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## Time To Do The Right Thing Vote YES On Issue 6

### Lakewood Observer Endorses School Levy

The Lakewood Observer Advisory Board has always felt that as a community run paper the Lakewood Observer should not take stances on politicians or issues, as they all apply differently to each of our lives. However, this is not true of the Lakewood City Schools and the 2010 levy. For only the second time since being formed, we have decided to come out in support of a levy. We urge you to vote "Yes" on Issue 6, May 4.

Lakewood has always supported their schools, and education, in a variety of ways, including levies and other ballot issues. For example, Lakewood recently reaffirmed their commitment to the Lakewood Public Library and we have all watched as the Main Library on Detroit Ave was transformed into a top class facility reflective

of the programming and access to knowledge the Lakewood Public Library system as a whole offers to the community.

The teachers and staff of Lakewood City Schools have proven to our community that they provide an excellent education for our children. They have earned the trust of the community by offering the youth of Lakewood an excellent learning environment with the help of the last operating levy in 2002. The district promised to make that money stretch three years and instead we have enjoyed eight years without an operating levy.

They have not sat idle while the economy struggled. Cuts of more than \$4 million in the last year alone show that they understand that belt tightening is a fact of everyone's life

and the Schools are no exception. They have promised to continue to trim expenses even with the passage of Issue 6.

To back down from this community's long standing commitment to the Schools now would be taking a step backward after having enjoyed such great leaps forward. The negative impact on students would be felt for many years to come.

This is a critical time for school districts across the state. With the passage of Issue 6, Lakewood will be positioned to come out of this economic downturn in a stronger place than communities who fail to support their districts. It is a chance for Lakewood to show how it rises above so many other communities with its dedication to education. We know a city's commitment to education and learning is

crucial to its success. We've all worked so hard to make Lakewood attractive to families and businesses. Let's keep it that way and work to make it even better. Issue 6 is a critical step in doing this. We

know that strong schools build strong cities; that is why the Lakewood Observer urges all Lakewood citizens to vote for Issue 6 on May 4.

For more information, visit [www.lakewoodschildren.org](http://www.lakewoodschildren.org).

### Library Board of Trustees Seeks Applicants

by John Guscott

The Lakewood Board of Education is accepting applications for appointment to the Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustees for the seven year term commencing September 12, 2010. Additional information concerning the duties and responsibilities of Library Trustees is available at the Library's Web site: [www.lkwdpl.org/](http://www.lkwdpl.org/). Interested candidates should direct a letter of interest and qualifications to the Superintendent of Schools by May 14, 2010: P. Joseph Madak, Ph.D., Superintendent, Lakewood City Schools Board of Education, 1470 Warren Road, Lakewood, OH 44107.

### Lakewood Police Captain Graduates From FBI Academy

by Melissa Garrett

Captain Gary D. Stone of the Lakewood Police Department was one of 253 law enforcement officers who graduated from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia on March 19, 2010. The 240th session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 50 states. Included in the class were members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 20 international countries, four military organizations, and four federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program,



Captain Gary D. Stone held at the FBI Academy, offers 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training within their agencies. On average, these officers have 19 years of law

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## A Day Of The Arts In Lakewood

by Gina DeSantis

On Saturday, May 1st three events are occurring in Lakewood each with a mission of supporting the arts and local economy. The Screw Factory Artists, The Cleveland Craft Coalition and LEAF are each hosting events that overlap a one-block radius of the city. Each of these groups promotes creativity and local economic growth proving the diversity and energy that exists in Lakewood.

The Screw Factory Artists

of the Lake Erie Building are holding their annual spring open studio from 1 pm to 8 pm. Over the past two years the amount of artists working in this space has grown exponentially. As a result annual open studios are being held three times yearly. This spring the artists have teamed with the Friends of Madison Park to hold a silent art auction for the organization. Information about the Screw Factory Artists and this event can be found at <http://www.screw->



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Around the corner at Bela Dubby the newly formed Cleveland Craft Coalition is hosting their monthly craft sale from noon to 4 pm. The Cleveland Craft Coalition, started by a handful of artists & crafters on the Westside in January 2010, came into existence when the founders discussed the idea of a no-pressure craft group that would sell their items locally once a month. While there are a growing number of creative outlets available in the Cleveland area, such as Bazaar Bizarre, Stitch Cleveland, Wall Eye Gallery, and Cleveland Handmade, the group wants to offer another opportunity for handmade

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Dave Buehler with Randy Ema, known as Mr. Dusenber, in front Dave's Templars. Templar was the only car manufactured in Lakewood, Dave has the largest collection of them right here in Lakewood, in the Templar Motor Building (Screw Factory). Dave will have them on display May 1, during Day Of The Arts. Randy Ema works with Jay Leno acquiring cars for Jay's collection. **Related story on page 7**

## First Annual Lakewood Street Sale

by Tina Dolatowski

Calling all Lakewood Merchants and Lakewood residents- come join in the summer fun by participating in the 1st Annual Lakewood Citywide Street Sale, being held Thursday, June 24th, Friday, June 25th and Saturday, June 26th. A good time is guaranteed to be had by all!

As the owner of Lion and Blue, I was very pleased with the outcome of the 2009 Downtown Lakewood Sidewalk Sale, held in conjunction with the LakewoodAlive & Live Well

Street Walk. I was able to pass on great savings to local shoppers, while "cleaning out" my store of older inventory and slightly damaged items. I was delighted to make space for newer merchandise, and my customers were thrilled with their bargains. It was a win-win day for all!

Our last year's Sidewalk Sale was such a success LakewoodAlive is inviting all of Lakewood to join in- for fun and profit! Merchants

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Calendar

*This calendar presents various public Lakewood events and notices for the next two weeks (excluding Lakewood Public Library sponsored events found separately on the Lakewood Library page). Calendar items can be submitted at our website at [www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com) on the Home Page. Whereas this printed calendar listing is limited to non-profit events relevant to Lakewood, our website calendar welcomes all Lakewood events! Compiled by Mel Page*

Wednesday, April 21

**John Tamilio III Live at The Winchester**  
7:00 PM, The Winchester Music Hall, 12112 Madison Ave.  
John Tamilio III is the Senior Pastor of Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland. A nationally published scholar and poet, and a member of the Boston-based band 3D, JT3 writes the religion column for *The Lakewood Observer*. Concert benefits Pilgrim’s Mission Spending Plan. Cover charge \$5.00. For more information go to [thewinchester.net](http://thewinchester.net).

Thursday, April 22

**Drumming Circle in the Park**  
7:00 - 9:00 PM, Wagar Park (at Madison Ave. & Hilliard Rd.)  
Drum circle on the third Thursday of every month at Wagar Park (at Madison & Hilliard) or with inclement weather inside of Goddess Blessed. All levels of drummers are welcome! Supervised children are welcome. Please bring a drum, rattle, tambourine or another instrument to play and a chair to use at the park. Any questions; call 216-221-8755

Friday, April 23

**Film Series on Food & The Environment - “The End of the Line”**  
7:00 p.m. at Lakewood Public Library  
A harrowing examination of the fishing industry, and the troubling effects of careless fishing practices and overfishing on our oceans. Whole Foods Market is pleased to present the “Let’s Retake Our Plates” Film Series, a collection of films about our food supply and the environment – and the visionary people (and companies) who are making it better, one bite at a time. Timed to coincide with April’s Earth Month. All screenings are FREE and open to the public, with contests, prizes, free samples and guest-hosted discussions planned for every show. Tickets first-come, first-served.  
**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**  
Last weekend! Runs until Sunday, April 25. Beck Center for the Arts.

Saturday, April 24

**Lakewood Early Childhood PTA Baby Bargain Bonanza!**  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Emerson Elementary School, 13439 Clifton Blvd  
Quality resale of gently used baby and children’s items, including: Baby & youth clothing & accessories (birth to size 14/16), Toys, Baby/youth furniture, Maternity clothes & more. Bake Sale plus Phoenix Coffee! Admission: \$5 from 9 – 10am, \$1 from 10am – 1pm. Proceeds support programs of the LECPTA.  
**Great American Clean-Up in Lakewood**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, throughout the city of Lakewood.  
Gather a group together and come take part in this city wide clean –up. You, or a group to which you belong, can take part in the nation’s largest organized annual cleanup, beautification and community improvement Program---Keep America Beautiful’s Great American Cleanup™. Call Keep Lakewood Beautiful to register yourself or your group for the clean up. Select a neighborhood, park, school or any other site to clean up, beautify or improve. We can suggest an area that needs attention as well. To register or obtain more information please call 529-6602 or email [KLBGAC@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:KLBGAC@lakewoodoh.net)

**Eaters of Lakewood at Route 6 Cafe**  
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Route 6 Cafe, 15625 Detroit Ave.  
Need a night out? Come join Eaters of Lakewood as we try the new Rout 6 Café. Eaters of Lakewood (EOL) is a group dedicated to exploring what restaurants Lakewood has to offer and supporting our local businesses. Why not enjoy a night out in the process. EOL will be handing out surveys and raffling off a gift card. Come enjoy great food, great friends and great community. [www.facebook.com/eatersoflakewood](http://www.facebook.com/eatersoflakewood)

**Junk2Funk**  
7:00 - 10:00 PM, Local Girl Gallery, 16106 Detroit Ave.  
Junk2Funk is an art and fashion auction to benefit North Coast Health Ministry, the West Side’s free clinic for the low-income uninsured. In honor of Earth Day, all pieces up for auction that evening will include recycled materials. Tickets are \$12 in advance and can be purchased online at <http://nchealthministry.org>. Tickets can also be purchased for \$15 at the door while available.

**Sleeping Beauty**  
Beck Center for the Arts , Mackey Main Stage April 24 through May 2.  
See Page 14 for full details.

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Saturday, May 1

**Beck Center Super Saturday**  
9:00 - 11:30 AM, Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Ave.  
Free Family Fun! Designed for young artists ages 10 and under, this monthly arts adventure gives children a chance to participate in a free hands-on arts experience at the Beck Center. All craft activities are FREE and open to the public. Join us this month! For more information, call Ed Gallagher, director of education, at 216-521-2540 x12.  
**Lakewood Historical Society Sale on the Grounds**  
Sale on the Grounds is Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 2 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit Ave. See Page 18 for details.

**Cleveland Craft Coalition’s May Show**  
12:00 - 4:00 PM, Bela Dubby, 13321 Madison Ave.  
**Artist Open Studio at the Lake Erie Building**  
1:00 - 8:00 PM, 13000 Athens Ave. (in back of Madison Park).  
See Front Page for more details. Or visit [www.screwfactoryartists.com](http://www.screwfactoryartists.com).

**The Vinyl Frontier/ Kocar’s Krazy Kubed Konzept Art Exhibit**  
Opening Party 6:00 - 9:00 PM, The Pop Shop/Artificial Gallery, 17020 Madison Ave.  
Exhibits run from May 1- 29 and are free and open to the public. More details on [www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com) online calendar and [www.popshopgallery.com](http://www.popshopgallery.com).

**LEAF Rutabaga Nights II**  
7:00 PM - Midnight, Lake Erie Screw Factory, 13000 Athens Ave.  
See ad on Page 12 More info at [www.LEAFCommunity.org](http://www.LEAFCommunity.org)  
**Monthly Contra Dance at Masonic Temple**  
8:00 - 11:00 PM, Lakewood Masonic Temple at Detroit Ave. & Andrews Ave.  
The band Mud in Yer Eye with caller Carol Kopp perform a contra dance every First Saturday of the Month. Singles and couples, age 7 to 100 welcome! \$6 charge at door. Lessons begin at 7pm. Dance starts at 8pm.

Sunday, May 2

**9th Annual Lakewood Hospital Ambulance Chase**  
8:30 AM, Lakewood Park, Lake Ave.  
For more info call 216-529-7009 or [lakewoodhospital.org/foundation](http://lakewoodhospital.org/foundation). To register on-line visit [www.hermescleveland.com](http://www.hermescleveland.com) Proceeds benefit Lakewood Hospital programs.  
**Riders To Bring Back The Daily Lakewood Circulator**  
3:00 PM, Lakewood Public Library 15425 Detroit Avenue, Multi-purpose room  
Free public meeting held by Lakewood residents to discuss and plan bringing back the daily Lakewood circulator bus, because the Friday afternoon shopper bus as a replacement is not enough. Call 216-221-2724.

Monday, May 3

**City Council Meeting**  
7:30 PM, Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Ave.  
**Lakewood Schools Board of Education Meeting**  
7:00 PM, Garfield Middle School Cafetorium, 13114 Detroit Ave.  
**Visit our calendar online for many more events going on around town at [www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com)**

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# Lakewood City News



Former City Councilman Ryan Patrick Demro being promoted to First Lieutenant by Lieutenant Colonel Ricardo A. Javier, Commander of the 983rd Engineer Battalion. Demro was transferred to the 412th Civil Affairs Battalion in Columbus, Ohio.

## Lakewood Police Captain Graduates From FBI Academy

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enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

FBI Director Robert Mueller was the principal speaker at the ceremony. The graduating officers were represented by the class spokesperson, David Moore, Chief Inspector with the Police Service of Northern Ireland, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom. A total of 43,483 graduates now represent the FBI National Academy since it began in July 1935. Of this number approximately 25,971 are still active in law enforcement.

Training for the program is provided by FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees,

many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

Chief Timothy J. Malley, a graduate of the National Academy Class 224, commented that “Captain Stone’s dedication to his profession and his enthusiasm to attend advanced training will benefit him in his service to the citizens of Lakewood. Being selected to attend this prestigious training, from applicants around the world, is an honor for Captain Stone and the entire Lakewood Police Department.”

Captain Stone is a twenty-five year member of the police department and is currently assigned to the department’s Administration and Services Division. He is married to Susan and has two children: Rachael, age seventeen, and Matthew, age fifteen.

## Seventh Annual Taste Of Lakewood: June 6th

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Lakewood Hospital are pleased to announce that the seventh annual Taste of Lakewood will be held on Sunday, June 6th, 2010. This gala event, highlighting many of Lakewood’s fine restaurants, will be held from 4:00–7:00 p.m. at the beautiful Clifton Club located at 17884 Lake Road in Lakewood.

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is very proud of the variety and quality of restaurants in our city and the Taste of Lakewood is a great way to show them off! Enjoy food samples from your favorite eateries and fine dining establishments, enjoy the elegant surroundings of the Clifton Club, and take a chance on winning one of the fabulous themed raffle baskets filled with items donated by local businesses.

Great food, beautiful surroundings, and fabulous prizes: a perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce office at 16017 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, or by phone at 216-226-2900. The Taste of Lakewood typically sells out so please don’t delay. Parking is limited at the Clifton Club so it is recommended that guests take advantage of free parking available at Horace Mann Elementary School located at 1215 W. Clifton Blvd. A shuttle service will be provided to and from The Clifton Club courtesy of Lakewood Senior Health Campus and West Shore Career-Tech Educational District.

The Taste of Lakewood has become the premier event to showcase our unique and eclectic mix of restaurants. Tickets are limited – buy yours today!

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## First Annual Lakewood Street Sale

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throughout the city are encouraged to participate. Lakewood residents planning a summer garage sale would be doing themselves and their city a service by holding it on the Street Sale weekend. Has your street ever had a coordinated sale? How about your church? If not, this is the year to try it. We hope residents will combine forces to create blocks of garage sales. Imagine the opportunity- Lakewood can truly offer a “shop-til-you-drop” event. It will be a weekend to showcase our

great city’s retail establishments, restaurants, and residential areas.

Merchant hours are 10am-5pm. Residents set their own hours. For more information and to register to participate, please call LakewoodAlive at 216-521-0655 or go to downtown-lakewood.org. Registered participants will be included in all Street Sale advertisements. Deadline for advance registration is Friday, May 21st.

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# Lakewood City Council

## Proposed Changes To Lakewood Campaign Laws

Council President Kevin Butler (Ward I) called the April 5, 2010 meeting of Council to order at 7:38 PM. The audience was quite sparse, consisting mostly of regulars. The first order of business was a communication from the Committee of the Whole which was delivered by Councilman Butler. It discussed appointments to the Municipal Income Tax Board of Review as well as a new farmer’s market that will be coming to Lakewood this June. The farmer’s market will be on Saturday mornings at the park in front of the Marc’s Plaza from 9 am to noon. This farmer’s market was brought to Lakewood because of the efforts of Council people Tom Bullock (Ward II) and Monique Smith (At-Large) as well as the Planning Department and some hard working citizens.

Next, Councilwoman Nickie Antonio (At-Large) delivered the first Communication from the new Economic Development Committee which she chairs. The Committee had looked at two possible proposals of selling small pieces of municipal property to local businesses; one being a driveway adjacent to Micencik Funeral Home and the other being the parking lot behind First Federal of Lakewood.

Councilman Butler then introduced Nikki Farley from the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, who chairs the Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee, to update Council on some things on which the Chamber is working. Ms. Farley discussed several things, one of which was the creation of a Lakewood West End Business Alliance which had its first meeting in February. Another program they are working on is an education program for all Lakewood businesses on how to handle being vandalized by graffiti. As part of the program, it will discuss how to clean up and take care of the graffiti properly as well as the business’s legal options.

Councilman Tom Bullock then read a communication introducing two ordinances. The first ordinance would require all candidates running for a city office to report all campaign contributions and expenditures and

by Christopher Bindel

file them electronically with the Director of Law, who would then be required to make that information available to the public in a electronic searchable database. The second ordinance was to protect against improper compensation of Lakewood’s public officials in the form of campaign donations made by City employees and family members. It also protects against improper solicitation by candidates. Lastly, Bullock asked the Law Department to look into the legality of passing a law that would limit the amount one may donate to any single candidates campaign during each calendar year.

Council received the communication and referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole.

Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan (Ward IV) commented on Councilman Bullock’s proposed ordinances saying that she looked forward to discussing them in committee and seeing how Bullock explains the redundancies to the County’s reforms. She also urged members of the public to come to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councilman Brian Powers (At-Larger) wanted to make sure to clarify, that Councilman Bullock’s ordinances were not in response to actions of any of Lakewood’s elected officials. He also wanted to wish the Law Department luck in forming an ordinance by Councilman Bullocks guidelines stating that it was, “A tricky area of constitutional law,” and that they, “Could spend a lot of money falling down a rabbit hole.”

Director Joe Beno of the Public Works Department then introduced an ordinance that would allow the Refuse Department to access fees for noncompliance to refuse regulations and laws. This removes criminal action while making it easier to write tickets for noncompliance as they would not have to be written by a police officer, streamlining the entire process. The hope is that by making it easier to access the tickets, more people will start to comply with the regulations.

Director Beno’s communication was

received and the ordinance was referred to the Public Works Committee.

Mayor Ed FitzGerald then presented a communication to ask council to consider changing some rules to the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee. These changes included, increasing the board members to 15 while extending their terms to four years a piece and removing term limits. Council accepted the communication and referred the ordinance to the Rules and Ordinances Committee.

The last item on the docket was a late add-on Resolution from the Mayor and Councilman Bullock regarding Solar Improvement Districts (SID). A SID is an area where incentives are given to people for improving their homes with solar-electric and solar-thermal panels to make their houses more energy efficient. Some of the incentives are tax credits as well as being able to finance the improvement project by having it added to their property taxes over several years. This makes this kind of improvement available to more people who thought they could not afford it.

After introducing the concept of

### Lakewood “Tree City U.S.A.” For 33rd Year

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

The four standards of a Tree City U.S.A. include:

- A Tree Board or Department: Someone must be legally responsible for the care and management of the community’s trees. This may be a volunteer tree board, a forestry department, or a professional forester or arborist
- A Tree Care Ordinance: The tree ordinance must designate the establishment of a tree board or for-

Solar Improvement Districts (SID’s) at the December 7, 2009 meeting, the City has begun conversations with a number of possible partners. Also, the Department of Planning and Development has begun to put the pieces together, including an ordinance it will submit in the near future. As one of those steps, Bullock and the Mayor were asking Council to pass a resolution demonstrating their commitment to the creation of a SID and an application to EfficientGovNow for operational start up support. If awarded the support the City will be given \$100,000 dollars to help create the SID. However, even if the City is not awarded the money the SID will still be created using none of the City’s own money.

Council voted unanimously, passing the resolution. With that Council President Butler adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

Council meetings are held every first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall Auditorium. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held on May 3, 2010. For a copy of the agenda or for any other information regarding the Lakewood City Council, you can find it at [onelakewood.com/citygovern\\_council.html](http://onelakewood.com/citygovern_council.html).

estry department and give this body the responsibility for writing and implementing an annual community forestry work plan.

- A Community Forestry Program with a budget of at least \$2 per capita
- An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation: Lakewood’s 2010 Arbor Day Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Lakewood Park. The Ceremony will take place immediately before the opening of the Meet the Trucks event.

According to the National Arbor Foundation, meeting the four standards for becoming a Tree City U.S.A., “Tells visitors that here is a community that cares about its environment, and is also an indication to prospective businesses that the quality of life may be better in that community.”

### Vote for 6 EXCELLENT, ACCOUNTABLE Lakewood Schools

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Lakewood Public Library Events

All Events and Programs Are Free And Open To The Public

FRIENDS, MEMBERS-ONLY PREVIEW SALE:

Thursday, April 22 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Memberships may be purchased at the door.

FRIENDS SPRING BOOK SALE:

Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21

MEET THE AUTHOR:

**Write for Your Lives: Inspire Your Creative Writing with Buddhist Wisdom**  
by Joseph Sesito

Understand the types of thinking that restrict creativity and learn techniques to breakthrough defeat. Master the manuscript by mastering yourself. Get an agent and get published. Then sell the book and help people by helping yourself. Joseph Sesito will answer your questions. Books will be available for sale and signing.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, April 22

LAKEWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:

DRIVING THROUGH TIME: Lakewood’s Automobile History

Did you know that one of the country’s most beautiful early automobiles was manufactured right here in Lakewood? And that many of the people involved in the Cleveland car scene lived in our community? The Lakewood Historical Society’s Mazie Adams explores Lakewood’s connection to the early automobile industry, with special attention paid to the personal and professional lives of Alexander Winton, Walter C. Baker and Matthew Bramley, owner of Templar Motors.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, April 25

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: UZIZI

Most alternative rock bands don’t come with a twelve-piece choir. Fewer still follow their musical roots back to the Renaissance. Director Craig Matis bends Civil War-era shape-note singing around his own poetic vision of the power of primitive harmonic forces and the simple joy of singing.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, April 27

FAMILY MATTERS:

HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE: COURAGE IN CONVERSATION

The hardest decisions to make are often the ones that matter most. Cara Turner from the Hospice of the Western Reserve offers advice on discussing future medical care with our loved ones and walks us through what these decisions entail. A free guide including essential legal documents will be provided to all attendees.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Saturday, May 1

BACK TO THE MOVIES: Vintage Hitchcock

Blackmail (1929) Directed by Alfred Hitchcock Not Rated

This is Hitchcock’s (and England’s) first talking picture. Prefiguring Grace Kelly in Dial M for Murder, Anny Ondra reaches for a sharp object as she is being assaulted and kills her attacker. Afraid to inform the police, she flees the scene. Unfortunately, someone has witnessed the incident and tries to score some blackmail loot. Listen closely for Hitchcock’s ingenious use of sound, used to accentuate a guilty conscience.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, May 2

**SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: MAY DAY TRIBUTE: Songs of Passion and Romance**

The ancient rites of spring celebration inspire this afternoon of jazz and American songbook standards. Earthy jazz vocalist Laura Varcho and virtuoso double bassist Bryan Thomas wend their way down the flower strewn path of love with all its many turnings.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Wednesday, May 5

MEET THE AUTHOR:

1000 Comic Books You Must Read by Tony Isabella

You can call them graphic novels if you want to, but it’s time to face the facts. Comic books are at the cutting edge of art and culture and you’re way behind. Don’t fret. Tony Isabella wants to help. With twenty years as a commentator, nearly forty years as a creator and over fifty years of reading comics under his belt, he’s the mild-mannered man for the job. In his latest book, illustrated with some of the best comic art of the last seventy years, Tony goes beyond superheroes into adventure, romance, humor, horror and more. From Uncle Scrooge to Betty and Veronica, with Batman, Spider-man and Fin Fang Foom along for the ride, you won’t want to miss the four-color slideshow presentation that goes with this talk! Books will be available for sale and signing.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

BOOK GROUPS:

Tuesday, April 20

KNIT & LIT BOOK CLUB

Lynda Tuennerman hosts a social club for multitaskers—a combination book club and stitchery group. She’s looking for readers who can enjoy intense discussion of modern classics while relaxing with their latest stitching project. Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. At each meeting, the group decides what will be read next. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 or visit [www.lkwdpl.org/bookclubs](http://www.lkwdpl.org/bookclubs) to learn more.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Thursday, May 13

BOOKED FOR MURDER: Special Guest Irma Baker: Mystery for a Laugh

Crime isn’t funny but crime fiction can be hilarious. Enjoy light refreshments prepared from mystery recipes as we welcome an expert who has had her ribs tickled by the best. From ditzy bounty hunters to nosy innkeepers, we’ll laugh our way through a murderer’s row of cracked-up crime stoppers.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

LEARNING LAB CLASSES:

Reservations for computer instruction classes begin the first of each month.

To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127. We ask that all students come to class with a working knowledge of the mouse. If you need help, visit the Technology Center and ask the staff to set you up on our Mouse Training Program. It’s fun, easy and essential to becoming computer literate. All classes take place in the Main Library Learning Lab on the 2nd floor.

UPCOMING APRIL CLASSES:

Saturday, April 24: E-MAIL BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.

CHILDRENS & YOUTH SERVICES

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

THE ZONE: For students in kindergarten through fifth grade

Get in the Zone! Spend 30 minutes doing the activity of your choice. Choose from crafts, games, puzzles and more. Visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/youth) to see the current and upcoming activities.

Tuesday, September 8 – Thursday, May 27

Monday – Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Children’s and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch

CREATION STATION: For students in kindergarten through fifth grade

Join us for crafts each and every Friday after school. There is no need to register; however, to schedule groups, please call Main Library (216) 226-8275, Ext. 140 or Madison Branch (216) 228-7428.

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Children’s and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch

HOMEWORK ER: For students in kindergarten through eighth grade

Need help with your homework or just want a cool place to work? Come to the Homework Room for help and resources. No need to register.

Mondays – Thursdays, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., ongoing through May 27

Children’s and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch

WEEKEND PROGRAMS:  
FAMILY WEEKEND WONDERS

Make the Library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. 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.

Main Library: Friday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday: 2:00 p.m.

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April 30, May 1, 2:

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Driving Through Time: Lakewood’s Automobile History

by Amy Kloss

Cleveland has a long and storied history of auto manufacturing. Even before its first auto show in 1903, Cleveland was at the forefront of auto innovation and testing. The word “automobile” was actually coined by a journalist who accompanied auto maker Alexander Winton on a car trip from Cleveland to New York in 1899. Automobile beat out motorig, quadricycle and automaton.

These and other fascinating facts about the early auto industry will be presented on Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at the Lakewood Public Library when Lakewood Historical Society’s Mazie Adams illustrates our city’s automobile history with over 100 slides culled from the society’s collection. Adams’ presentation will include a look into four of the early auto manufacturers who lived or worked in Lakewood.

Clifton Park resident Alexander Winton formed the Winton Motor Carriage Company in 1897, the first auto company in America to establish any sizable production. After manufacturing bicycles for several years and experimenting with hydrocarbon engines in his basement, Winton completed his first car in 1896, a one-cylinder, eight horsepower machine with two seats back-to-back that could

achieve speeds of 35 miles per hour. Among Winton’s many achievements, he boasted the first sale of a standard, American-made, self-propelled road vehicle in 1898; opened the largest automobile plant in America in 1902 with 850 employees on an 11-acre site on Berea Road; and built the first car to travel across the continent, a 5,500

mile trip that took 50 days of driving. Another Clifton Park Resident, Walter C. Baker, created the first electric car company in Cleveland in 1898, at a time when battery powered cars accounted for 38% of the nation’s car market. Baker’s first car was an electric buggy that weighed 550 pounds and cost \$850. Baker sold Thomas Edison

his first car, and in 1907 built a white car trimmed in gold for the King of Siam.

Matthew Bramley led a group of investors in the creation of Templar Motors Corporation in 1917, which produced “The Superfine Small Car” in Lakewood’s Birdtown neighborhood. Once the sixth largest company in Cleveland, Templar produced 6,000 vehicles in its Lakewood factory. Plagued by war, depression, fire and financial problems, Templar went out of business in 1924.

Lakewoodite Theodor Kundtz made his fortune building cabinets for the White Sewing Machine Company, but his company also made automobile and truck bodies. Kundtz and his family lived on a five-acre estate at 13826 Lake Avenue in the Kundtz castle, a mansion with a vast ballroom, a bowling alley and cedar closets as large as ordinary living rooms. The Historical Society presentation will include several slides of this magnificent home, demolished in 1960 to make way for a 16 home subdivision.

Join Mazie Adams in this journey through Lakewood’s early auto industry on April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium at 15425 Detroit Avenue. All programs are free and open to the public.

## Uzizi: Loss And Wonder

by Martha Wood

Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m., Lakewood Public Library’s “Sunday with the Friends” series presents a truly unique musical experience with Uzizi, an alternative rock band featuring a twelve-member choir in the Main Library Auditorium.

Uzizi’s newest CD, “Loss and Wonder” features twelve new songs. Since the 1980s, the band has performed in several incarnations in North America and abroad. The group’s current repertoire is heavily influenced by the melodies and harmonies of mid-nineteenth century Sacred Harp music.

Sacred Harp singing is a tradition of sacred choral music that originally took root in the southern United States. The musical notation uses note heads in four distinct shapes to aid the perform-

ers in sight-reading. The name “Sacred Harp” refers to the name of the shape note book that most singers use today. The term “sacred harp” originally signified the human voice, the musical instrument you were given at birth.

Uzizi is directed by local musician Craig Matis. He says his affection for this unique musical style allows him to “bend the pioneer religious aesthetic to his own purposes.” Matis goes on to describe the music of Uzizi as, “at turns religious, anti-religious and non-religious. The threads of continuity are the joy of singing, the power of primitive harmonic forces and the beautiful poetry of my own vision.”

This free event is generously funded by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Friends of Lakewood Public Library.

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Lakewood Schools

# Middle Schoolers Write Way To Trophy At Power Of Pen

by Christine Gordillo

Members of the Power of the Pen teams from Harding and Garfield middle schools continued their impressive showing in the annual creative writing tournament including first-place overall by the 7th & 8th grade combined Harding team in the Sweepstakes competition. The teams from the two middle schools competed in the Regional tournament March 27 in Bedford and came away with a number of outstanding performances in addition to the Sweepstakes Trophy won by Harding for the writers' combined scores from both the District and Regional tournaments. The Garfield combined team was not far behind with a fourth-place overall finish out of 38 schools in the Sweepstakes category.

"To place so highly in this category shows that Lakewood's young writers performed consistently and as a team," said Garfield coach Daniel Smith.

During each competition writers compose three narratives in response to three prompts, with 40 minutes allotted per prompt.

Regional performances were led by Harding's Renee Klann, who placed first in the 7th grade standings and was awarded a "Best of Round" award. Sara Shyte finished two behind Klan in third place. In the 8th grade competition, Sarah Neff placed eighth, which is on the heels of her first-place win at the District tournament and took home a "Best of the Best" award – the highest you can get – for a story originally written at the District competition.

Eight of Lakewood's writers advanced to the State Tournament at The College of Wooster on May 21. Harding will send Renee Klann, Kathryn Urban, Sarah Smith, Georgia Cole, Sarah Neff, and Nora Varcho. Garfield will send Jon Poilpre and Sara Shyte. One-third of Lakewood's writers qualified for State, which is outstanding considering the statewide average of state qualification for teams is 10% of their members.

The team members have been practicing since the fall up to two times a week in the mornings before school.

"It is a joy to read the stories that these young writers come up with week after week," said Harding coach Ruth Pangrace. "I think I can speak for all the coaches when I say that for these students to be able to create stories that surprise us, make us think, ignite both laughter and tears, to be able to do that in just 42 minutes, is a wondrous gift. We are so proud of their devotion to the craft of writing and of their accomplishments."

The Power of the Pen competition is now in its 25th year with more than 8,000 students competing statewide. The program was created to provide educational enhancement for young writers across Ohio as well as offer an interscholastic writing competition to reward the art of written expression.

Congratulations to Lakewood's Power of the Pen writers and to their coaches (Harding: Mrs. Ruth Pangrace, Mrs. Mary Anne Kinzly, and Mrs. Laurie Pollner; Garfield: Mrs. Martha Exoo, Mrs. Karen Stohr, and Mr. Daniel Smith).



Members of the Harding Power of the Pen team with the Sweepstakes Trophy won by the team for their overall scores at the District and Regional tournaments. From left: Nora Varcho, Sarah Neff, Ann Marie Elaban, Kathryn Urban and Renee Klann.

# Lakewood Times Named Second Best In State

by Christine Gordillo

The *Lakewood Times* added to its long history of award-winning journalism when it took second place overall for newsmagazines in their division at the Ohio Scholastic News Media Competition held April 9 at Kent State University.

"This has been a rebuilding year with lots of new staffers, so it is wonderful to see them rise to the occasion and do so well in the state competition. I'm very proud of them," said adviser Karen Ballash. "Most of these students will be returning next year, so we'll have their talents and winning experience to build upon."

Added Editor in Chief Fiza Shah: "At times, It has been a trying year, with plenty of late nights. But, these achievements have definitely made all the hard work worthwhile. With such a solid foundation, we are working to only get better next year."

Besides the staff award *Lakewood Times* also earned many individual awards as they competed against student journalists from across the state. Awards were ranked by Superior, Excellent and Honorable Mention.

The following are the awards received by the *Times'* staff members:

Superior: Fiza Shah for columns and Al Rodriguez for commentary.

Excellent: Deven Middleton and Lindsay Allamon for individual indepth; Fiza Shah for columns and feature; Al Rodriguez for review; Seth Baker for commentary; Samantha Cross, Hallah Amawi, Tori Himes and Juan Amador for newswriting; Melissa Gajewski for a personality profile; Sam Abusharekh for feature; Jessica Paoli for computer assisted art; and the in-depth team of Deven Middleton, Katy Eberl, Lindsay Allamon, Samantha Cross, Hallah Amawi and Greg O'Connor.

Honorable Mention: Jessica Paoli and Ken Blankenship for art; Andrew O'Connor for review; Lisa Kowalski for sports; Katy Eberl for news feature; Gwen stephen for sports feature; Julia Houska for photo story; Fiza Shah for facing pages; Al Rodriguez for cartoon; and the in-depth team of Hallah Amawi, Lindsay Allamon, Jessica Paoli, Samantha Cross, and Seth Baker.

Congratulations to all the *Lakewood Times* staff as well as adviser Mrs. Karen Ballash, who was recently named the PTA's Outstanding Educator of the Year in part for her excellent work with the *Lakewood Times*.

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# Lakewood Schools

## Largest Kindergarten Class In A Decade: With Only Six Elementary Schools We Would Be 97% Full

by Danielle Masters

Good news for Lakewood! The Ohio School Facilities Commission was off on their student enrollment projections when they told the Lakewood School Board that they would only fund the renovation of six elementary schools, not seven, because of Lakewood's declining enrollment.

Using actual current Lakewood enrollment numbers, the Lakewood City Schools can show that the OSFC's numbers were too low. Lakewood's enrollment is no longer declining. Looking at the OSFC's projections for kindergarten alone, they are off by 13%. Our current kindergarten class is the largest in a decade. And the grandchildren of the baby boomers are just starting to reach school age.

Using current enrollment numbers, if the district went down to six schools today, those schools would be at 97% capacity. Let me say that again, if we had six schools today, they would be at 97% capacity. The point of building these state-of-the-art new schools was that they could accommodate Lakewood's school kids for the next 50 years, not that the schools would immediately be bursting at the seams.

The only way to house more children

would be to have class sizes larger than 24 children per class, or use rooms designated for preschool, music or art as classroom space. And this at a time when we have groups such as Lakewood Alive actively encouraging families to move into Lakewood, and when Business Week just recently designated Lakewood as the "Best place to raise a family," we are most certainly heading into the future as a city with fifty thousand or more residents.

According to Randy Fischer, founding director of the OSFC, no local district's facilities plan is really final until directly before construction begins, when the OSFC does a final evaluation of a district's entire situation, including re-evaluating student enrollment. Right now the citizens of Lakewood are under the impression that the BOE's six school plan is final, that Grant will be closing, and students from the southern and central parts of Lakewood will have to leave their neighborhoods and walk north to fill up Lincoln Elementary school, which does not have enough children living in its neighborhood to fill the school.

Parents, students and in particular, the Blue Ribbon Excellent-rated staff of Grant elementary school are in a position of having to worry about uncertain futures.

How wonderful it would be if our BOE would go back to the OSFC right now and ask them to re-evaluate their decision to fund only 6 schools. Imagine how great it will be for Lakewood when the school board comes back to the community and announces the OSFC's willingness to fund all seven schools, restoring Lakewood to its true character as a city where kids can go to school in their own neighborhoods.

This is the kind of news that gets people out of their houses and voting for school levies.

## Harding Takes Home Classroom Of Champions Victory Cup



The winning Harding Classroom of Champions team (from left): Eli Zettler, Hugh Campbell, Luke DeBaltzo and alternate Hannah Jackosky.

by Christine Grodillo

In a dramatic come-from-behind fashion, the Harding Classroom of Champions team won the Finals of the Academic Challenge-style tournament held at St. Edward High School on April 14. The Harding team of 8th graders Hugh Campbell, Luke DeBaltzo and Eli Zettler were trailing the leaders by 80 points headed into the final round but pulled out a victory against St. Christopher of Rocky River and Incarnate Word Academy of Parma Heights. The final score was Harding, 375; St. Chris 335; and Incarnate Word 235.

The scholastic competition, hosted each year by St. Edward, is in its 21st season and draws 21 teams of 7th and 8th graders from across Northeast Ohio. The teams compete in first-round competitions and then the three top-scoring teams advance to the Finals. Harding's team was the highest scoring team from the early rounds and one of only two teams – the other being from the former Emerson Middle School – in the history of the tournament to score more than 700 points.

"The question was challenging, but we were well-prepared," said team member Hugh Campbell.

The contest features questions from across all academic fields including history, literature, math, science and also includes cultural and current event questions. The team, which also included alternates Hannah Jackosky, Sarah Neff and Max Mulready, who participated in the first-round competition, practiced all school year at lunch two times a week under the guidance of coaches Ginny Mazurak and Mary Kay Ryan.

The team's victory earned them a large trophy cup for Harding to display until next year's winner takes it home. Congratulations to the newest Classroom of Champions!

## LBOE Approves \$4 Million In Cuts

by Christine Grodillo

The Lakewood Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, April 19, approved more than \$4 million in budget cuts, including staff reductions aimed at maintaining "financial and educational stability" for Lakewood City Schools. The district is following through on a promise to cut millions from the 2010-2011 school year budget even if the operating levy on the May 4 ballot passes.

The cuts are necessary "if we want to have the stability and do the best we possibly can for our kids," said Superintendent P. Joseph Madak in explaining the cuts to the Board and audience members.

The personnel cuts are balanced among all staff classifications and include three administrators and eight teachers. In total, the district will be eliminating 62 positions – or about 7.5% of total staff – for the 2010-2011 school year, most of which are being achieved through attrition thanks to a successful early retirement incentive program the district offered.

The reductions will have "marginal impacts on teaching and learning but significantly increase our school district efficiency," said Madak.

Beyond staff reductions, more than \$350,000 in non-staff cuts for next year's budget are part of the approved cuts. These reductions have been carefully considered in regards to how they will affect the classrooms.

"Educational programming and the students in the district have been in the forefront throughout this process," said Board member Linda Beebe.

As part of the Board resolution, it was noted that "communities and schools ... that pass their levies this May will avoid cuts that will markedly distinguish them from communities and school districts that are not successful." With the passage of Issue 6, the Board is hopeful that the district will emerge stronger and in a better position to "maintain the continuity of important and educational programs and services to our students."

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# Primary Election 2010

## Vote! Tuesday, May 4th, 2010

On Tuesday, May 4th, 2010 Lakewood voters will have the opportunity to narrow the field on two open races to decide who will be on the ballot in November for the general election for both the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate. While other candidates are on the ballot, only those candidates facing opposition on May 4th were asked to respond at this time. On the next page you will also find a brief description of the four ballot issues, 1, 2, 6 and 15.

The candidates facing opposition were asked to respond to the following questions:

- 1) What is the primary motivation behind your decision to run for State Representative or State Senator?
- 2) As a State Representative or State Senator, your constituency has a diverse set of needs and desires. How do you plan to respond effectively to the demands and complexities required of a State Representative or State Senator for District 13 or District 23 respectively?
- 3) What would your #1 priority for Lakewood be if you are elected to the Ohio House of Representatives or Ohio Senate? How do you plan to address this issue as State Representative or State Senator?

## Ohio House Of Representatives-HD13

Nickie J. Antonio- D



**Question #1:** I seek this office because I have a strong sense of duty, integrity and commitment to the people of this District, values I learned growing up in the district. I have spent my life in service to this district and I am experienced in public policy and practice and I am well prepared to serve as a legislator. I have earned a reputation as a positive, effective proven collaborator and as a result, I know how to get things done. I have championed sidewalk dining and the development of arts districts for economic development, policies to encourage solar energy use, legislation to reduce noise and air pollution, fought to maintain funding for senior services and keeping jobs in addition to serving as a responsive and respectful councilmember, developing solutions and connecting resources for the people of Lakewood. Task Force, the Grow Lakewood Task Force, and the Housing Commission.

**Question #2:** I am very familiar with the district and through my years of service have developed relations that span the depth and breadth of the District that I will continue to cultivate with ongoing communication through meeting people where they gather, local organizations, Community Development Corporations, ward clubs and community events. I am a creative and innovative collaborator who will work to create initiatives with the Planning Departments of Cleveland and Lakewood in pursuit of new economic development projects especially in creating additional areas for Arts and Culture. I intend to have ongoing two-way dialogue (through electronic and printed

communication) with the people of the district with much of the focus being on the budget and responsible legislation. I will also work with the Mayors, City Councilmembers and the newly elected County Council members to coordinate efforts for the best results for the district.

**Question #3:** The #1 priority for the entire district is how to retain and grow Jobs in our district and provide Educational excellence and training to our children to prepare them for their future. Public Transportation has been a critical quality of life issue for the people in our entire district, with great impact on Lakewood residents. With only 1% of the state budget dedicated to public transportation. Ohio rates as one of the lowest in the nation. I intend to advocate and research sources for additional support for public transportation that will be efficient, economical and includes a plan for future sustainability. I am in favor of a program that would use alternative fuels or even the return to an electric trolley, to solve not only local transportation issues but also economic development, environmental health and sustainability and parking issues. Visit [www.nickieantonio.com](http://www.nickieantonio.com) for my full platform of Jobs, Education, Smart Growth, and Good Government.

My platform consists of:

- Jobs- Save existing ones- Support Small Businesses, Grow new green sustainable manufacturing jobs;
- Excellence in Education-Access to affordable excellence in education, PreK-College and Invest in technical training;
- Smart Growth-Creative, Innovative planning and economic development, Maintain urban infrastructure;
- Good Government - Develop efficient, effective Health Care and Human Services Delivery Systems. Open, transparent policies and effective government that puts people first.

I also want to encourage more citizens to participate in the political process regardless of their race, economic level, and country of origin, religious practice, sexual orientation, physical ability, age or gender or political party affiliation.

Tom Bullock- D



**Question #1:** State government can do more to help Lakewood, and I want to fight to bring more dollars to our city and increase state collaboration on issues I work on now as a Councilman (safety, foreclosed homes, and RTA funding, for example). I feel called to serve and want to continue my work on City Council by representing our community in Columbus.

As state representative, I'll fight to:

- Grow clean energy jobs in our region -help Northeast Ohio grow into a hub for the emerging clean energy industry so we transform the Rust Belt into the Clean Energy Belt;

- Keep core communities strong - fight to keep core cities like Lakewood and Cleveland safe, clean, and family-friendly and revitalize our historic neighborhoods as model green communities;

- Strengthen education - make gains in early childhood education, get on top of our drop-out rate, and improve workforce training so we're preparing every student to find employment in the 21st Century economy;

- Make health care affordable and accessible for all; and

- End corruption and hold public officials accountable.

These are the priorities I've heard voters say are important to them in thousands of conversations I've had on front porches across our community.

**Question #2:** To meet the diverse needs of 13th District residents, I will continue holding regular neighborhood meetings. As a Councilman, I regularly attend Block Club and other community meetings; as a candidate, I've already held six neighborhood meetings across Lakewood and Cleveland and met residents near their homes to hear directly about their issues and concerns. I'll continue those meetings when elected, since that's the best way for me to stay in touch and be accessible to help with any problem.

I'll also continue my policy of making my telephone number and email address widely available and of

returning calls promptly. My contact information is right on my literature, so I'm easy to reach.

Finally, effective representation means listening to residents. Sometimes government's first response to a citizen request is "no". As Councilman, it's my job to take resident concerns seriously and find a way to get needs met by government, even if the solution is not immediately apparent. In addition, I've introduced many policy ideas that came directly from voters.

I'll continue my policy of putting the people first as state representative.

**Question #3:** My top priority specific to Lakewood is to pursue state capital funds to move forward on construction of our downtown Detroit Avenue streetscape plan. That plan would widen the sidewalks, bury the wires, upgrade to paving stones and high-quality features such as benches, planters, and bicycle parking.

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I have direct experience in pursuing budget dollars for projects from my work on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. I'll put that expertise to work for Lakewood.



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# Primary Election 2010

## Ohio Senate-SD13

**Nicholas J. Celebreeze- D**



**Question #1:** Being a three-term Councilman in the district I have seen first-hand how the economic downturn has affected our residents. I believe that my experience and demeanor as well as my ability to work well with opposition make me well suited to fight for this district's economic recovery. Additionally, I will bring to Columbus a fresh outlook and voice which is desperately needed.

**Question #2:** My family's dedication to this State and their unending fight on behalf of the working men and women of this County for the past 80 years has instilled in me belief to seek solutions to better the entire community, not just individual needs. This dedication has transcended to my work as a City Councilman, attorney, and former prosecutor, where I have continuously worked for the needs of the entire community and district, regardless of the political popularity of those issues.

**Question #3:** Clearly the most pressing priority for Lakewood, and the entire district, is job creation. As a State Senator I would work diligently to ensure that money is brought back to this region to create new avenues of revenue, by creating new jobs, expanding on existing job markets, and ensuring that our educational systems not only provide the workers of tomorrow, but ensure that they remain living in this district for years to come. Additionally as a small business owner, I know of the importance of added funding and incentives for local business to flourish and expand in Lakewood and this district.

**Ron Mottl- D**



**Question #1:** I want to return to the Ohio Legislature to create more jobs, retain current jobs, lower taxes, and increase funding for our schools. I want to attract more economic development and job creation in the Greater Cleveland area. We need to expand the businesses we have and help ensure those businesses stay in Greater Cleveland. I want to retain current jobs through tax credits and incentives. I believe in assisting existing regional business to retain existing jobs and to help them expand. I want to bring

back more money from Columbus for our local school districts so that local taxpayers do not have to pay additional real estate taxes.

**Question #2:** The 23rd Senate District is a diverse constituency, however there are more similarities than differences. The 23rd District is made up of hardworking men and women that want gainful employment, affordable healthcare for all, excellent schools and safe neighborhoods. As a former State Representative, I took great pride in being accessible to my constituents. I was always eager to hear ideas as how to better our District and help make the Greater Cleveland area a better place to work and live. My door was always open as a State Representative and it will continue to be open to serve you as your next State Senator.

**Question #3:** I have two main priorities for Lakewood: (1) Job Creation and Retention and (2) Increase funding for Education :

I want to create more jobs by changing Ohio tax policies by encouraging businesses to come to Ohio and stay here. Good jobs provide the financial resources to raise our families and to keep our schools and neighborhoods the types of places we want to live in.

I want to bring back more money from Columbus for the Lakewood school system. The school funding formula is old and outdated. The current formula shortchanges bigger cities like Lakewood. We need a new school foundation formula that adequately funds the Lakewood school system and relies less on increasing property taxes on the hardworking residents of Lakewood, especially our senior citizens.

**Michael Skindell- D**



**Question #1:** As the current State Representative for Lakewood, I have a proven legislative record advocating for the creation of high paying jobs, greater consumer protection, affordable prescription drugs and utility costs, protection of the environment, economic opportunities for working families and the poor, and the development of Ohio's renewable energy resources. I am honored to have been recognized as the 2004 Environmental Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Environmental Council and the recipient of a 2006 Special Award of Recognition from the Ohio Primary Care Association for my advocacy for Ohio's community health centers, the 2007 Legislative Champion of Children Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics and Voices for Ohio Children, and 2008 Legislator of the Year from the Cuyahoga County Commu-

## The Issues 1, 2, 6, and 15

### Issue #1:

Proposed Constitutional Amendment to extend the Ohio Third Frontier Program by authorizing the issuance of additional general obligation bonds to promote economic growth

### Issue #2:

Proposed Constitutional Amendment to change the location of the Columbus casino facility authorized by previous statewide vote

### Issue #6:

Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Lakewood City School District: An additional tax for the benefit of the Lakewood City School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 6.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 69 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010, first due in calendar year 2011.

### Issue #15:

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Health and human or social services County of Cuyahoga: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of cuyahoga county for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services

Source: Official Primary Ballot Cuyahoga County, May 4, 2010

nity Mental Health Board.

I am seeking the 23rd District State Senate seat to continue being a strong voice for the people of this region in State Government.

**Question #2:** The 23rd Senate District includes Brooklyn, Brook Park, Cleveland's Westside, Lakewood, Linn-dale, Middleburg Heights, Parma and Parma Heights. As the current State Representative for the 13th House District, which constitutes one third of the Senate District, I have a proven record of being responsive to constituents and engaged in the district. As the State Senator, I will continue my commitment to strong constituent services and

listening to the residents of the district.

In this campaign, I have made the commitment to work hard as the State Senator to support each community and to continue to be a strong voice of the people.

**Question #3:** The priorities are no different in Lakewood than they are in the other communities which make up the 23rd Senate District. The top two priorities are looking at ways the State of Ohio can spur the economy to help create high paying jobs and to ensure that our children receive a quality education that will prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow.



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# Out And About

## Business Bits & Bytes

by Maggie Fraley

A bit is a small increment of computer data used in sets of 8 to create a byte. Here's some bits of info in print and online. Please take a 'byte' and taste our community. Have you visited these 8 local businesses, yet?

Walking on Detroit, near Nicholson, I stopped by **The Lakewood Garden Center**. Husband and wife team, Paul Bilyk and Jenna Sickburt plan to open their doors in May-just in time for Mother's Day! Have you been to **Great Gardens Ltd** a bit further west? You can't miss their brightly colored, comfortable &

'green' (made from recycled materials!) "ecorondack" chairs out front. Ahhh, being outside reminds me of patio dining (watch for the LO special Patio guide on June 1st) and going to Indians games and eating hot dogs... but even if you didn't make it to the opener last week, **The Dog House** has the best selection of delicious and unique hot dogs right in Downtown Lakewood. It's their second location; the original is on Coventry in Cleveland Hts. Across the street, **Got your Back**, owner Geri Kody, a licensed massage therapist, shares the healing of touch therapy to release stress

and provide far reaching health benefits. Stop by to enjoy a truly relaxing lunch break with a 15 minute chair massage or foot reflexology treatment in suite #306 above **Rozi's Wine House**. Speaking of Rozi's, if you haven't tried one of their wine tastings (every Saturday from 12-5), stop by to pick up your favorite wine or find a new one. May 1 is their next big event, featuring Jim Perko, Executive Chef Wellness Institute, who will be sharing Lifestyle 180 from the Cleveland Clinic. Take a peek at his recipes on our **Wellness Watch** pages in the first issue each month, sponsored by Live Well Lakewood. Sweet Designs is another stop not to miss! Her award winning, amazing chocolate comes in tremendous variety. The dark chocolate is even heart healthy ( and oh, sooo delicious!) Near West Clifton, **Haute Stuff**, a new resale shop just opened their doors. Why not stop by and welcome them to the neigh-

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Challenge Yourself

by Paula Reed

Has your New Year's resolution to get healthier become a distant memory? Revive it on April 28th—join Live Well Lakewood's second annual Wellness Challenge. This year's program focuses on helping you achieve your personal goals. It's not a biggest loser competition—in fact, weight loss is part of this program only if it's appropriate for you. The goal is to help you make lifestyle changes that will enhance your wellness through better nutrition choices, regular exercise and stress management.

The first Challenge session, on April 28th at the Women's Pavilion at Lakewood Park, is a pre-program screening, measuring glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure, BMI and waist/hip ratio. Participants will spend the following eight Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. learning steps for improving their wellness; checking in with their support group and trying out a different form of exercise each week.

Dr. Meg Gerba Perry, Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine leads off each session. She'll cover the health benefits of a Mediterranean diet, healthy eating and exercise, heart health, the immune system, emotional eating and stress management, and other topics.

You'll then have the opportunity to cheer each other on and discuss roadblocks in facilitated small-groups. Then it's time to get up and move! The

evening ends with a brief exercise session designed to give you a taste of different activities you might enjoy. They include: getting ready to be more active, with Travis Gallagher, P.T.; Zumba with Amy Annico, Jazzercise with Karen Kilbane, Tai Chi with Jim Kulma, Yoga and Kick-boxing.

Everyone is encouraged to spend the days between sessions integrating what they've learned into their daily lives. Take advantage of our walkable community. Do your errands on foot, and support local merchants at the same time. Lower stress by walking just to enjoy the beautiful architecture and landscape of Lakewood.

The final session, on June 30th, will be the post-program screening, in which measures will be re-taken and participants will be able to see through objective numbers the progress they've made. Those completing the Challenge will be recognized on July 17th at the Lakewood Alive & Well Street Walk.

Ready to sign up? You can do it on-line at [livewelllakewood.org](http://livewelllakewood.org), or by phone at 216-529-7695. Appointments for the April 28th pre-program assessment (scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis) are 5:00; 5:30; 6:00; 6:30; 7:00; 7:30 and 8:00. Please leave the time between 5:00 and 8:00 you'd like your appointment to begin.

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Lakewood Arts

# Lakewood United Methodist Organ Recital

by Dan Shields

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Megan earned her B.M. in Piano Performance from Baldwin-Wallace College and is currently obtaining her M.M. in Piano Performance and Collaborative Piano from the University of Akron. She is currently the organist/music director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Master in Bedford, OH. Megan has achieved the Service Playing Certification through the American Guild of Organists. She has also held regular posts at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Lakewood Baptist Church, and the Lutheran Church of the Covenant. Megan had her premier as a pianist for musicals playing for Huntington Playhouse’s production of “Kiss Me Kate” in the summer 2005. She enjoys playing the piano and organ in many different scenarios, in both solo and collaborative settings.

All are invited to the organ recital and to the reception which will follow. Lakewood United Methodist Church is located at 15700 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. For additional information please call 216/226-8644. Admission is free.



# Let The Summer Fun Begin At The Beck Center

by Fran Storch

Spring break is here. It’s not too early to start planning your children’s summer activities. Treat your kids to a unique, creative summer experience by enrolling them today in a Beck Center 2010 Summer Camp. Better yet, have double the fun this summer! Register for two or more camps this summer and save 10% off tuition for each camp.\* Beck Center offers summer camps in dance, music, theater, and visual arts.

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# Sleeping Beauty Comes To Life At Beck Center

by Fran Storch

Beck Center’s Dance Education program presents a condensed version of the Tchaikovsky’s classic ballet, Sleeping Beauty, specially choreographed for children, on the Mackey Main Stage April 24 through May 2. This romantic fairy tale tells the story of the beautiful princess Aurora who is cursed at birth by the wicked fairy, Carabosse, to prick her finger on a spindle and sleep for a hundred years until awakened by true love’s first kiss. The ballet concludes with a wedding

celebration visited by fairy tale characters.

Beck’s production includes a cast of 50 students, 15 of whom are members of the Beck Center Dance Workshop, and features dancers Audrey Fagan as Aurora, Annie Gagen as Carabosse, and Maddy Crosby as the Lilac Fairy. With original choreography by Marius Petipa, Beck’s Sleeping Beauty includes additional choreography by Melanie Szucs, associate director of Dance Education and artistic director of the Dance Workshop at the Beck Center.

## A Day Of The Arts In Lakewood


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wares to be available for sale and to put forth the message of supporting local. The Cleveland Craft Coalition coordinators can be reached at [clevelandcraftcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandcraftcoalition@gmail.com)

Both the Screw Factory Artists’ Open Studio and the Cleveland Craft Coalition show are free and open to the public.


Later that evening in the Lake

Erie Building, LEAF will host Rutabaga Nights 2 from 7 to midnight. This event boasts local music, food and drink and a silent auction. The proceeds benefit the local food programs LEAF & City Fresh. Tickets available at the Root Cafe, GreenSmartGifts, and Gypsy Beans & Baking Co. The Lake Erie Building is located at 13000 Athens Ave.




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# Lakewood Observer

## Some Irish Flavor Courtesy Of Sullivan’s Irish Pub

by Ryan Sweeney

Choosing to stay true to this past month’s festivities The Eaters of Lakewood selected Sullivan’s Irish Pub as the third stop in their monthly perusal of Lakewood’s hefty supply of both colorful and popular eateries. Located on the corner of Chesterland and Madison Avenue, Sullivan’s Irish Pub is not your typical themed restaurant. A quick survey of the inside shows the staff really means business, here they eat, live and breathe everything Irish.

The wood and stone interior presents a warm and welcoming environment to its patrons, Sullivan’s almost feels more like a home away from home than a restaurant (they even include a stove and several bookshelves as part of their layout). Wooden stools and tables line walls dotted with numerous eye-catching pieces of artwork, photos and ads featuring Harp, Guinness and much more which can be found at their large central bar. The place definitely doesn’t suffer from lack of atmosphere; they are even known to

have live music presented about once a month in the form of The New Barley-corn, a Cleveland Irish band.

When EOL arrived on Saturday afternoon it was understood they didn’t just come for a good place to sit for a friendly chat. Sullivan’s was more than ready to accommodate. The March 27th event stretched from 6pm to 10pm and during this time EOL members were seated in their own private corner of the spacious pub. Here they could make their selections from many authentic and original Irish recipes complimented with a variety of refreshing spirits including the classic Black & Tan, Irish coffee and a wide range of draft and bottled beer.

As everyone was enjoying themselves, EOL President Christopher Bindel managed the club’s post near the front of the bar passing out comment cards and selling off raffle tickets. This month’s prize was a membership to Sullivan’s mug club whose members enjoy half price draught beers every Monday night and Saturday afternoon as well as

a personalized mug. The winner, Debra Sweeney, was announced on the EOL Facebook site on March 29th. This was clearly a popular prize; Sullivan’s stores all its club members’ mugs (over 900) at the bar in glass cases or by simply hanging them from the beams overhead.

At the end of the meal, after all comment cards had been handed in and tallied Sullivan’s came out looking quite well. Participants rated their experience on a scale of 1 to 5, with the highest rated being the food with a 4.6. The Atmosphere scored a 4.4 and cleanliness and friendliness of staff both scored 4.5 each. Among the foods tried there were crab cakes, fried calamari, fish and chips beef stew and Irish egg rolls which contained corned beef, Swiss cheese and sauerkraut. One item on the menu which was particularly popular with the EOL members was the boxty, which is a traditional Irish dish consisting of a potato pancake stuffed with just about anything you can think of from peppered steak to shrimp and scallops.

On the backs of the comment cards members voiced their satisfaction with the fast and attentive service, good portion sizes and tasty food. One participant stated, “I enjoyed their boxty and cheddar dip very much and the French fry wedges were very light and flakey. My burger was also cooked perfectly and was wonderfully assembled.” Many additional comments included the fact that they had been to Sullivan’s before and would be sure to come again, EOL members can certainly all agree you don’t have to cross an ocean to receive a fine, authentic pub experience when you can get it right in your own neighborhood.

For April’s event The Eaters of Lakewood make their next stop at Route 6. The event will take place on April 24th from 5-9pm. To learn more about EOL you can go to their homepage at [www.eatersoflakewood.com](http://www.eatersoflakewood.com) or become a fan at [www.facebook.com/eatersoflakewood](http://www.facebook.com/eatersoflakewood) you can also find them on [www.twitter.com/LakewoodEaters](http://www.twitter.com/LakewoodEaters).

## Lakewood Letters

### Dale Miller Endorses Antonio

by Dale Miller

State Senator Dale Miller has endorsed Lakewood City Councilwoman Nickie Antonio for State Representative in District 13. “With strong experience in education, human services, and local government, Nickie Antonio is uniquely qualified to represent an area as diverse as District 13,” Senator Miller stated. “Nickie Antonio’s experience, integrity, inclusiveness, progressive ideals, and positive attitude make her my candidate for State Representative,” he added.

Nickie Antonio’s background as a former special education teacher, an administrator for a multi-county HIV/AIDS program, and her position as Lakewood City Councilwoman give her a broad perspective on the issues facing ordinary citizens in her district.

Ohio House District 13 includes all of Lakewood, all of Cleveland Wards 15 and 16, and parts of Cleveland Wards 3, 14, and 17. The district is currently

represented by Representative Michael Skindell, who is not able to run again because of term limits and is running for the 23rd District Senate seat. Nickie Antonio is running in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, May 4th, 2010.

#### Hospital Changes A Good Thing

To the Editor:

I was heartened to read about the integration of services at Lakewood and Fairview Hospitals. It makes sense for the two hospitals located so close to each other to become more specialized in the services that they provide in order to better meet our health care needs.

The Cleveland Clinic is the area’s largest employer and is internationally recognized for developing innovative ways to provide excellent care to their patients. Westside residents are fortunate to be afforded access to highly specialized care in such areas as neurology, diabetes, cardiology, cancer, rehabilitation services, orthopedics and geriatric care in two excellent facilities that are so close to home. The Cleveland Clinic has certainly demonstrated their commitment to its regional hospitals by working effectively with the community to provide the finest care possible to area residents.

Sincerely,  
Patty Ryan  
CEO & President  
Lakewood Chamber of Commerce

### Bullock Endorsement Letter

by Pat Metzger

I support Tom Bullock for state representative of Ohio House District 13 because he’s shown me that he’s serious about taking the initiative to push for material change and growth in our

region.

Of the key factors impacting my decision are Mr. Bullock’s firm grasp of our economic challenges, his stated commitment to developing jobs in sustainable, clean, growth industries, support of advanced energy proposals; and, what I see as his sincere interest in making ours a better community. His fresh leadership and innovative approach will help put the economy of Northeast Ohio back on track.

Moreover, Mr. Bullock has demonstrated to me, through his active participation, that he cares about strengthening historic West side neighborhoods by attracting businesses, new residents and by making our community friendly to pedestrians, cyclists, and public transportation.

If you want a new leader who will fight for the changes needed to get our region on track, please vote for Tom Bullock for state representative of Ohio House District 13 on May 4.

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# Lakewood Observer

## HUGS Foundation Benefit

by Dianne Vogt

Founded in Lakewood, Ohio in 2008, the HUGS Foundation has been working to bring healing in the form of Hope, Understanding, Gratitude and Serenity, to those touched by adolescent chemical addiction, bridging the insurance gap by providing funds to help offset the staggering costs of residential recovery programs.

Founded in Akron, Ohio in 1935 Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon have been working to help bring sobriety and support to those struggling with addiction. On Thursday, April 29, the two paths will merge as HUGS hosts "Desserts and Discussion" prior to the Cleveland Play House production of Bill W. and Dr. Bob -- a powerful drama which tells the story of the two men who founded AA and their wives who founded Al-Anon. Ticket price of \$50 includes dessert, discussion and admission to the performance. Proceeds from the evening will be used to help families struggling with adolescent addiction.

"Partnering with the Play House seemed like a perfect idea since AA and Al-Anon are so important in family recovery and family recovery is so much of what HUGS is about," said HUGS founder, Dianne Vogt. While the play itself will be enjoyable for anyone interested in good theater, it will be especially meaningful to anyone who has been touched by the disease of alcoholism and drug addiction. Seeing the play will deepen their understanding of the core program that is so successful in recovery.

The HUGS Foundation was launched in late 2008 by Vogt, after she saw the need to bridge the insurance gap and provide funds to help families afford the staggering costs of addiction recovery programs. Vogt, who dealt with the chemical dependency of her own son, was volunteering at Oakview Behavioral Health Center, when she heard a mother say that her son needed more treatment, but she would have to sell her house for him to get it. Vogt thought that something should be done for the parents who are willing to participate in recovery and realize more treatment is needed; however, the insurance company says, "No, the benefits are exhausted."

Since March 2010, the HUGS Foundation has been able to help five families defray the costs of their child's treatment. Because HUGS was willing to help the families, several young men have experience sobriety and are back on track with school and jobs.

"Thanks to HUGS," said one grateful mother, "We were able to place our son in the trustworthy hands of Power House Services, a half-way house in Louisiana; the same place where Dianne's son sought refuge and healing. . . Slowly and painfully the son we once knew is resurfacing thanks to their structured program that has proven successful since 1986. . . HUGS has been Helpful, Understanding, Giving and Supportive -- my own definition for this much needed foundation that steps in when insurance benefits have been exhausted."

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church Launches Capital Campaign

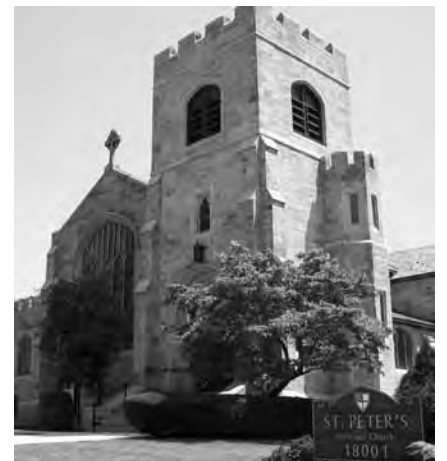
by Jenni Baker

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Detroit Avenue and West Clifton Blvd., has been a vital part of the Lakewood community since 1906. Today, more than 500 parishioners from Lakewood and the surrounding communities call St. Peter's their spiritual home.

The original sanctuary of St. Peter's was built in 1927 and underwent an exterior and roof restoration in 2008. Today, St. Peter's is embarking on a decade-long effort to renovate its entire facility. The first phase of this effort is a \$1.05 million capital campaign to ensure that St. Peter's parishioners and visitors enjoy a safe, efficient, and welcoming place in which to worship, gather, and serve for a second century of ministry.

Through this campaign, St. Peter's will improve the efficiency and comfort of its sanctuary and other buildings with the installation of modern heating and cooling systems. It will also double parking capacity for its parishioners and other members of the community who take advantage of St. Peter's programs and activities. Finally, it will provide funds for much needed repair of the church's wonderful Holtkamp organ and a new sound system.

Rev. Keith Owen, Rector of St. Peter's, is thrilled about the involvement of parishioners in this campaign.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

"Many members of our congregation are involved in this effort and we are excited about the improvements that will be made through the success of our campaign," he said. "We have a long history here in Lakewood and this campaign will ensure that we will be here for many more years."

St. Peter's is also home to the St. Peter's Child Care Center, which provides day care for 70 children. The parish's many outreach activities include a community meal once a month, tutoring in the Cleveland Public School system and raising funds for many community outreach activities in Lakewood and beyond. For more information about St. Peter's and its campaign, please visit [www.stpeterslakewood.org](http://www.stpeterslakewood.org).

## A Lakewoodite's Perspective

### Welcome To Callentinomics 101

by Bret Callentine

Milton Friedman and John Maynard Keynes have got nothing on me. You can take your Supply-Side Economics and your Laffer Curve and toss them right out the window with every other principle you learned in college Economics. I don't need a Ph.D. or an M.B.A. to know exactly what to do to solve the financial woes of this country. And I certainly don't need an entire staff of tweed-wearing, pipe-smoking, Ivy League intellectuals to help me explain it to the American People.

With April 15th in the rear-view mirror and another tax year behind us, it's quite simple. All we need to do is pass a law that says, quite simply: If you didn't collect it, you don't get to spend it. Period. Forget about bills that proclaim to be budget-neutral and the promises to balance everything out. Government spending is out of control, and they've demonstrated neither the ability nor the desire to do anything about it. Not only have we lost the Gold Standard, but we've blown right through any possible debt standard and now, it seems we don't even have a "Reality Standard".

But the problem as I see it is that Congress isn't even looking at things from the right side of the accounting ledger. I keep hearing politicians pitch-

ing programs "we need" and services that "everyone deserves," but rarely do I hear anyone talking about what we can afford. Well, it's time to kick off a new era of responsibility and it begins with looking at everything first from the perspective of what we have to spend.

Ever walk into a store or restaurant that only takes cash? Why do you think that is? Usually it's because they don't believe in credit cards and they don't trust checks. And some might argue that they risk losing business because they limit the payment options, but I can see where they more than make up for that potential loss in profit with a definite gain in peace of mind, since they don't spend nearly as much time worrying about account transfers, bounced checks, and identity theft. When you only take cash, short of being paid in counterfeit bills, once the sale is done, it's final. And at the end of the day, profit or loss is readily identifiable by how much cash is in the drawer.

When you only work with cash, you don't have to worry about transfer fees and services charges and you'll never lose money in interest payments. It's the reason that every single personal financial

coach will start by telling you to cut up your credit cards. It's time to force the government to play by those same rules.

So here's the plan. We need a constitutional amendment that states: The United States Government shall not spend money it has not physically collected through taxation. No more deficit spending; no more spending first and figuring out how to pay for it later; no more empty promises of "pay as you go". As the saying goes... "In GOD we trust, all others pay cash."

Congress and the President will be forced to see what they have in their checkbook first, before starting a discussion on how to spend it. Trust me, once they're restricted to spending only actual funds, you won't have to worry about bridges to nowhere or million dollar tunnels for endangered turtles. You'll see a quicker end to war and a tighter reign on fraud and abuse. You also won't hear long-winded speeches about theoretical policies or legislative loopholes. With the purse strings tightened, I guarantee you that the same politicians who spend hours debating Trickle-Down Economics will quickly come to a consensus on how to get the

most out of the tax system.

But, let's also be realistic. I understand that this will represent a considerable problem in the short run, as almost every government program is already currently under-funded. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, the list goes on and on. They're all writing checks that aren't worth the paper they're printed on. And that represents a real-life problem to the American people who depend on that check to get from day to day. I'm sorry to tell you that I don't have a magic pill that alleviates the devastating effect on that demographic. But, continuing down the path we're going doesn't really provide another option anyway. The current system of spending is unsustainable, so the choice is really to live within our means now, or wait until the system collapses and then live with nothing while the country rebuilds itself financially.

The choice we are left with is to move out of our current house that we can't afford and into an apartment or wait until foreclosure hits and just get tossed into the street. Neither option seems palatable, and both require enormous sacrifice, and yes, immediate suffering. But at least the first option leaves us in control.



## Pulse Of The City

# 1970-Let Us Not Look Back In Anger...

by Gary Rice

1970- "Let Us Not Look Back In Anger, Nor Forward In Fear, But Around Us In Awareness"-Anon.

It all happened, as they say, in the twinkling of an eye. When the ball dropped on Times Square on January 1st, 1970, the "Sixties" were over...and none too soon, for many of us.

Jimi Hendrix's Band of Gypsies, along with Buddy Miles, opened the year by performing at New York's Fillmore East on New Year's Eve, while Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians played uptown at the Waldorf-Astoria. These two musical groups, in a sublime way, helped, at least symbolically, to reflect the cultural differences struggling to prevail in our country in 1970.

For those of us living in Lakewood at that time, it had already been a time of profound change. On the evening of July 4th, 1969, a terrible holiday storm had ripped Lakewood into shreds. People died, trees toppled, and a vastly changed landscape greeted Lakewoodites who crawled out of their basements later that night to see the damage.

Actually, the weather during the 1969-1970 period was pretty much as it usually is around here. Funny though, unlike the current "global warming" theories, more than a few people at that time thought that the earth was actually cooling, and that maybe we were even getting ready for another ice age!

Ironically, both Simon and Garfunkel's song "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and Edwin Starr's "War" made the top 10 that year, again possibly reflecting the conflicting feelings of the American public at that time. Other top musical hits of 1970 included Guess Who's "American Woman/No Sugar Tonight," The Carpenters' "Close To You," Rare Earth's "Get Ready," B.J. Thomas' "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head," and the Beatles' "Let It Be," among others.

Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix both died in 1970, along with actresses Inger Stevens and Gypsy Rose Lee. In February, the "Chicago 7" was found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention. Also in February, Lakewood's HAZE rock band played at an all-night party for the LHS class of '70 at the Lakewood YMCA.

### Change was indeed in the air.

On March 17, American Army officers were charged in the My Lai massacre incident, a tragic event in Vietnam where a number of civilians had been executed. On April 13, a near catastrophic problem in space endangered the mission of the Apollo 13 astronauts.

On April 22, we celebrated our first Earth Day in consideration of the world's pollution and climate issues.

President Nixon had been trying to figure out how to resolve the increasingly unpopular Vietnam War. Originally, he had committed to combat troop reductions, and a policy of "Vietnamization." On April 30, 1970, however, he ordered an escalation of



photo by Gary Rice

Members and friends of Lakewood's former HAZE band at Around The Corner at the 35th reunion for the LHS Class of '70 in 2005.

hostilities by ordering the invasion of Cambodia. That action caused high school and college students on campuses around the country to rise up and protest.

On May 4, 1970, at Kent State University, four students were killed by Ohio National Guardsmen, and nine others were wounded. Violence erupted at other campuses, notably at Jackson State College on May 14-15, in Jackson, Mississippi. That cost the lives of two other students with twelve other injuries reported.

In June, there was a raid on the Vietnamese POW camp at Son Tay by American special forces troops, but unfortunately no American prisoners were found, and many still remain missing from that war.

Also in June, the Lakewood High School Class of '70 turned their tassels around and graduated.

Reflecting the birth of the hard rock era, the two rock bands, HAZE and SKIE, battled in Lakewood Park on the evening of July 22nd at the Lakewood Day festivities. Both bands received trophies for their participation in that event. Four of the five members of HAZE (and, at one time, two members of SKIE) had been recent graduates of the LHS class of '70.

On July 30, George Szell, the highly esteemed director of the Cleveland Orchestra, passed away. Also in July, Thor Heyerdahl crossed the Atlantic in his Ra II boat.

On September 26, The President's Commission on Campus Unrest, also referred to as the Scranton Commission, investigated the Kent State killings and found that "the indiscriminate firing of rifles into a crowd of

students and the deaths that followed were unnecessary, unwarranted, and inexcusable." In October, the Russian writer Alexandr Solzhenitsyn won a Nobel prize in literature.

By the way, gasoline back then was about 35 cents a gallon. Our average household income was below \$9,000 a year, and the price of a stamp (in those pre-internet days) was 6 cents. Many Lakewood homes went for 20k or less on the market.

Some TV shows that were popular in 1970 included the "Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Six Million Dollar Man," "High Chaparral," "All in the Family," "Happy Days," "Welcome Back Kotter," "Baa Baa Black Sheep," "Mod Squad," "Charlie's Angels," and "Kung Fu."

At Lakewood High School, the 1969-1970 school year was also a time of change. The new West Wing was under construction, as was the gym out in front of the old building. The school was overflowing with students during this time, as the effects of the baby boom from World War II continued.

By this time in history, students were establishing a serious generational identity of their own. Clothing styles were more and more clique-oriented. There were the surfers, the mods, the greasers, the preps, etc...and everyone was expected to choose, and adhere to, a certain category of dress. By 1970, some young people were starting to experiment with recreational drug use, as the counterculture movements became more widespread. During that time, the Civil Rights movement also raised awareness among students regarding the concepts of human

rights, dignity, and personal freedoms.

There was also a growing political awareness in the schools. The war in Vietnam, and the ongoing weekly deaths of American soldiers (along with the fact that the military draft was still going strong), all served notice to the males in the LHS class of '70 that they too could be called up to serve in Vietnam's jungles scant months after their graduation. Of course, the recent Woodstock (August 1969) and Altamont (December 1969) rock concerts also served to awaken a dramatic youth consciousness of identity that could only harden into focus when the Kent State shootings erupted in May.

By graduation, America's high school class of 1970 faced an uncertain future obscured by the figurative smoke of their times. Whether that smoke came from a faraway war, or from the blackened smoke that rose from that burning ROTC building on the Kent State campus, or even perhaps (for a few) from those funny looking cigarettes... the hand-holding hippie days were indeed gone forever. From that point on, things were very different in their lives. Those students had to grow up quickly back then and they certainly did. The LHS Class of '70's motto, given above, showed a heroic and mature effort on their part to at least seek balance, equilibrium, and (perhaps most importantly) hope during those times of change.

On Dec 31, Paul McCartney filed suit to dissolve the Beatles. Lest there had been any doubt up to that point, the pulse of the sixties had finally ceased to "beat."

That once-simple beat... had turned into thunder. A new decade had begun.



# Home And Garden

## Is It Time To Paint?

by Don Milewski

Spring is upon us and summer will soon be here. As you awake from your winter slumber and find yourself outdoors, it may be a good time to inspect the exterior of your house and garage. You might find that winter has not been kind to your home's exterior.

A careful survey of your home might tell you it's time to paint. What should you look for?

### Is Your Siding Starting to Peel?

Look for peeling paint on your siding and trim. Snow and ice can cause ice damage and paint peeling, bubbling

and chipping. Here in Lakewood many homes have wood siding. Extreme temperature changes can cause your wood to expand and contract, which also might lead to peeling paint. Ice back-up—a result of freezing and thawing—can also cause the paint to peel from your home's exterior. It's very important to address this problem because paint serves a purpose beyond mere decoration; it's also a protective coating for your wood siding. If left untreated, moisture can cause wood to rot—and rotten wood can be extremely expensive to repair. You could expect to pay close to \$80 an hour for an experienced carpenter to repair damaged wood siding and trim. Rotten wood could also lead to other costly consequences. Water can find its way into your home through cracks that need to be caulked and holes that need to be filled. Insufficient caulking around doors and windows can also raise your heating bills. So how do you prevent these costly repairs? Timely painting and regular maintenance are key to protecting your biggest investment, your home.

sive chipping and peeling—may occur. The only way to fix this type of failure would be to replace the siding. Thus, it may be wiser to have a professional refinish your aluminum siding.

### When Is the Best Time to Paint?

Spring, summer and fall provide great opportunities to paint the exterior of homes! Look for dry weather and consistent temperatures. There are products on the market that claim you can paint in temperatures as low as 35 degrees Fahrenheit. Usually, however, temperatures between 50 and 90 degrees are best for painting. Check the weather forecast! A stretch of dry weather for painting is preferred in order to avoid rain washing the new paint right off the surface. Ideally, it should not rain until the next day, but the paint should dry to the touch within 2-4 hours of application, at which point the risk of the paint being damaged due to paint is minimal. One should expect rain in the spring and afternoon thunderstorms in the late summer and early fall.

### Beware of Shortcuts

Every home is different in terms of its exposure to sun and the elements. These factors will affect how long a typical exterior paint job may last. However, surface preparation and the quality of paint used on the house also affect the coating's longevity. Cutting corners on preparation or using cheaper products might seem like a good idea at the time, but certainly will result in the need to repaint much sooner than expected. A proper job using quality products should last between five and ten years in our area.

Check the paint surfaces on your home to see if now is the right time to paint. You may only need to paint a side, the trim, shutters, doors or windows, but putting off maintenance could cost you thousands of dollars in carpentry bills. Whatever your projects may be, remember to properly clean the surface, use high quality paints and watch the weather to ensure a lasting job.

### Warning Signs

Besides peeling siding, careful inspection of your home's exterior might reveal other signs that it is time to repaint: Do you see any bare wood on your windowsills or siding? Bare wood showing through the surface is especially common on homes with stained cedar siding. Check the caulking around your windows and doors. No cracks or splits should be evident. Inspect the windows and look at the window putty or glazing. If putty is missing and falling out, heat might be escaping your home. This is evidence that your windows need to be repainted. Also look for any cupping or warping in your wood siding. If you find any cupped or warped boards, you probably have waited too long and need to paint or stain immediately.

### Time to Paint Your Aluminum?

Aluminum sided homes might also need a fresh coat of paint. Look for bare aluminum showing through the finish. Another sign that it's time to paint your aluminum siding is surface "chalking," an oxidation process caused by the weather. Not only is this effect unsightly, but if left unattended, this residue may become baked into the aluminum's surface. Stains running from your roof or brick surfaces are another reason to paint your siding.

Aluminum siding can be painted with a brush, but a sprayer will provide a much better finish. Airless sprayers can be rented. Practice and proper masking can help a do-it-yourselfer to achieve a good finish. When using a sprayer, watch out for overspray. You don't want to paint your roof, windows and landscaping the same color as your house! Cleaning is a very important part of doing a proper job. If the surface is not cleaned properly, a major paint failure—meaning exten-



## Spring Into Sale On The Grounds

by Paula Reed

You know spring is here when the Nicholson House gardens bloom with daffodils and a giant white tent pops up in the yard. That means it's time for Lakewood's best event for savvy shoppers, Sale on the Grounds.

The Lakewood Historical Society collects donations all year long—enough to fill the historic Nicholson House and its grounds with quality items at bargain prices. Particularly popular is the Antiques Room, in which wonderful vintage china, silver, pottery, artwork, linens, crystal and glassware, as well as collectibles from the past century are beautifully displayed. The leading contender for this year's most unusual item is the framed mourning wreath, made of intricately entwined hair, a popular Victorian tradition for preserving memories of deceased relatives.

Decorating your house, or your first apartment? If you can't find it here, you don't need it! The selection of framed pictures is incredible. There are lovely candlesticks, figurines, vases.... All decorating styles are represented.

You'll find all manner of housewares. Need dishes? You'll find many sets to choose from. Glasses? Take

your pick. Pie plates, Corelle baking dishes, pots and pans, utensils, cookie cutters, kitchen accessories and small appliances. Crafts, fabric, bedding, tablecloths, stationery and office supplies, tools, small electronics, lawn & garden, toys, games and sporting goods join small furniture in the tent.

Sale on the Grounds is Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 2 from noon to 3:00 p.m. If it wasn't the best sale ever, would people line up like this to get in?

Intimidated by the line? Don't be! Come to the Preview Party on Friday, April 30th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. For a donation of \$10, you'll sip Rozi's beer & wine and enjoy appetizers while shopping at your leisure before the Saturday morning rush. Reservations for the Preview Party are a must. You can reserve: online at lakewoodmuseum-store.com; by calling 216-221-7343, or by mailing your check with the names of those attending to the Lakewood Historical Society, 14710 Lake Avenue, Lakewood 44107.

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Celebrating Lakewood's History

# The Influenza Epidemic Of 1918 Hits Lakewood

by Maze Adams

The Influenza epidemic of 1918-1919 killed as many as 100 million people worldwide. Far different from other influenzas, the Spanish Flu killed a large number of people between 16 and 40 years old. In excess of 5 percent of the people in the world died. Lakewood was also hit by the Spanish Flu outbreak. The local paper, the Lakewood Press, provided coverage of the epidemic, providing some insight into the city's reaction to the virus.

The Lakewood Press included articles on the new high school building, scheduled to be opened on October 7, 1918. In the paper a "Warning to Public" appeared: "Persons suffering from any kind of a cold should remain indoors, should keep away from crowded assemblies, and should insist upon plenty of ventilation, both in their homes, stores, offices and street cars." The same issue announced "Lakewood High Open with 1,000 Pupils."

Just one week later, the spread of the flu resulted in "an order...closing places of public assembly in Lakewood for a period of one week at least." Mayor Byron M. Cook signed the

quarantine order, which affected at least 7,000 school children, who found the school doors locked on Monday morning. "All public gatherings are for the time being under police regulation, including dance halls, picture shows, theaters, night schools, lodges and assemblages of similar character. Lakewood Hospital is already filled to capacity and will be unable to care for but very few 'flu' patients."

By October 31, the paper believed that Lakewood had "escaped lightly" during the epidemic. "The explanation may be found in the fact that our streets are wide and open, permitting free circulation of air, houses for the most part are separated, homes are provided with modern sanitary arrangements thus encouraging cleanliness of living. Personal hygiene is one of the most important factors in warding off the disease." The Lakewood Press printed helpful advice, such as staying in bed at the first indications of symptoms, opening all the windows in the bedroom, "tak[ing] medicine to open the bowels freely," eating nourishing meals, and protecting others "by sneezing and coughing into handkerchiefs or cloths, which should be boiled or



burned."

Lakewood celebrated the end of World War I with "tremendous enthusiasm." They were also celebrating the lifting of the flu ban. Churches and other public assemblies reopened. Schools reopened on November 13, trying to overcome "the serious handicap" of the ban.

But, new bans were instituted in late November and December. On November 26, the schools voluntarily extended a fall vacation for an additional two weeks, planning to reopen on December 30, as "Public sentiment has practically insisted that the grade schools be closed." The Chamber of Commerce pushed for a city-wide ban of large gatherings (including churches) due to a recurrence of flu cases. The city, although very reluctant to reinstate a citywide ban, did restrict the activities of chil-

dren. A resident wrote that her father "wouldn't let us go to church because of the flu. Children under six have to stay home—they are not allowed on the street or at picture shows."

Eventually, the flu virus ran its course, but not until after months of worry, quarantines and overflowing hospital wards. By summer of 1919, the Spanish Flu was gone from Lakewood. For more information on the influenza pandemic, consult *The Great Influenza: the Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History* by John M. Barry.

The Lakewood Historical Society's mission is to celebrate Lakewood's past, educate the community and preserve information like this for future generations. The society relies almost entirely on volunteers and dues from society members to achieve this. In addition, the society is generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

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