party approached, the realization of the task’s impossibility intensified. I was eager to see who accomplished the mission and how they did it. Out of 11 toddlers, only five got gifts made in the USA. Once Upon a Time Toys, a toy store in Rocky River, carries three toys that are made in the USA. Two moms bought there. One mom offered her talent as a photographer for a picture session and a printout of a portrait. Patricia bought a book of tickets to the Memphis Kid-die Park and I bought a gift certificate from Malley’s.

Books by American authors are always an option, but for active 2-year-olds, it’s nice to give toys they can use so that their moms can be left alone for a few minutes to get things done. My daughter received a shopping cart and loves it so much that every time she sees it she says, “Wow! Gift! Wow!” I’m happy to see her excitement, but sad to see that nearly all of her toys and our belongings are made in China, Australia, Mexico, Tunisia, etc.

The day of the party, we discussed our mission and it was funny to hear everyone’s stories. We laughed and collectively told Patricia she made this birthday gift search memorable. The experience left me with a real desire to do something, which is why I am sharing this story.

Do you have any suggestions or gift ideas? I want to encourage my local economy and ensure that companies in this country know consumers will try to buy products made here, products made by employees being respected and paid accordingly, products that meet the ISO regulations, products that are inspected and that pass every standard made by consumers. I will now look at every object I want to purchase and check where it’s made and consider it twice before buying. Thank you Patricia for making my family and I realize the severity of this problem and the necessity to change things!

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Lakewood Perspective

Witness The Possibilities

I was wondering when it was going to happen. Maybe I'm spending way too much time watching the evening news, but lately, I've found that I'm almost too bitter to actually write. There's lots of topics out there that pique my interest, but the trouble is that most of them do little more than focus on the worst in people, and quite frankly that type of thing disgusts me so much that I don't even know where to start.

Luckily, when I get into such moods, it usually only takes a phone call or e-mail to my brother to turn me around. A mere 10 months older than I am, my brother and I are very close. And no matter what my mood, talking to him always cheers me up. In this instance, all it took was a story of something that happened to him this past summer.

Rather than having me go to the effort of re-telling the tale, I'll simply let him do the honors. Therefore, it's my pleasure to share the following story as submitted by my brother D.R.

Callentine:

My wife and I recently celebrated our 14th wedding anniversary. It's not been a completely blissful 14 years, which might hit home with a lot of people. But these last five or six years, our marriage has grown tremendously. We still have our difficulties, but that's not why I'm writing. I wanted to share with you something I personally witnessed.

It was one of the most beautiful things, though it was not covered by any of our local news media. I guess I can understand why. But it was pretty cool and I thought you might appreciate it. Once a month I usher and greet at our church. Not a very difficult job; get to church about 30 minutes earlier than normal, find your name tag, put on a smile, warm up that hand shake and prepare for some small talk and friendly greetings. A couple of months

ago, I was working the front door, when through the glass I could see a large sedan pull into the handicap spot right in front of the entrance. As people continued to enter, my attention was drawn back to the vehicle. An older gentleman (and I don't use this term casually for a gentleman he was) took his time getting out of the car while his wife continued to sit in the front seat. It took him quite a while just to get his legs moved around and then to get standing. I wanted to go help him, but remained at my post of opening my door and shaking hands.

The gentleman went to the back of his car and opened his trunk. The trunk now blocked my view of him and all I could see was his wife still sitting patiently in the car. What seemed like an eternity went by and my curiosity was up. What was taking this gentleman so long back there in the trunk? I finally decided to leave my strategically-important post and go check things out. After all, I could have a situation here (like perhaps a couple of dozen fudge brownies to carry in for the coffee house).

I walked the thirty steps from the door to the back of the car where I saw the gentleman gradually, and with great effort, manipulating a wheelchair out of his trunk, inch by inch. "Let me help you with that," I said quickly. I could have had that wheel chair out in no time. The gentleman just held out his hand and stopped my effort. "No, I've got it," he said. I stood and watched as he used his body to its fullest, his hips, his arms, his hands, to coax that bulky wheelchair out of the trunk. Meanwhile, people were streaming into my entrance without so much as a "Good morning."

I returned to my post and continued to watch as the man closed the

trunk, set up the collapsible wheelchair, and then began the even more difficult task of getting his wife out of the car and into the chair. The entire effort probably took about 10 minutes, but to me, it seemed like a lifetime.

However, that entire time I could see the incredible love and devotion which that gentleman had for his wife, a wife that was old and frail, whose body was betraying her, a wife who could no longer do for herself. This man, this gentleman, this husband, was there and as long as his body would let him, would stay by her side and provide for her, care for her, and serve her. I did not need to hear him say it. I could see it.

I have no clue what the sermon was that Sunday, but I will always remember that scene. I hope I can be half the husband that this gentleman was to his wife. But more than that, I hope that this story can get out. Not this specific story, but the bigger story that marriage is wonderful and beautiful and is worth sacrificing for.

This stuff happens every day, more often than we would or possibly want to imagine. There are enough problems with the world and within the world of marriage, but instead of consistently focusing on the pessimistic, let's promote the positive. Grab hold of those

awesome beautiful moments! Most of what we hear is negative, like the high divorce rate or reports of domestic violence. We have so many images of what marriage is not, but we don't elevate the positive examples around us every day. We see too many girls disregard their self-respect and their self-esteem in order to obtain inappropriate attention from guys. Guys who have no idea that real strength doesn't come through being abusive and that tenderness doesn't make you a sissy.

Too many have bought into a lie, a lie promoted by everything we see and hear around us about how we are supposed to look, act and feel in love and in marriage. For those that are not married, think about what you want your marriage to look like. For those that are, think about making the effort to transform and strengthen your marriage. For sure this is no easy thing, but be encouraged. It is possible. It takes work and sacrifice and many disappointments and heartaches (nothing new here), but it is possible. The generations that are coming up behind us will need strong examples. They will need to see a marriage that shows what it could be like. What it should be like. They will need to see the possible. Will you be that example?

...I couldn't have said it better myself.
Thanks D.R.



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On Iraq Withdrawal And Iraq Future

At its September 4 meeting, the City Council passed a resolution favoring a timetable for comprehensive withdrawal of all troops from Iraq, with all votes affirmative except for Demro's abstention.

This is an OK idea, but . . . Let me make clear my views on the matter: The Iraq War is a total disaster, politically, militarily and morally. Bush will go down in history as one of our worst presidents, as I have said before in print. (He may escape being the absolutely worst because he has moderated his views to accord more with his opponents, e.g. on North Korea.)

We are well advised to note just how much of a disaster the Iraq War is, and in particular how deep the cancer lies. The war is a product of the Bushist viewpoint, which is arrogant, self-righteous, sanctimonious and narrow-minded (to list a few of the adjectives that apply). Our primary concern should be to insure that Bushism is thoroughly discredited, now and forever. (Of course, we thought the Vietnam War had accomplished that job, but the American people are prone to forget, especially when suffering from post-9/11 PTSD.)

Bush, of course, is trying to prevent this from happening. He wants to leave office trailing glory, and there is a danger he could succeed in either of two opposite ways:

1) At the end of his stay, he might

claim that U.S. efforts would have succeeded if his hands had not been tied by a Democratic Congress that would not provide the troop levels necessary to "do the job." (This of course ignores questions such as lack of political progress, but Bush seems to be good at sweeping such thoughts under the rug.) In other words, our loyal troops were stabbed in the back by weak-willed and mushy-minded Democratic politicians. (Don't laugh. This is what happened in Germany after its World War I defeat. I also seem to hear echoes of Vietnam.)

2) Or he can lay out his statistics at the end of his term and claim that U.S. forces have made substantial progress toward reducing violence – substantial enough to constitute victory on his watch and provide his successor a clear route to total success. (Again, ignoring political failures etc.)

If Bush can sell the American public on either of these propositions (or some part of each), then America is liable to being hurt in a way that is deeper and longer-lasting than the immediate effects of keeping our troops in Vietnam.

That is why our primary effort should be to insure that he cannot make either of these propositions stick.

Congress is faced with the difficult task of navigating between too much and too little – between allowing the

Gordon Brumm

war to continue unabated and tightening up so much that they appear to give substance to Bush's criticisms. (Keeping in mind, also, that withdrawal of all or most troops will probably be followed by bloody civil war.)

And all of must make sure that the ugly facts about the war – facts which Bush suppresses – are illuminated for our fellow citizens. We must show in clear light the lack of political progress and the ways in which the war has been a catastrophe no matter what happens in the future – the civilian casualties, the external and internal refugees, the kindling of religious hatreds, the ravaging of the economy (including loss of much of the middle class). All this must not be lost from view.

And we must make sure that that strong alternatives to Bushism prevail in the future. In part, this means intellectual activity – helping to build a foreign policy that will navigate through the multitudinous problems in the Middle East and the rest of the world and will never lead U.S. into another Iraq. More immediately, this means working to insure that our next president will be one who rejects Bushism and extricates us from Bush's mess in Iraq with as little lost blood and lost honor as possible.

So ordinances such as Lakewood's are all right, but they don't get to the

heart of the problem, either immediate or long-range. Those who oppose the war in all its aspects must be careful to consider all angles and not to get out-manuevered.

Much has been made of the fact that local tribal leaders, in Anbar Province and other unspecified places, have turned against Al-Qaida in Iraq and joined forces with the U.S. This is not a military success – it did not occur by force of arms – but a political one. The move was freely chosen by the tribal leaders, apparently in part because of the theocratic regime that Al-Qaida tried to impose.

But how much of a political success is it? Bushies hail it as the start of a "bottom-up" approach. Well, I can understand the "bottom" part – it's at the lowest government level. But what does the "up" consist of? How do the tribal leaders help to bring about reconciliation throughout the nation? Will they stage a coup d'etat and form a national government of unity? Hardly. Then will they join with their Shi'ite countrymen in other provinces (Anbara is almost totally Sunni) to achieve unity? Not likely either. More probably they will use the aid they get from the U.S., and the fact that Al-Qaida in Iraq is cleared from the table, to strengthen their position in coming conflicts against the Shi'ites.

So apparently all the Anbar conversion does is to lessen one type of conflict and resistance by strengthening another.

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Pulse Of The City

The Exceptional Grace

Gary Rice

Those of you who’ve been reading my columns for any length of time are certainly aware of my thoughts concerning a great many things. Like everyone else in this world, I’m a big mixed-up hodgepodge of opinions. At times, I’ve probably leaned a little to the left, and at others, a little to the right. Like many if not most Americans, my opinions may seem, at times, to be inconsistent and devoid of conclusions.

There are, however, a few no-compromise thoughts that I’ve developed over the years, based purely on my personal experience. One of these I will call “The Exceptional Grace.”

Having rules, regulations, standards, and codes of conduct is simply an accepted fact of life in society. In the study of Cultural Anthropology, one learns about different social norms and customs around the world. In elementary school Geography classes, we learned about how different people around the world ate, lived, and behaved. We learned about how laws and punishments varied from country to country, and how people traveled, what they wore, and how they earned their livings.

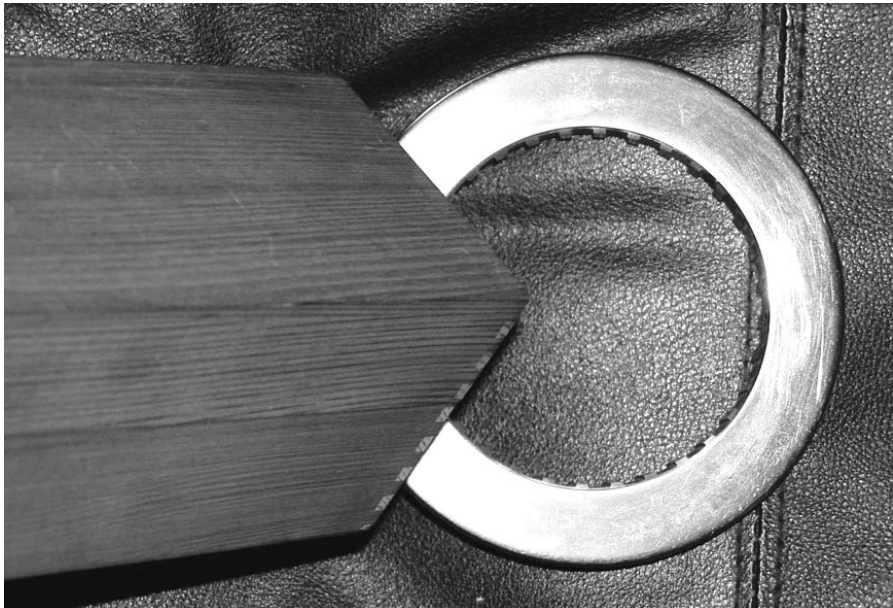
I remember in my junior high Social Studies class, for example, when the teacher would bring in an exotic food from different cultures on Fridays. I seem to remember that extra credit was offered to the brave soul who would try the food and report about it. As often as not, I stepped up to the plate and scooped up everything from fried grasshoppers to filet-of-snake. Of course, it probably helped that I’ve never had a sense of smell, so that was my little secret.

Now, as we all know, Americans are traditionally a congregating bunch of people. Older traditional groups--like sports teams, youth groups, religious organizations, and fraternities--have been joined by self-help organizations, health spas, fitness centers, charities, and common interest associations. Add to that the various chat rooms on the internet, and let’s face it, we like our groups!

For the most part, I believe that groups serve a very socially healthy purpose. They combine a commonality of interest and purpose with acceptance and inclusion. They help us to define and refine our mission in the world as individuals. The fact is, one who did not belong to some kind of group these days would probably be regarded as a bit strange.

Still, there’s one thing that bothers me about groups, and that is simply how so many of them treat the ones among them, who, for one reason or another, are unable to conform to all of their rules.

Actually, I tend to look at groups more or less favorably depending on how they treat those among them who may be unwilling or unable to conform. Now by that statement, I’m not



Square peg meets round hole...what happens now?

referring to those who simply choose to raise Cain just because they can. There are a few people in just about every crowd who, for whatever reason, seem to love to bedevil the rest of us for the pure fun of it. These people I’ll leave out of this conversation.

Instead, I’m thinking about a person who wants to remain with a group but finds something with that group that they cannot, in conscience, go along with. At that point, the once-friendly and inclusive group can become very unfriendly indeed, and may even cast the offending member out of its ranks.

I’m interested in exactly that point. How does a group treat the exceptions to their rule? Which groups have what I would term “Exceptional Grace,” and which do not?

Let’s look, for example, at a make-believe church. A hypothetical John and Susan attend a service, and the people are welcoming and friendly, and the church seems to square with their religious principles. After a few weeks, John and Susan discover that the tithe amount is a mandatory twenty percent of their income. Although this is twice the biblically stated maxim, they understand the church rule, but there are circumstances that would make the gifting of that amount extremely difficult for them. Perhaps there is sickness in their home, or perhaps they have an elderly dependent? For whatever reason, at that time, John and Susan do not feel they can follow the 20% rule in church giving. Before long, they are visited by the church leaders, who patiently explain that they have to give- or else, irrespective of their circumstances. After all, everyone must follow the rules.

There are those who would agree with those hypothetical church leaders, I’m sure. A rule is a rule, they would say. The trouble is that far too many times in my life, I’ve found myself in a situation where I was unable to follow an organization’s rules. Once, I did not advance in a youth group partly because they had a physical requirement that I could not complete. Another time, I had to have college

requirements waived and substituted for yet another reason relating to my physical conditions. At one point, I was discouraged from becoming a school teacher because I had a speech impediment (before the laws protecting those

with exceptionalities were approved).

There’s an old saying about how exceptions prove the rules. Over the years, as a special education teacher, however, it has been a pleasure to help others break through discriminatory, outmoded, and prejuducial rules of organizations determined to protect an unjust status quo. Unfortunately, in far too many schools today, standardized testing and other draconian rules can get in the way of individual differences and personal expression.

Still, these days I’ve found many other groups and even schools that have been warm, accepting, and inclusive. (Actually, many of the ones that weren’t have become more so in the last few years). To afford to their members the grace of “making an exception” to their rules can be a wonderful grace, indeed.

Let’s hear it, then, for “The Exceptional Grace”! It can be a beautiful experience, as we mark another week with the pulse of this city.

The Secret Place:
An Insider’s Story

by Gary Rice

These days, it seems people love to confess. A day seldom passes without one person or another “telling it all” on some talk show.

With all the talk and controversy surrounding our upcoming election, there seems to be a feeling among some that perhaps a small group of insiders are really running this city. Indeed, some people seem to feel that our government generally, and politics in particular, have been taken from their hands by some “power elite” secretly making decisions that affect the lives of all of us.

Well, since confessions seem to

be the thing to do, I, too, have a confession to make. I confess to being a member of that “power elite” who run this city year after year. The feeling of power is truly awesome. I confess to having been present often at that secret

place where the future of our city is decided. By my presence, I have participated in determining the fate of thousands of people. Yes, I confess that I have personally helped make those decisions.

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The Great American Pastime

If the title of this article suggests to you that this will be a discussion of Baseball, you are badly mistaken. Beyond the mere similarity of being played on a field, soccer has little in common with what I used to think was America's pastime. Over the past decade or so, the rampant invasiveness of European football has taken over my family's life, like Kudzu creeping over an abandoned outhouse. Believe it or not, soccer is now America's pastime.

Please don't misunderstand me. I love soccer. Really I do. The non-stop action with little or no scoring. The non-ending season that goes from the blistering heat of summer to the rain and sleet of snow (only lightning stops a soccer game) to the indoor season that takes over the winter months. I'm tremendously fond of my daughters' commitment to play on travel, school, and club teams, each with their own practice schedule, game schedule, and tournament schedule. The time commitment frees me of the painful chores of planning family activities, meals, and events. That's all taken care of, thanks to this invasive European contest. But, I love it. Really I do. I mean, why would anyone want to spend Father's Day fishing, golfing, or napping when there's a weekend soccer tournament to be enjoyed?

"So, what does all of this have to do with your normal culinary discussions, Chef Geoff?, the reader may inquire. Well, interestingly enough, there was recently a conjunction of three unlikely cosmic elements: Baseball, soccer, and Chef Geoff.

Lakewood High School has been very fortunate to recruit a new, dynamic head coach for the women's soccer team. Lorain native Coach Josh Thornsberry, recently a successful

coach in North Carolina, joined the Lakewood system this fall. He brings with him an enthusiasm and belief that he can build a strong program for the Lakewood Schools. The team needed warm-ups, to at least look the part. And warm-ups cost money, more than what can be raised in a season of car washes. Enter into the equation baseball. The Cleveland Indians have a policy of making concession stands available to local non-profits for fund-raising. The group staffs the stand and gets a cut of the sales. And Coach Thornsberry had gotten LHS Soccer stand number 7 for ten dates. Enter into the equation Chef Geoff.

Friday night, Indians versus the White Sox. Equipped with ID badge, Indians issued cap, and a very ill-fitting green polo, along with 10 other parents and players at 4:00pm, we took the field at the Jake. Well, actually we took concession stand number 7. There was much work to be done before the gates opened to a sellout crowd at 6. Every hotdog, bun, pretzel, and cup had to be counted. A similar count at the end of the night would be the basis for calculating sales. There were hot dogs to be made and bagged, popcorn to pop, and shelves and racks to stock. And there was pizza to be made. My assignment: Keep the pies comin'.

My pizza oven was a huge and very

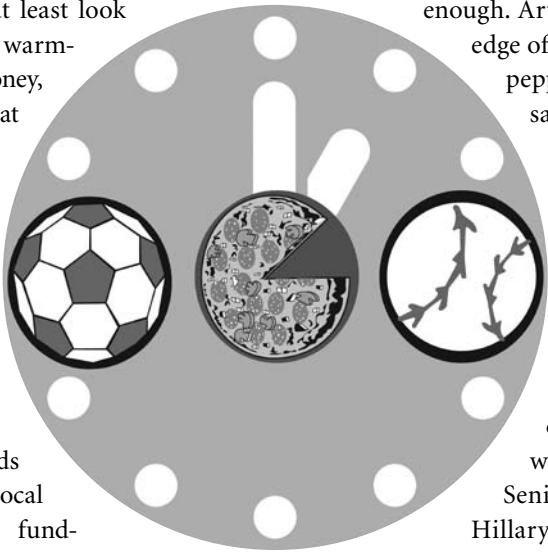
hot stack of four slowly moving conveyor belts running through a blast furnace. The uncooked pies arrived on a 6 foot high rack, sauce and cheese in place. The process appeared simple enough. Artfully crimp the edge of the dough, add pepperoni or sausage, put it on the conveyer, and VOILA, 7 minutes later, remove it from the other side, put the pie on a cardboard disc (this step was deduced by Senior Captain Hillary Vigh), and cut into 6 roughly equal portions with a pizza wheel. From there, into the rotating display warmer. Repeat as needed. Even with no direction, it seemed simple enough.

Except that the top oven turned out rare pizzas, and the bottom oven reduced the sausage to cinders. Except that Sports Service had forgotten to stock us with sausage topping (and you know how those White Sox fans love their sausage). Except that the water line to the pop dispenser had a constant leak providing an already slippery floor with an added film of water. Not a problem. If I can turn out a pizza in the North Woods, I could surely do it here.

And so it began. A 5-hour period of pizza preparation. The water leak was repaired, the sausage appeared, and pizzas in the top oven were slid back in for a few more minutes, while those on

the bottom were pulled out a bit early. Then the rush hit. Friday night has always been pizza night at my house. Little did I know that the same held true at the corner of Ontario and Carnegie. As fast as they came out, they were gone. I was running, grabbing a couple raw pies, less than artfully crimping the edges and throwing them on the conveyor, and the neat arrangement of sausage or pepperoni got considerably more random. I turned out a lot of pies that were double or triple pepperoni. By 7, the first rack of 36 pies was gone and we called for backup.

And so it continued, unabated, until finally, around 9:30, the crowd started to slack off. The pace became a bit less frantic, the crimping a bit more artful and the toppings more evenly distributed. As the Friday fireworks boomed over the Jake, it was finally time to close stand #7, and pull down the steel shades. A couple last pieces of pizza to a few stragglers, and it was over. Our stadium supervisor told me I had done a really great job. No drops, two errors (the fault of the previously mentioned upper and lower ovens) and only 2½ pies left at closing. She told us to mark them down as "waste", and then pass them out to the workers. It was actually pretty good pizza. Not as good as mine, made from scratch, but pretty good. But, we were actually REALLY hungry. We had done pretty well. We made around \$600.00 for those new soccer warm-ups while cooking at a baseball game. The conjunction was good. At that point, our Sports Services supervisor pointed out that the 68 pizza pans, along with the 34 trays all needed to be washed. But, that was okay, even after 6 hours of sweating in front of those ovens. Because I like soccer. I really do.



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In an effort to provide information to the voters and residents of Lakewood, the Lakewood Observer asked three of Lakewood’s media luminaries to ask questions of the candidates for Mayor.

Michael Gill, Senior Editor of The Cleveland FreeTimes, Pete Kotz, Senior Editor of The Cleveland Scene, and Thomas Mulready of CoolCleveland.com agreed to format questions based on issues the candidates had designated as most important to Lakewood.

The following four pages contain the answers that Mayor Thomas J. George, Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro, and Councilman Edward FitzGerald submitted to the Observer’s online discussion area, the Observation Deck. The candidates’ answers appear in the same order as they were received. Questions, likewise, are in the order of their submission.

All questions and full answers can be found at The Lakewood Observer’s website and discussion board at: <http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum>, under Election 2007. The Lakewood Observer is your number one source for Lakewood news!

David Anderson compiled the questions and answers to make them more readable.

Crime - Michael Gill (The FreeTimes)

Do basketball hoops create crime, or attract it, or are they an amenity that makes the city attractive by giving people a healthy way to play? If people who play basketball suddenly have no public, easy-access place to do so, will they not find something else to do? How can a city of 56,000 people—which manages a dozen or so schools, their playgrounds, and several parks, two of which have pools, a skate park, baseball fields and playground equipment—how can we manage our resources so that people can play basketball on outdoor courts?

Mayor Thomas George

As a former JV basketball player for LHS, I have enjoyed playing on the courts. Growing up in Lakewood I can remember enjoying countless hours playing pick up ball on the courts at Harding. However, the courts as many of us knew them have changed over the past years. The culture of basketball is greatly different from what it was 20 or 30 years ago. Lakewood and many communities have reluctantly removed outdoor basketball courts and replaced them with indoor supervised opportunities. Sadly today’s courts have become a place often used for drug transactions and general unruliness.

It is also important to remember that because Lakewood is one of a few communities whose Recreation Dept. is under the control of the Board of Education, the vast majority of hoops that have been removed were on School Board property.

At Madison Park, due to continued complaints of unruliness and gang type activity, Lakewood Police urged removal of the two hoops at that location.

I made the decision to support the police request upon confirmation that adequate indoor supervised opportunities would exist upon completion of the school construction project.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

There is no statistical evidence that basketball hoops either create or attract crime. Neighboring cities do not experience similar situations with their recreational facilities. Basketball is a popular sport played by many Lakewood youth. Remove the courts and they go elsewhere to play. The city needs to have a comprehensive approach to recreation that includes three strategic areas, planning, policing, and maintenance.

Over the last four years our facilities have been neglected. Swing sets have missing swings, playgrounds lack mulch and other proper ground coverings, graffiti is scrawled all over picnic tables and play equipment, litter is strewn throughout our parks, and basketball hoops are nowhere to be found. These conditions are unacceptable and I am proposing the following to remedy:

Create a citywide recreation plan that includes the consolidation of the number of parks in order to expand “critical mass” parks

Realign the recreation options at the parks to provide a multitude of options at each park

Ensure that each “critical mass” park is within walking or biking distance of neighborhoods

Align our capital budget with the plan to achieve recognizable results within five years

Team up with the Board of Recreation to ensure our facilities improve their programming

Evaluate the human resource needs of the Division of Parks to adequately staff the parks

This plan will not only improve our lives as Lakewood citizens. It will also serve as an economic development engine, like our new library and schools, to attract new residents to our city and thereby improve our housing stock and tax base. This plan envisions parks that are better planned, better maintained, better patrolled, and heavily used.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

There are numerous causes of crime- economic, social, demographic, etc. When dealing with the symptoms of crime, we have to insure that we don’t mistake symptoms for causes. Taking down basketball hoops does not reduce crime. If criminal activity is taking place at a recreational site, then law enforcement must reclaim that site for law-abiding residents. This does not mean that armed police officers must constantly patrol recreational sites. I believe that developing shared areas of responsibility between city employees, school employees, and private residents can provide the supervision necessary to maintain a civil atmosphere at these in our parks and recreational sites.

Safety - Michael Gill (The FreeTimes)

Are you capable of winning approval of whatever tax would be necessary to put more police officers on the street? Is that a good idea?

Mayor Thomas George

First, before the anyone else was even discussing safety, if you view my campaign literature from four years ago it began with safety first. Since my first day in office, safety has been the over-riding concern, and frankly, due to Lakewood’s location, always must be.

The issue of more officers on the street is complex. Our current police facilities are cramped and outdated. We lack adequate space to house a significant number of additional officers. Our long term strategy must address inadequate jail and police space. We are blessed with top quality individuals in our police department. They assure me that they currently have adequate staffing to meet Lakewood’s needs. Certainly, they indicate they would not object to additional staffing, but the top administrators in the police department question where to house additional officers.

Clearly, additional staffing would require new revenue. But one must also calculate the additional revenue to house additional staffing. In short, additional staffing would require revenue for both operational expenses and capital expenses.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

This question assumes that you cannot get more police without a tax increase. I believe that we can get more police, but I do not believe the 33% tax increase that Mayor George has proposed is necessary to fund more police officers. I do not support further increases in Lakewood’s high taxes. We have the second highest property tax on the west side of Cleveland, in one of the highest taxed counties in the country, in the third highest taxed state in the nation. Raising taxes has proven not to be a route to prosperity. It is simply the easy way out for politicians who do not either have the will or the skill to find a way to achieve the goals of our city.

So how can we get more police? Fully implement CitiStat in ALL city departments within six months. This will help us realize savings and allow us to redeploy resources as the program was intended. We can enter a core services review to find out what citizens are willing to live with and what they are willing to live without. The savings from programs that are cut can be redirected into safety.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

I believe that more safety personnel can be deployed on our streets without raising income taxes. A mayor must make clear budget priorities, and one of mine is that our current safety personnel strength is not sufficient. I disagree with Mayor George’s plans to raise the income tax, because to advocate for an income tax increase before budgetary and management reform takes place would be unwise and unsuccessful.



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Housing - Michael Gill (The FreeTimes)

Sunday afternoon half a dozen police cars responded when a kid, apparently on the run after a burglary, hid inside a long-vacant house on my street. I do not know how many vacant houses there are in the city, but what would you do about them? Money for rehab? Attract more people to the city somehow? Reduce the number of houses? Be specific.

Mayor Thomas George

There is a national foreclosure problem. The Northeast Ohio region is one of the hardest hit areas because this region has a manufacturing based economy that has had severe job loss. Lakewood has over 15,000 single and double family homes. The County lists 157 active foreclosures. Lakewood is the third largest city in Cuyahoga County, yet we have the 10th largest number of foreclosed properties. Clearly, although foreclosures are a serious issue, Lakewood proportionally is not as severely hit by this issue as some other area cities. There are 162 vacant homes in Lakewood. Our Building Dept. tracks very diligently the number of foreclosures and vacant homes. These homes are inspected and cited if necessary. Realtors inform me that there is a high demand for many of the foreclosed properties in Lakewood. I view of the County’s web site supports this fact.

The Mayor’s office has been extemely involved in addressing the vacant/foreclosed property issue. We have begun to cite individuals rather than corporations for negligent properties. This tactic has brought us timely results.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

We are experiencing part of a nationwide crisis in housing due to sub-prime lending and foreclosures. I think that we can best address it through the following strategy:

- 1) Secure and monitor the homes to prevent invasion from squatters and criminals.
- 2) Identify the owner and pursue immediate resolution to the disposition of the home.
- 3) Design programs with the lenders to offload the properties, one example might include:
 - a)City Employee Housing, work with the lender to put these homes in the hands of city employees at little or no cost. It takes the house out of vacant status, potentially puts a police officer in the neighborhood, and puts the home back on the tax rolls.

We should not allow big corporations to destroy our neighborhoods. We have seen what vacant housing has done to the City of Cleveland. We must take an aggressive approach to deal with this issue.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

Other suburbs have set aside money to purchase dilapidated and abandoned properties. This has given them the option of rehabbing those properties or converting them to parking or park space. Because our city has not held funds in reserve as it should, we have failed to do that in any meaningful way. Besides actually purchasing properties, the city’s law department, working with the building department, must be much more active in pursuing the owners of vacant properties. I have continually pushed the city to pursue lawsuits against owners maintaining their properties as nuisances, and this is a tool which other suburbs have used more effectively than Lakewood.

Sustainability - Michael Gill (The FreeTimes)

I have to presume this refers to the fiscal sustainability of the city. If so, is cutting services in lieu of raising taxes a vicious circle that results in diminished quality of life, therefore continued outmigration, and therefore fewer people with less money to sustain a government that is continually whittled away? Michael Gill (The FreeTimes)

Mayor Thomas George

Your point is an excellent one and one that differeniates me from my opponents. I believe there is no free ride. My administration is one of Northeastern Ohio’s most innovative and creative. For instance, I personally went to the Kennedy School at Harvard to learn about the award winning CitiStat program. As a result, our CitiStat program has become an effective mechanism for evaluating and allocating resources. I am confident we have a process that will allow us to continue to use resources efficiently. We have taken bold and dramatic steps to reduce spending. We have eliminated over 25 full time positions, bargained tough union agreements including a 0% wage increase for City employees my first year in office and many other cost cutting measures.

However, with double digit increases in health care costs, increased fuel and energy costs, unfunded state and federal mandates, we run the risk of, as you mention, a vicious downward spiral of services. As suggested, you can’t have it both ways.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

In old government there are two ways to meet needs when times get tough, cut services or increase taxes. I led the successful effort to defeat the current mayor’s poorly designed income tax. So the alternative for him has been to whittle a little off of every department, thereby diminishing all services.

We need to undergo a core service review to consider eliminating services and enhancing others. Simultaneously, we should be integrating technology and true

cost savings measures to stop the bleeding and turn city hall around. This will prevent out migration being caused by the slowly diminishing services.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

To achieve sustainability, the city must find the proper balance between taxation and services. To slash services without regard to its impact is not an option, and neither should we- as this Administration has- constantly state that the solution is an income tax increase. We need to begin with a comprehensive, outside audit of city services and operations. We need comprehensive accountability standards established at all levels of management and service. We need to eliminate patronage positions which provide political benefits but not constituent benefits. Only after going through that process can we look at additional revenue, and the taxpayers will not consider raising taxes until that is done.

Infrastructure - Michael Gill (The FreeTimes)

What specifically is the most critical infrastructure issue in the city right now, and why? How will that problem be resolved under your leadership?

Mayor Thomas George

In addition to our responsibility to maintain good working water, sewer and streets systems, infrastructure improvements are part of our housing and neighborhood improvement strategy. We find when the City shows it cares by investing in infrastructure improvements often the residents follow suit and begin to invest as well. These investments result in higher property values. My opponents differ from me greatly on this issue.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

While planning is not traditionally considered “infrastructure” I believe it is critical to our success. Despite my own efforts to move the city to the use of a strategic plan, no such plan has been put together by the current Administration.

Financial planning lays the foundation for all of the operations at city hall. If we do not correct the impending deficit created by the George Administration, we stand to lose or experience a downgraded quality of city services. Planning for our physical infrastructure needs flows from this plan.

I will resolve this by creating a strategic plan within the first three months of my Administration. We will hire qualified professionals to run city departments who will be able to take a fresh look at operations, engage the public, and work with city council to shape a consensus-driven plan to move us toward rapid success.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

The impending EPA requirements regarding our sewer system is a staggering cost which is hanging over our heads. We must use a combined approach of technical flexibility, long range financial palnning, and determined advocacy for assistance from the state and federal government.

City Finances - Michael Gill (The FreeTimes)

The discussion of redeveloping Kauffman park and the Discount Drug Mart plaza is ultimately about city finances: The need for development to build the tax base, and the lack of available funds to adequately patrol a park hidden from the public view. If we address both of those challenges by cannibalizing public green space—and with it an important recreational asset for adult baseball and other play—how can we replace the asset in an accessible place so that the city retains its appeal for families who appreciate the availability of recreational assets in neighborhoods?

Mayor Thomas George

I disagree that the redevelopment of Kauffman Park is primarily about city finances. We now have an opportunity with the possible redevelopment of the current Lakewood Plaza to create a town center worthy of our residential neighborhoods. City Council, including my two opponents, unanimously agreed to fund a study to explore future use of this park. I believe anyone with a clear vision of the City’s future would explore the redevelopment of the adjacent park. The park is there because of a steep grade change and its landlocked location next to the railroad tracks had made it unuseable for anthing but recreational space. In addition to the grade change the park is difficult for the police to patrol. I wished my opponents had attended the widely publicized Detroit Avenue streetscape meeting, in which many of you particiapted, which recommended moving the green space toward Detroit Avenue as did another design brought to us by Lakewood Alive. Park space is

at a premium in Lakewood and I am unyielding in my committment to maintain or increase the amount of park space in the city should much of the Kauffman Park area convert to a larger upscale retail area.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

I am not in favor of reducing our net green space within the city. I believe at the very least we should maintain what we have; however, as I stated in a previous answer, I have a very different vision for recreation. Through better planning, maintenance, and policing, these issues can be resolved. I am not certain that the answer comes through increased funding as you imply.

For example, if we were to maintain net green space and reduce the actual

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number of parks, we would save travel time of the parks staff from park to park. We also reduce the number of parks to be patrolled and concentrate more people in the parks, thereby making them safer. My formula for success in recreation does not require an influx of new taxes; it simply requires better managing the dollars that the taxpayers have already given us.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

The City of Lakewood already has less green space per person than is recommended by national standards. We must be very careful about chasing after development which will eliminate already scarce public green space. I do not accept the premise that the only areas open for significant redevelopment are our public parks. We must have a strong vision for our commercial areas, and not accept a “take it or leave it” offer from developers.

Reality Check - Pete Kotz (The Scene)

I hear a lot of grumbling these days about what people perceive to be Lakewood’s excess spending. With the new library and new schools, people seem to believe we’re spending lavishly for a city where most people are of modest means. Obviously, there are various things that factor into the two examples above and they’re not necessarily under a mayor’s authority. But do you believe Lakewood’s getting champagne tastes on a beer wallet?

Mayor Thomas George

I do not believe we have developed champagne tastes. The school system and library had capital needs that required major reinvestment. They asked the voters for their financial support and received the necessary support to execute the improvements. One of the top five reasons people move to a community is the school system. Further the State of Ohio offered matching funds if the school system could raise their portion of the capital funds. Our library system is an award winning system we should be proud to have in our community. The fact is, in our diverse city, many of us do not utilize all of the services we are asked to provide. However, without some of these services, whether they be the library, schools, Winterhurst, Skate Park, Beck Center, or whatever, the overall desirability of the community diminishes.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

Citizen voted tax increases provided these facilities. So I guess I would have to conclude that the majority, at least of those who vote, do not believe we are getting champagne on a beer wallet. I feel that these projects will be drivers for future redevelopment, especially the schools. We will have to examine how new development can eventually lead us to property tax reductions.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

I don’t agree that our building projects have been excessive. The new Library, while certainly nice, is not lavish, in my opinion, and I would say the same about the schools and YMCA. It is important to note that the YMCA was built mostly with private funds, while the schools project is linked to state funds and standards.

Condo Development - Pete Kotz (The Scene)

The condo development on the West End seems largely vacant, if not entirely empty. Do you believe Lakewood’s suited for such semi-luxury developments? And if so, what specific economic indicators can you site to support this notion?

Mayor Thomas George

Rosewood Place has in fact, been very successful. In a very tough national development market it has grown from the original 11 unit condos and the 8, 000 square foot project. Many Lakewoodites are unaware that the developer also purchased the mixed use building next door and rehabbed the residential offices and retail units. All of the new and rehabbed retail units are now rented. Some of the retail tenants have not yet moved into the new spaces, perhaps giving the impression of being vacant. The tenants in this project are responsible for their own build out. Some of the tenants have already applied for construction permits. Most of the offices are now rented and the residential units are also over 90% occupied. The developer had heard of some of this negative misinformation (after all it is an election year), and asked the City to draft a press release declaring the development a success. He is exploring further investments and development in the area.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

If you are referring to Rosewood Place, it is not largely vacant. Several of the town homes have sold and are occupied and the commercial space is completely leased. I do not have statistics that state whether we are suited for it or whether we have hit some type of ceiling.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

While it’s true that Rockport Square has struggled, I believe that can mostly be attributed to mistakes made by the original developer, and perhaps some unrealistic price points. What’s going on in the housing market nationally certainly didn’t help. I am encouraged by the virtually complete occupancy of Rosewood Place. We will never have a 100% success rate in new projects, but all of the market studies I’ve seen over the years indicate that there is a market in Lakewood for both affordable housing and high-end developments.

Vision - Thomas Mulready (Cool Cleveland)

What is your vision for Lakewood for 2010 - 2015 - 2025?

Mayor Thomas George

Sustainability: Lakewood should be a city of vibrant, unique urban neighborhoods where historic structures are valued and encouraged to be restored. Where social, ethnic and economic diversity are valued. Lakewood should have an innovative and progressive government that makes safety and quality delivery of services a priority.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

I see a city that is implementing a strategic plan that will begin to move it in the right direction by 2010. By 2015 I see a economically stronger and safer city that has begun to redevelop a reputation of excellence in municipal government. In 2025, I see a city that is well-positioned to be a leader in the region, is respected and used as a model for growth, and is prepared to deal with any type of regional shifts that could effect its future.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

By 2010, I hope to have restored Lakewood’s fiscal integrity, which has rapidly eroded in recent years. I also hope to have restored our residents faith in the safety of our neighborhoods, and have added safety personnel to our streets. I hope to see the beginning of a commercial renaissance and Madison and Detroit Avenue, and the beginning of an Arts District which is getting regional attention. I hope to see a city bureaucracy which is smaller and more efficient, and is beginning to leverage the advantages of technology. I hope to see Lakewood as a city identified with technological innovation, such as a city-wide wireless network. I also hope to see the beginnings of the implementation of border-to-border erosion control project, financed by residents working with local financial institutions. I could write thousands of words on this, frankly...but my point is that we would have a fiscally responsible, safe city, which is finally tapping into all of the vast talent of this city on a hundred different fronts. By 2015, and 2025, I hope Lakewood will be firmly established as an innovative, progressive community which faced the toughest problems of the 21st century and overcame them all, becoming a national role model for inner-ring suburbs.

History - Thomas Mulready (Cool Cleveland)

All the candidates for Lakewood Mayor have served as City Councilpersons. Why do you want to be Mayor? What will you do as Mayor that you couldn’t do on Council?

Mayor Thomas George

Lakewood Leadership-The huge number of endorsements I have recieved are more than lines on a piece of literature. Each endorsement represents my ability to forge working relationships with organizations which interact with the city and the mayor. County officials, labor organizations, interest groups ranging from groups representing gays and lesbians to groups representing Slovaks have all endorsed me for re-election. My opponents have not publicized or received any endorsements.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

As a councilperson your primary role is to oversee the budget and to write legislation. You cannot manage city hall. I have witnessed the reckless management of city hall over the last four years and feel that I am better suited to take on a leadership role to ensure proper day-to-day operations and execution of a long term vision.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

A Councilperson can try to prod an Administration in the right direction, but they cannot manage the city by remote control. Most of the problems of the last four years have been as a result of a management failure, and a failure of political will. I’m running because I believe only a new mayor can implement the changes necessary to address the crises we face.

Regionalism - Thomas Mulready (Cool Cleveland)

As an important inner-ring suburb of Cleveland, Lakewood faces opportunities to join in regionalism efforts to reduce government costs, improve economic development and centralize services. As Mayor, which of the following regionalism efforts would you endorse: A Merge Lakewood with the City of Cleveland and the rest of Cuyahoga County.

Mayor Thomas George

No.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

I do not support the mayor’s plans to regionalize Lakewood and remove our identity and independent right to govern. I believe the mayors who support regionalization are simply preparing for shrinkage instead of planning for growth. They have given up on the idea that Cleveland can have a bright future where people and companies will want to relocate. The leadership error over the past decade has been to seek silver bullet projects instead of focusing on improving safety, schools, and neighborhoods. These are the kind of quality of life issues that can make Cleveland attractive again.

Lakewood Mayoral Debate

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

I oppose the merger proposals you mention. I am not for any merger which would cause Lakewood to lose its individual identity, in either its local government or schools. I do believe that there is potential to share some government services, such as in infrastructure, economic development, recreation facilities, etc. As a City Councilman, I proposed that each department be required, on a yearly basis, to explore any options for regionalizing their services- unfortunately, that has not happened.

Arts & Gay - Thomas Mulready (Cool Cleveland)

As Mayor, what would it take for your to recognize and work with the gay and artist population in Lakewood to increase economic development, or do you feel there is no opportunity for that to happen?

Mayor Thomas George

Unlike my opponents, I have no desire to convert Lakewood to a Westlake that happens to be closer to downtown Cleveland.

Lakewood’s strength is its diversity. I have been endorsed by the Stonewall Democrats. Our Arts District initiatives and working relationships with Virginia Marti and the Beck Center are a component in our progressive economic development strategy.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

I don’t think it takes anything other than doing the job. Any mayor should be willing to work with any group of people that can move Lakewood toward greater prosperity. I am committed to working with everyone.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

Part of the mosaic which makes up the vitality of Lakewood are the populations you mentioned. We have a moral duty, as well as an economic duty, to recognize the talent they represent and to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible to all communities within Lakewood. The city should more fully embrace the concept of an Arts District, and allow creative forces to help mold what develops.

Retail - Thomas Mulready (Cool Cleveland))

What is your plan for attracting new businesses to Lakewood?

Mayor Thomas George

Despite the trends in the national economy, Lakewood continues to show significant progress in the area of economic development including the retention and expansion of existing businesses as well as the attraction of new businesses including: Walgreens, Ferry Cap and Screw, New York Life (moved its offices from Atlanta to Lakewood adding 125 jobs), Regency Construction, 15422 LTD, Nature’s Bin, Pride One, Omni, Aldi’s, 5/3 Bank, Rockport Medical, Vedda Printing, Virginia Marti, Sherwin Williams, Thinsolutions, Martindale Electric, Zaremba, Advanced Materials and more.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

Create a marketing plan that appropriately represents our assets and then taking that plan to retailers and developers. That plan should be coupled with a business enhancement program that goes beyond simply putting up a new awning. For our commercial areas to be viable, business will need dollars to upgrade plumbing and electrical systems, along with enhancing technology in our old buildings. Our storefronts are no different than our homes. They take updating and we will have to work jointly with businesses and landlords to make it happen.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

We must develop a comprehensive economic plan for Detroit and Madison Avenues. We have to focus first on the existing businesses- how can we work with those who are trying to expand. We want to keep our local growing businesses here, not watch them migrate to outer-ring suburbs. Second, we must become known as the prime destination for small business entrepreneurs. Part of that comes about by having the necessary technological infrastructure, but we also need to fully fund our business loan development programs, which we have failed to do. We also need to change our lingering reputation as a place where it is difficult to do business in. Finally, strategic acquisition of parking- more possible now than ever because of falling property prices- is a key development in developing areas such as the Hilliard Triangle.

Lake Erie - Thomas Mulready (Cool Cleveland)

As Mayor, how would you tap the immense talent of Lakewood residents?

Mayor Thomas George

One of Lakewood’s greatest strengths is the amazing engagement of the citizens in the life of the City. I initiated the Grow Lakewood citizens committee harness the citizens’ involvement and to address long term concerns facing Lakewood for that reason.

I have established committees for veterans, Albanians, Romanians, green initiatives, and other groups for the purpose of engaging their talents.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

I will continue to appoint talented people to committees and boards and regularly conduct town hall meetings and focus groups. I would also like to see the wider use of surveys.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

I agree that Lakewood’s talent is an untapped resource. For instance, in the money we received for the state for our lakefront projects, it was citizens who led the way and lent their expertise. Part of the skill set of a successful mayor is to approach problems as creatively as possible, and not bureaucratically. I think that we need to establish structures which continually invite residents to participate in committees and task forces. It should be based on what they know, not who they know.

Lakewood’s Future - Thomas Mulready (Cool Cleveland)

What is the single biggest opportunity for Lakewood’s future?

Mayor Thomas George

One of our biggest strengths are things many of us take for granted. Lakewood is unique in its architectural diversity, its historic buildings and its location. We are bordered by Lake Erie, Rocky River and the MetroParks.

It is easy to envision Lakewood becoming a destination by commuter rail or other means of travel for those seeking to enjoy the beautiful and diverse structures of the city, the main street of shops, an arts district, theater, boating, hiking, people watching and bird watching to name a few.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

Changing the city’s leadership in this election.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

Lakewood has the potential to be one of the premier destinations for individuals and families who want to live in a community which: is close to a major urban center; has unique housing stock; is in a diverse community in every sense of the word; has proximity to a large body of water; is a walkable, environmentally progressive community; is safe and affordable; has a local government which is a national model for innovation and efficiency; has excellent options in both public and private education; and has cultural options not found in any city our size. If we make the right choices in the next few years, we can put all of these pieces in place.

Re-Development - Thomas Mulready (Cool Cleveland)

Now that Madison Village is but a shadow of its former self, the impact of one person’s presence has never been more clear: Chris Andrews put energy into his own businesses, but a part of that was to coordinate promotional and other efforts with others in the neighborhood. The process helped the entire neighborhood by bringing complementary business and creating a destination identity. What can the city do to promote that kind of entrepreneurialism?

Mayor Thomas George

We need to implement many of the same strategies that life style centers are utilizing and what Chris Andrews attempted. A unified marketing strategy and a clean attractive environment for shoppers are key. We need to find our retail niche and capitalize on this niche. We also need to invest in our older structures to meet the current market needs. Many of these strategies cannot be implemented by government as you suggest. All of these concepts are goals of the Main Street program that my administration initiated in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. Main Street is a proven method to handle these issues and supported by regional development officials and Governor Strickland. We are still early in the process with the organization. However with our new executive director, the Board of LCPI and the large stakeholders, I have confidence we can do it.

Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro

The City should hire professionals in Planning and Development who have a history of working in and with the private sector to develop these districts. There are other clusters of businesses on Madison that are trying to do what Mr. Andrews did. They should be supported and encouraged, but that cannot happen with professionals at city hall who cannot communicate or execute the vision.

Councilman Edward FitzGerald

I agree with your question. The problem is that when initiatives depend on one individual, they tend to rise and fall on that person alone. I think the city made a mistake in not incorporating Mr. Andrews efforts more fully into our efforts in economic development. I would like to see a new Administration establish a more involved working partnership with the business owners on Detroit and Madison, and I think those business owners are ready for that.

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Watching Lakewood Go By

by Jason Weiner & Kristine Williams

Christian and Kristin Warzocha, both 36, have lived together in Lakewood for 11 years. They were joined recently by their one-and-a-half year old daughter, Samantha. The Warzochas met at John Carroll University and lived in the east-side suburbs of Cleveland for several years before moving to Lakewood. Kristin works at the Cleveland Foodbank and Christian works in the health insurance industry. We met the Warzochas on their front porch, their favorite place in Lakewood, on a scorching Saturday in August, where their tall oak trees provided ample shade, and the breeze from Lake Erie cooled down the humid air. Kristin and Christian discussed what it is they each love about Lakewood.

“The sense of community. That’s what I really do like. Just the community feel of it. The fact that we don’t have any big box stores here, but that we can get to them if we need them. My dad loves coming up here because he said it reminds him of the town he grew up in. You never have to leave Lakewood if you don’t want to.

But also that it just has the feel, for me, of a nice big neighborhood: it’s walkable, has friendly neighbors. And it’s an older community, which I like. The older homes, and the charm that comes with those older homes, and the fact that they’re all different. It’s a diverse community.

You can walk anywhere you want. It might take you a while to get from the east end to the west end, but you can walk anywhere you want. We walk up to the library and get our vegetables most weeks. You can walk to Lakewood Park. It’s pretty neat that you can walk anywhere in Lakewood that you need to go. And you see it. People walk to the grocery store. You see people pulling those little metal carts full of groceries. I didn’t see that in South Euclid or in Cleveland Heights when we lived in Coventry. I think that’s unique.

One of the things that I’ve appreciated this year for the first time is the Lakewood Fourth of July parade, which I think is like going back in time. It could be 1950 when



Christian and Kristin Warzocha

the Lakewood Fourth of July parade goes by. [An] old fashioned community day where everybody comes out and I think that’s great fun. From the parade to the free concert on Sunday nights in the park, there’s a lot to do with the family, or a lot to do if you don’t have a family, in Lakewood.

We love sitting on the front porch

and watching Lakewood go by. I mean, you can sit out here early in the morning until late at night and there’s all these people riding their bikes, walking their dogs, kids around. There’s always something to watch sitting on the front porch. There’s something kind of cool about that. It’s neat to be able to sit here and watch life go by.”

Concert Calendar

by Bob Ignizio



Heather St. Marie of Hydrovibe

Featured Event

The Phantasy Concert Club
(11802 Detroit Ave.)

Wednesday September 26th it’s *Machina*, *Hydrovibe*, *Egypt Central*, *Souldium*, *Worst Case Scenario* and more.

Machina describe themselves as, “a new generation of intricate, multilayered rock; a melodic blend of alternative post-grunge fused with new metal.” I’d

just call it radio friendly modern rock, but I suppose that doesn’t sound nearly as interesting. Anyway, the band features members of Future Leaders of the World (vocalist Phil Taylor), Evanesence (guitarist John LeCompt and drummer Rocky Gray) and Mourning-side (guitarist Jack Wiese).

Melodic hard rockers Hydrovibe started out in Louisiana, founded by vocalist Heather St. Marie and guitarist Mat Dausat. Seeking better opportunities, the two moved to LA where Mat got a gig as guitarist in Kelly Osbourne’s band. Meanwhile Mat and Heather continued writing and recording demos. One of the band’s songs, “Killer Inside”, was featured on the soundtrack to Saw III, and the band released a 5 song EP of the same title. The band plans to return to LA in October to finish up their debut full length album.

Tennessee based *Egypt Central* also blend metal and alternative rock. Their self released album managed to nab them spots on two major movie soundtracks, with “Over and Under” being heard in *The Condemned* and “Taking You Down” showing up in *The Cave*.

This is an all-ages show and starts

at 7pm. Admission is \$12 (plus service charge) in advance at all Ticketmaster locations or \$14 the day of the show.

Bela Dubby
(13321 Madison Ave.)

Saturday September 22nd it’s *Stoned By Magic* and *Debutante*. *Stoned by Magic* is a Cleveland based duo playing trippy doomy rock. *Debutante* are from Pittsburgh and sound kind of like Portishead, but with more of a creepy vibe. Admission is free. This all ages show starts at 9 p.m.

The Hi Fi Concert Club
(11729 Detroit Ave.)

Thursday September 20th it’s Columbia Records recording artists *Absent Star* with *Wolf Cookies*. *Absent Star* are a melodic alternative rock band from Chicago in the vein of Radiohead, The Killers, Coldplay, and the like. Hinckley, Ohio’s *Wolf Cookies* open. 18 and over. Show starts at 9 p.m.

Now That’s Class

(11213 Detroit Ave. - Cleveland)

Thursday September 20th it’s *Cola Freaks* (“Killed by Death” punk band from Denmark), *The Bill Bondsmen* (hardcore punk from Detroit), *The Darvocets* (spaced out Clevo punk) and *Double Negative* (hardcore punk from North Carolina). Start time is listed as 9pm. 18 and over.

The Winchester Tavern
(12112 Madison Ave.)

Saturday September 22nd it’s *Marc Ford*. Ford joined The Black Crowes on their second album, 1992’s *The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion*, his more technical guitar playing adding considerably to the band’s sound. Ford remained with the Crowes for 3 albums, ultimately parting ways with the group in 1997. Ford released his debut solo album in 2002, and his most recent, *Weary and Wired*, came out this year. This is an all ages show and admission is \$7. Show starts at 9 pm.

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5 Painting Tips For Your Lakewood Home
by Jeannie Votypka

Are you looking to sell your home or has your house been on the market for just too long? Follow these 5 tips to get more potential buyers interested in your home:

- 1. Create curb appeal-** A shabby exterior turns buyers off- repaint the exterior of your home in neutral and complementary colors. Neutral colors appeal to more people and will give you better resale.
- 2. Remove wallpaper-** Most home buyers do not like wallpaper, they prefer painted walls. Remove the wallpaper, then paint- this will provide a neutral, clean slate for a new owner.
- 3. Create illusions-** Most homes have a room that is so small it may be a turn-off for a potential buyer. By painting that room a light, neutral color, the room will appear larger and more appealing.
- 4. Clean up the entryway-** First impressions have a huge impact on buyers. Painting the entryway and foyer will create an attractive first impression of your home.
- 5. Keep it neutral** You may prefer bright red and purple for your walls but the majority of home owners play it safe when it comes to paint colors. Bright colors are often a turn off. Play it safe by keeping walls neutral. Painting the inside and outside of your home is a great investment if you want to increase its real estate appreciation and attract more potential buyers.

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by Maggie Fraley

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Noting Our Neighborhood...

Is Your Home A Sears Modern Home?

by Val Mechenbier

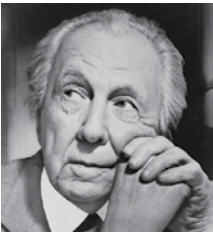
Frank Kushel may have had as much impact on American housing as the renowned early 20th-century architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Mr. Kushel, a Sears, Roebuck & Company china department manager, was given the depressing job of dismantling the Sears catalog's money-losing building materials department in 1906. Instead of selling off the building supplies, he formulated the idea to market home kits – packages that would include the construction plans and all of the materials required to build a home – simply by choosing a plan from a Sears catalog. The company's first 44-page Book of Modern Homes and Building Plans, issued in 1908, was received enthusiastically by the American public.

Between 1908 and 1940, an estimated 75,000 well-designed Sears Modern Homes were built. Prices the first year ranged from \$495 to \$4,115 – not including labor (Sears estimated that the average carpenter would charge \$450 to assemble the house, the painter would charge \$34.50, and that other labor would cost \$1 an hour). A customer would place an order, and within several weeks, the 30,000 pieces of the home would arrive at the nearest train station. Each kit included a construction manual, plus all necessary nails, screws, roof shingles, windows, doors, woodwork, paint, and even prebuilt parts such as staircases, mantelpieces, and dining nooks. By 1915, even the precut lumber, stamped with the

Sears name on the ends, was included. Handy homeowners often assembled their own Sears houses, but most often the actual construction required some help from a local carpenter.

Over the years, there were 447 house designs to choose from. Even though the Modern Homes program was cost-effective because of the mass-production of building materials and the time- and money-saving uses of “balloon style” framing, drywall, and asphalt shingles, there was a surprising degree of flexibility in the design of a Sears Modern Home. Beyond typical upgrades such as built-in china cabinets, mirrored closet doors, dining nooks, built-in ironing boards, telephone niches, and medicine cabinets, buyers also had the option to add a dormer, reverse a floor plan, or even change a roofline. Such customizations, not to mention later additions and alterations, create challenges when attempting to identify a Sears Modern Home. A Lakewood example of a Sears home – the Whitehall model - is at 2208 Glenbury Avenue, according to Jim and Susan Borchert's Lakewood: The First Hundred Years.

The Modern Homes program came to an end in 1940, due to Depression era-related mortgage defaults, as well as pre-World War II shortages of building materials. Many Sears's homes are still standing today. With the abundance of exterior drawings and floor plans available on the internet, you might be able to determine that you live in a Sears Modern Home.



A lot of homes have been spoiled by inferior desecrators.
--Frank Lloyd Wright

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(According to Multiple Listing Service)

by Andy Tabor

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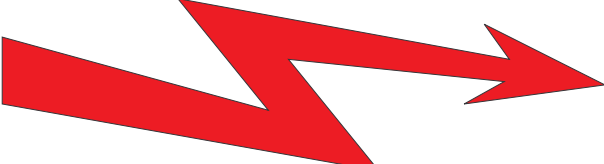
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