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Lakewood Takes To The Streets

For City-Wide Sale

by Thealexa Becker

Garage sale enthusiasts and bargain hunters; your Christmas is in June this year. The First Annual Lakewood City-wide Street Sale, an event featuring over 40 merchants, 13 block clubs and more than 20 residents throughout the city of Lakewood will take place from June 24th to June 26th.

Marked by festive red, white and blue balloons, Street Sale participants have three days to work with their block clubs, host their own sale, and most importantly, shop around Downtown Lakewood and Madison Avenue. Merchants will be open from 10 to 5pm all three days, although resident hours may vary. A complete list of participants with their Street

Sale details can be found at downtownlakewood.org.

"Past sidewalk sales have always gotten a flat response," said David Stein from Plantation Homes, one of the key players in planning this event. "The thought of integrating a city-wide sale with the sidewalk sale made sense."

Carol Mason, a resident of Lakewood for 28 years, will be participating in the Lakeland Avenue Block Club Street Sale for all three days. "We're going to make it festive," Mason said of the preparations she will be making for her part of the Street Sale, which include a tent and the red, white and blue balloons that all Street Sale participants will display.

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Lakewood High School's Graduating Class of 2010 celebrates the end of Commencement in the time honored fashion of throwing their mortorboards into the air. Lakewood High School was just voted on as one of the best high schools in the USA by **Newsweek - America's Best High Schools: The List.** Each year, NEWSWEEK picks the best high schools in the country based on how hard school staffs work to challenge students with advanced-placement college-level courses and tests. Just over 1.600 schools-only 6 percent of all the public schools in the U.S.—made the list. LHS finished 229, 6th in Ohio!

Meet The Trucks Another Great Event



Lakewood's Early Childhood PTA put on another Meet The Trucks. An event that has quickly become one of the faovrites of all children. This photo was taken by Stefan Powell from the Forestry Department, and crew.(inset) More photos on page 11, and many more online at http://lakewoodobserver.com in the photo galleries. Isn't it time you started your gallery? Thousands of images online from other residents.

H2O To Kick Off Annual Clothes 4 Kids Sale!

by Nicholas Aylward

Tired of your current wardrobe? Are your kids outgrowing their clothes faster than you can get new ones? Are you looking for a reason to sort through your closet? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have got a solution for you!

This summer H2O — "Help to Others" will hold it's annual "Clothes 4 Kids" Super Sale. The sale is a citywide project to provide affordable back-to-school clothes for all Lakewood families. Gently worn infant-adult clothing will be collected and recycled by H2O volunteers. Items will be available to the public for resale on July 31st.

From June 12 through July 25 residents may donate clothing and school supplies to any Lakewood Fire Station. They are open 7 days a week and will offer a receipt for donated items.

The "Clothes 4 Kids" Super Sale will be held on Saturday, July 31st from 9am-3pm in the East Cafeteria at Lakewood High School.

H2O is also sponsoring a citywide school campaign for new and used school supplies.

Collection containers will be available in June at local schools.

H2O Summer Service Camp volunteers will consolidate glue bottles, recycle used notebooks, sharpen crayons/ pencils, etc. to make Back to School Kits for distribution to students and families through Lakewood Christian Service Center next fall. H2O is a program of the Lakewood Department of Human Services Division of Youth in partnership with Lakewood City Schools. Under the direction of staff from the Division of Youth, H2O programs are intended to build and strengthen the confidence and resources of Lakewood's young residents through service projects.

Bike Rodeo Big Hit With Kids



Bikes were everywhere at the Bike Rodeo. Here boys are waiting to get their bike licenses. What a great day for kids, bikes, parents and Lakewood. More photos on page 15, and check out Mel Page's photo galleries on line at http://lakewoodobserver.com. Thousands of images online by your friends and neighbors. Check them out!

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 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

Tuesday, June 15

Kaufmann Park Community Input Workshop

7:00 - 8:30 PM, Lakewood Public Library Auditorium, 15425 Detroit Ave. Please join us to share your ideas on how to best enhance Kauffman Park. The City is hosting a community input meeting, in cooperation with the Friends of Kauffman Park, to develop an improvement plan for the park. For further information or if you have questions, please contact Dru Siley, Assistant Director of Planning at 216.529.6630 or dru.siley@lakewoodoh.net. **Wednesday, June 16**

Wednesday Farmer's Market

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Kaufmann Park Parking Lot behind Drug Mart, 15412 Detroit Locally grown produce along with freshly baked breads and pastries, artisans and craftspeople who help to create a festive market atmosphere for the Lakewood community. The Market will operate every Wednesday through September 29.

LEAF Night

5:00 to 8:00 PM, Lakewood Main Library Porch

Live Well Lakewood Wellness Challenge

7:00 - 8:15 PM, Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Ave. The Wellness Challenge participants encourage each other to practice healthy eating, to get moving, and to explore Lakewood on foot or bicycle. Anyone 12 years or older who lives or works in Lakewood is welcome to participate. Topic: Women's Health Fitness Session: Self-Defense, Kick Boxing - Kick Martial Arts. You can join the challenge anytime. Just come to one of our sessions. For more information, visit http:// livewelllakewood.org or call (216) 529-7695.

Eaters of Lakewood next event is at Angelo's Pizza

5:00 - 9:00 PM, Angelo's Pizza, 13715 Madison Ave.

Do you need a night out? Then join Eaters of Lakewood and use us as your excuse to get out at least once a month. If you have any questions you can contact us at eatersoflakewood@gmail.com or visit www.Eatersoflakewood.com or on Facebook. **Thursday, June 17**

Vocational Guidance Services 2010 Annual Meeting

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Windows on the River, 2000 Sycamore, Cleveland, OH 44113 Vocational Guidance Services (VGS) will present its 2010 Annual Meeting. Thomas A. Waltermire, Chief Executive Officer of Team NEO, will be the Keynote Speaker. For more information, please call (216) 881-6003 or visit www.vgsjob.org.

VGS is a 120-year-old non-profit organization that provides a full range of vocational rehabilitation services including job training, transitional employment, and job placement for people who are disabled or disadvantaged. Its mission is to prepare people with barriers to employment for a brighter future. On average, VGS finds jobs for over 1,000 people each year, approximately 400 of who have significant disabilities.

Sunday, June 20

Summer Band Concert -"The New Barleycorn"

7:00 - 8:30 PM, Lakewood Park Bandstand, 14532 Lake Ave.

Monday, June 21

Lakewood City Council Meeting

7:30 PM, Lakewood City Hall, 12650 Detroit Ave.

Trinity Lutheran Peace Camp (Runs June 21 - 25)

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, 16400 Detroit Ave.

A full day, one week camp for children K-8. Concentration is on Jesus' message of peace and how we can make peaceful relationships every day. Collaborative challenging games where everyone wins. Songs, service project, peace education with emphasis on dealing with bullies. Call 226-8087 or go to www.trinitylakewood.org. **Wednesday, June 23**

Wednesday Farmers Market

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Kaufmann Park Parking Lot.

Lakewood Family YMCA Volleyball Cookout!

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Lakewood Family YMCA.

FREE event for YMCA members and non members! Mix up your workout routine and bring the kids for a family outdoor volleyball cookout! Wednesday, June 23rd, starts at 4pm. Bounce house for the kids, games, free hot dogs and hamburgers- and a meet and greet with the new leadership staff from 7-8pm in the YMCA community room, including a FREE half-hour seminar on "TRUTHS AND MYTHS ABOUT



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Fair Housing Law Seminar for Rental Property Owners

6:00 - 8:00 PM, Woman's Club Pavilion, Lakewood Park

This free program is designed to educate landlords and real estate professionals in the City of Lakewood about your responsibilities under fair housing laws. Additionally, this seminar will cover your responsibilities regarding the City of Lakewood Nuisance Ordinance. For more information, contact Darlene English from the Housing Research & Adovacy at (216) 361-9240.

LEAF Night

5:00 to 8:00 PM, Lakewood Main Library Porch

Live Well Lakewood Wellness Challenge

7:00 - 8:15 PM, Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Ave. Topic: What Happens Next, Fitness Session: Tai Chi, Jim Kulma

Thursday, June 24 **Lakewood City Wide Street Sale**

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. See Page 1 for details.

Friday, June 25

Lakewood City Wide Street Sale, 10 AM - 5 PM Live Pro Wrestling*fun For The Whole Family!

7:00 - 10:30 PM, The Phantasy Theater 11802 Detroit Ave.

Firestorm Pro Wrestling presents The Rise of The Real Underground 2010! This annual exciting event is a showcase of the best in up and coming superstars in Firestorm Pro Wrestling. This is the one event where the entire show is based around opportunity for the young and restless in Firestorm Pro Wrestling. Tickets for this event are only \$10 for General Admission, \$15 for Front Row (50 available), \$20 Stage/Entrance Way seating (30 available), and are available at www.FirestormPro.com.

Happy Hour Spa Night - Russell Chiropractic Charity Event

7:00 - 10:00 PM, Russell Chiropractic, 18624 Detroit Ave.

Proceeds from this year's charity event will benefit Live Well Lakewood. Tickets for this fun-filled evening are only \$25. Call today to reserve your space! 216.221.1788

Friday Night Flick - "Madagascar 2"

9:30 PM, Lakewood Park Bandstand, 14532 Lake Ave.

Come join us for this free movie in the Park. In case of rain, shown at 8:00 PM in the City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Ave. Call (216) 529-6650 after 5:00 PM on movie night or tune into Lakewood Radio 1660 AM if unsure of weather.

Saturday, June 26

Lakewood City Wide Street Sale, 10 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, June 27

Summer Band Concert - "Lakewood Hometown Band"

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Lakewood Park Bandstand, 14532 Lake Avenue Join us for this free concert in the park. In the event of rain, this concert will be held in the Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Ave.

Visit our calendar online for many more events.



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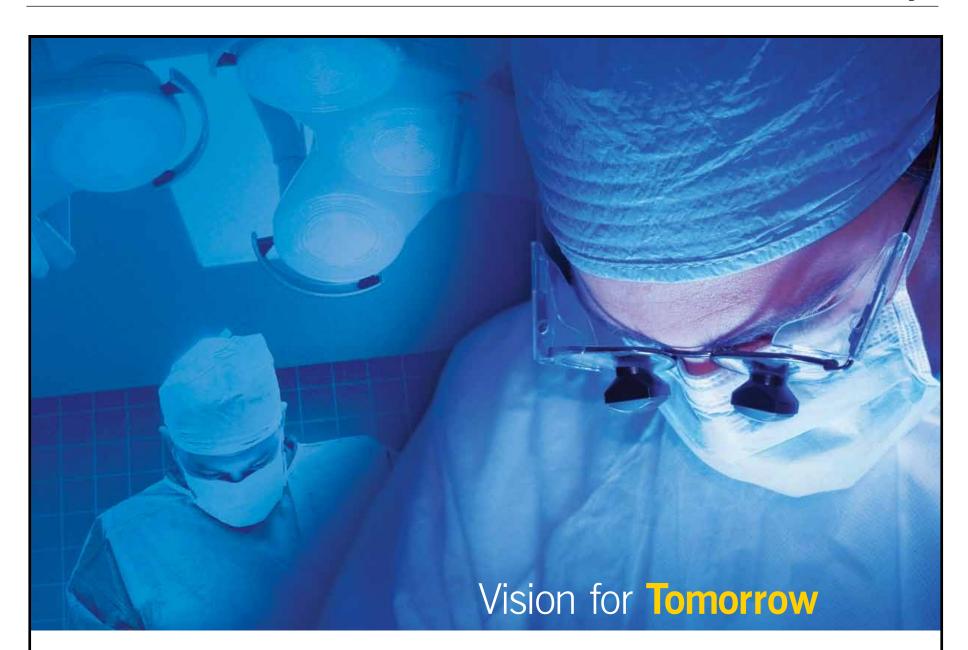
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Lakewood Senior News

Barton Center Volunteers Contribute 22,960 Hours

by Curt Brosky

Barton Senior Center recently honored the many volunteers who have assisted the organization during the past year. At a dinner show and reception held in April, 226 individuals were recognized for having volunteered a total of 22,960 hours at the Center during the previous 12 months. This astounding volunteer total is equivalent to more than 11 fulltime employees. "Our volunteers are simply terrific" stated Center Director Tania Gheen. "Without the volunteers, our small staff would never be able to provide the many programs, activities and services offered at Barton Center. It is really a win-win, as our volunteers socialize, make friends and have fun, at the same time that they are helping others."

The following Barton Center members were given special recognition for volunteering more than 500 hours during the year: Dolores Berish, Rosemary Faulhaber, Sally Kerfoot, Hazel King, Rita Merritt, Illona Papp, Anna Potter, Ursula Randolph, Arlene Schroeder and Carolyn Vanatta. Sophie Syzmanski topped the list by volunteering a total of 1,498 hours. The two longest serving volunteers, Carol Meermans and Rosemary Faulhaber, were recognized for a combined 75 years of volunteering at Barton Center.

An example of the activities provided with volunteer support is Barton Center's transportation group that provided a total of 6,528 rides in Lakewood to doctors' offices, grocery stores, hair dressers, etc. This is an increase of more than 1,500 rides from last year, due mainly to the elimination of the circulator bus. Many volunteers worked in the Barton Center Office and in the various shops such as Hodge Podge clothing and furniture resale shop, Corner Store, Book Nook, Greenhouse, Ceramics Shop and the Fabric Shoppe. Many more helped at the monthly dinner-shows and birthday luncheons attended by over 2,100 participants. One class assembled old greeting cards into picture books for young patients at Lakewood Hospital. The Knit and Crochet Class made hats, scarves and gloves and another group collected food, all for the benefit of the Lakewood Christian Service Center. Several members organized a letter writing campaign with the USO, and sent hundreds of warm letters to service personnel serving overseas.

Community groups also volunteered at Barton Center this year including: Lakewood High students from H2O and American Youth Foundation, students and parents from St. Ed's Community Service Ministry, students from St. Joseph Academy, Key Bank employees, college students affiliated with Cross Point Church and Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp. To inquire about volunteer opportunities, call the Barton Center office at 216-221-3400. Barton Center is located on the Ground Floor of the Westerly Apartments at 14300 Detroit Avenue and is open Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm.

Senior Citizen Prom A Big Success

by Brian Powers

On May 22, the Lakewood Senior Health Campus was transformed into a "Tropical Luau" as residents gathered for a Senior Citizen Prom. The event was organized by the CARE Youth Group at St. Joseph Academy, under the leadership of co-chairs Alison Roudebush and Jackie Bova. More than twenty students participated by providing decorations, music, food and fun. The residents and students enjoyed learning dance moves from

each other and shared an evening of laughter.

Residents David Allen and Marguerite Forrey were selected as Prom King and Queen. According to Christine Dorsey, Activity Director for Lakewood Senior Health Campus "Inn" Assisted Living, "All the girls went above and beyond to make our seniors happy. It was more than I ever expected!" The students agreed, and hope to make this an annual event.



Seniors and Students dance at the prom



Residents Elmer Heiser and Jeannie Miller get into the act doing the YMCA



Sophomore Callie Powers with her friend Elmer "Snooky" Heiser



Prom Queen Marguerite Forrey and King David Allen

Crestmont North Nursing Facility Celebrates Three Centenarians

by Bonnie Greenberg

On June 16th Margaret Hleibay will celebrate her 104th birthday. Margaret worked until she was 80 years old and her boss (who is now 105 years old) still sends her flowers on her birthday. Margaret was a window model early in her career.

Currently, there are three people over 100 years young residing at Crestmont North Nursing Facility. One thing that they all have in common is that they all love chocolate and treat themselves to it every day. In fact, Margaret chose chocolate cake with chocolate frosting for her birthday cake to share with her friends and family.

You may have read about Art Mone, Crestmont's 106 year old who recently celebrated his birthday. Art works on upper body strength in our physical therapy department which allows him to wheel himself through the facility daily.

Margaret has many family members who travel from Michigan frequently to spend time with their beloved "Aunt Meg". They also e-mail her often and she loves getting letters from them. It always cheers her up when she hears she got a letter from one of her various family members. Margaret enjoys the outdoors, live music and she chose crooner, Joel Scigliano to entertain at her birthday party.

Our third and youngest centenarian, Erma White has children and grandchildren who visit after school and they always make sure she has a good supply of chocolate to enjoy every day. Erma will celebrate her 101st birthday in August.





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Lakewood City Council

Surveillance Cameras In Downtown Lakewood

by Christopher Bindel

On June 7, 2010, Council President Kevin Butler (Ward I) called the Council Meeting to order at 7:37 P.M. He then gave the floor to Councilwoman Nickie Antonio (At-Large) who introduced April Sultz from the Community Relations Advisory Board to give an annual report to Council as to what they have been up to. She discussed the Board working with Facing History and Ourselves to work on several projects including a forum discussion on immigration in Lakewood. They have also worked with the Race and Diversity (RAD) club at the high school. One of the things they have done together was to hold a diversity potluck dinner which over 100 community members came to. They also helped students of that club go to Washington, D.C. to participate in a workshop and concert about the impact of the music of the Civil Rights era.

Ms. Sultz finished their report by recommending to Council that they consider bringing back the public basketball hoops. They have communicated with the Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee (LOBC) and agree with their mission to bring back the hoops. They agree that Lakewood's children need to be able to have spontaneous places to play; this includes pick-up games, not just those during permitted time. They also believe this play time is connected to fighting obesity in children.

Councilman Butler then read a communication asking Council to approve the change of date for the September 6, 2010 Council meeting. The meeting, originally scheduled for that day, being the first Monday of the month, cannot

occur since that day is Labor Day. In that case the meeting would normally fall on the Tuesday, as stated in the Codified ordinances. However, since the Council approved the change to the primary election day, to coincide with the rest of the county, Tuesday also happens to be an election day and the Auditorium will be filled with election materials. Therefore Councilman Butler asked to have the meeting moved to Wednesday, September 8, 2010.

Councilman Tom Bullock (Ward II) brought up the point that due to the change in the primary election date Lakewood will have this issue every year. He suggested that Council look into changing the Codified Ordinances to adjust for this problem so they will not have to pass a resolution every year changing the date of the meeting. Councilman Butler agreed and referred the communication to the Rules and Ordinances Committee to look into creating such an ordinance. The resolution changing the date, however, was passed by Council.

Next Councilwoman Antonio presented a communication signed by every member of Council asking them to pass a resolution making the week of June 26th Dignity of Human Rights Pride Week. The resolution passed unanimously.

Poilce Chief Malley then asked Council to allow him to select up to ten bikes from their inventory of abandoned bikes to be used as prizes at this months Bike Rodeo. On June 12th from 10 A.M to 1 P.M. the Lakewood Police Department will be holding a Bike Rodeo at the southern parking lot of Madison Park. It was organized by

the neighborhood police officers and is aimed at kids ages 6-10 to help them learn bike safety and to become better riders. Council passed the resolution.

Chief Malley then asked Council to approve the acceptance of a \$20,000 grant. The funds are awarded from the Byrne Memorial Grant and do not require a local match, but stipulate it must be used on surveillance equipment. This equipment, mostly surveillance cameras, would be installed around the City Center Park and downtown Lakewood. Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan (Ward IV) commented on the success of the cameras stationed at Madison Park, as at least a deterrent and possibly a recorder of crime. That being said, Chief Malley commented on two juveniles that were caught smoking an illegal substance at the park just before the meeting due to being seen on the cameras. Councilman Bullock then commented on how he was pleased to hear about this hoping it would help with the City's currant graffiti problem.

Council approved the resolution, accepting the grant funds.

Fire Chief Mroz than asked Council to allow the City to accept four animal oxygen mask kits to be put in service with their medical squads. The masks were donated by the Lakewood Animal Hospital and can be used to aid or rescue pets encountered in fire

incidences. The Lakewood Animal Hospital donated them in celebration of their 30th anniversary. Council was very pleased with the donation and accepted it by passing the resolution.

Coming to the end of the agenda items, a few members of the Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park were on hand to deliver a packet to members of Council and the administration that included many testimonials and studies compiled by members in support of the park. They presented it to Council to gain support for their park as time draws near to the July 8th court date of the case of the City of Rocky River against Lakewood over alleged excessive noise due to the park. The mayor gave an update as to where things stand and assured them they have been working hard to come up with a solution that does not involve the courts, but at no point has that solution ever included the possibility of closing the park. Councilwoman Antonio stated that it was hoped from the start of the Dog Park that it would be community run and those who used it would be responsible for it. She said she was so happy to see such a committed group of people taking ownership of the Dog Park and working together to support it.

With all items discussed and all members of the public being heard from, Council President Kevin Butler adjourned the meeting at 9:08 P.M.

2010 Summer Band Concert Schedule

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood is pleased to announce the 2010 schedule for its Summer Band Concert Series. A long time Lakewood tradition, the concerts are held on Sundays at the Bandstand in Lakewood Park, located on the lake at Belle and Lake Avenues. The free concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 20 The New Barleycorn (Irish Music)

Sunday June 27 Lakewood Hometown Band (Big Band)

Sunday, July 4 The Lakewood Project-LHS's Youth Rock Orchestra

Sunday, July 11 Ki Allen, Lady Jazz

Sunday, July 18 Ernie Krivda & the Fat Tuesday Big Band

Sunday, July 2 The Cleveland TOPS Swing Band (Big Band)

Sunday, August 1 Tower City Barbershop Chorus

Sunday, August 8 Lakewood Hometown Band (Big Band)

In the event of rain, the June 27 and August 8 Lakewood Hometown Band concerts will be held in the Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Avenue

2010 Friday Night Flicks In The Park Schedule

by Melissa Garrett

A long time Lakewood family tradition, the City is again hosting Friday Night Flicks in the Park. Join us for a free outdoor movie on select Fridays throughout the summer. The June 25, July 9 and July 23 movies will be shown at the Bandstand in Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue. The final movie of the season on August 13 will be shown at Madison Park, 13929 Madison Avenue. The movies begin at dusk.

- June 25 Madagascar 2: Escape 2 Africa (PG)
- July 9 Thomas and the Magic Railroad (G)
- July 23 Daddy Day Camp (PG)
- August 13 Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs (PG) (Movie will be shown at Madison Park)

In the event of inclement weather, movies will be shown in the Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Avenue, at 8:00 p.m. To find out if a movie has been moved indoors, call (216) 529-6650 after 5:00 PM or tune in to Lakewood Radio 1660 AM.at 7:00 p.m.



Lakewood Public Library Events

All Events and Programs Are Free And Open To The Public

Wednesday, June 16

A Passion for the Land: John F. Seiberling and the Environmental Movement by Dan Nelson

Arguably Ohio's most influential politician of the last half-century, John F. Seiberling is best known around these parts for the creation of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. What too many Ohioan's fail to appreciate is that this single effort comprised only one small aspect of an entire career spent transforming America's system of public land management and ushering in a transition from commodity timber and mineral production to parks, education, biodiversity and simple wilderness. Books will be available for sale and signing.

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

Saturday, June 19

FIVE STAR FILMS: The Mambo Kings (1992) Directed By Arne Gilmcher Rated R

Antonio Banderas and Armand Assante star as two musician brothers who flee 1950's Cuba for New York with dreams of making it big in the world of Latino music. They work day jobs as butchers while aiming for club scene night jobs to showcase their talents. Disappointments and triumphs ensue on their wild ride toward the top. The soundtrack sizzles with legendary Latino sensations like Tito Puente and Celia Cruz.

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

Sunday, June 20

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: NEWS AND THE BLUES

Guitarist Bob Frank presents history in song. Listen as he strums his way through the greatest moments of the last century and you'll hear the unmistakable sounds of war, depression and even victory as filtered through the African-American experience and reflected in beautiful music.

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

Monday, June 21

POWER LIVING: Power Joy

Do you have problems getting what you want or need from others? Do you wish you had more love in your life? Are you looking to bring more joy to the world around you? Are tender emotional wounds getting in the way of the life you want to live? Dr. River Smith, a local psychologist and the author of A Conspiracy to Love: Living a Life of Joy, Generosity & Power, introduces powerful techniques designed to put you back in control.

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

Sunday, June 27

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: (See article page 7)

JOE DEJARNETTE JAZZ ENSEMBLE: The Jazz Masters Collection

At the top of his game, jazz trumpeter and bandleader Joe DeJarnette takes a look back at music that inspired a career. Backed by a band of the best around, he'll put his stamp on compositions by everybody from Horace Silver to Miles Davis with Thelonious Monk and Duke Ellington thrown in for good measure.

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

Monday, June 28

POWER LIVING: Power Healing

Do you have problems getting what you want or need from others? Do you wish you had more love in your life? Are you looking to bring more joy to the world around you? Are tender emotional wounds getting in the way of the life you want to live? Dr. River Smith, a local psychologist and the author of A Conspiracy to Love: Living a Life of Joy, Generosity & Power, introduces powerful techniques designed to put you back in control.

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BOOK GROUPS:

Tuesday, June 15 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 to learn more. This evening's book is The Awakening by Kate Chopin.

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

Thursday, July 8

BOOKED FOR MURDER: Dante Club by Matthew Pearl

When a murderer uses torture methods straight out of Dante's Inferno, the police call upon the unique talents of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Oliver Wendell Holmes and James Russell Lowell to put out the fire.

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 JUNE CLASSES:

Thurs. June 17: JOB HUNTING WORKSHOP 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Sat. June 19: INTERNET BASICS @ 3:00~p.m.

Sat. June 26: E-MAIL BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.

LEAF COMMUNITY 2010

Every Wednesday night at $5:30~\rm p.m.$ on the Main Library's Front Porch through the Harvest.

CHILDRENS & YOUTH SERVICES 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.

Saturday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00p.m.

Sunday: 2:00 p.m.

Madison Branch: Friday 10:30 a.m.

Main:

June 18, 19, 20: Fruit and Veggie Fun June 25, 26, 27: Under the Sea!

Madison:

June 18, 19, 20: Out of the Ballpark June 25, 26, 27: Fruit and Veggie Fun

WEEKENDS WITH WEE ONES: For families with children under 2 years old

Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. We will provide materials and ideas for families wishing to continue the fun at home. Programs are offered every weekend throughout the year, and there is no need to register in advance.

Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

Madison Branch Children's and Youth Services Department

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS: For children ages 7 – 12

Bone up on your reading skills by reading to a dog. Drop in for a one-on-one session with one of our dogs and owners that have been certified through Therapy Dogs International.

Saturday, July 10 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Programs for Youth and Teens GAMES GALORE:

For youth entering sixth through eighth grade Looking for something to do with all of your free time this summer? Do you like videogames? Scavenger hunts? Characters from Nintendo? Then join us for an hour of excitement and fun! Drop in for one or for all!

Tuesday, June 22: Wii Night

Lakewood Public Library

Children's And Youth Services: From Cradle To College Part 4: The Teen Years

by Stephanie Schuerger

They are students on the cusp of adulthood: Teens, ages 13-18, are garnering more attention and consideration at the Lakewood Public Library. Over the course of the last year a Teen focus has been expanding both physically in the scope of a section devoted to Teen material including fiction and non-fiction, as well as expanding in the form of programming including literary, creative and social ventures. The Children and Youth Service's Department (CYS) is primarily in charge of all things Teen, but Adult and Electronic Services (AES) provides support as students prepare for work, education and experience post-high school.

Beginning by carving out a small niche of shelves in the New Book Room, the Teen section is slowly expanding to occupy a firm browsing and research area. Located in the southern half of the New Book Area, teens can browse an assortment of new and old fiction, non-fiction material that is topical specifically for their ages, and books on CD related to the traditional hardcopies available. Looking for new books about vampires or the faery realm? Into the Maximum Ride series or Demonata? How about the chic atmosphere of the Gossip Girl series? The Teen Section houses all of these titles and topics and more. Watch this area grow as more materials are relocated and purchased!

In addition to providing materials for Teens to reference and check-out, CYS has started to design and facilitate programming particularly geared toward Teen interests. This past spring, a writing club was offered on Thursday afternoons called "Write Time." Teens were invited to work on poetry, short stories, novels or partake in composing work from writing prompts to further their writing skills. A final "open mike" session allowed the participants to share their work with friends and family. Write Time will return in September to provide teens the opportunity to continue to create and hone their literary works. Looking ahead to the winter, a series will be presented which was developed from the combination and evolution of Write Time and the popular Art Explosion program. Library staff presenting C.O.M.I.C.S. will educate and guide Teens in the genre of graphic novels and the creation and completion of their own graphic

This summer Teens may register for a 6-week Movie Making program in which they will wear the hats of screenplay writer, director, producer, cinematographer and editor. Their 5-minute films will be shown at a Red Carpet Premiere at the conclusion of the session. Additional programs combine the elements of social time with crafts, trivia, video-gaming, movies and book discussions.

Adult and Electronic Services provides further resources for Teens as they prepare to move past high school. The library staff at the Reference Desk can assist in the location of college guides and resources. The Technology Center also provides a Job Hunting Workshop to assist with the navigation of job listings online, creating an Internet-friendly resume and communicate effectively with employers. The Ohio Web Library is available for research, which can be accessed in the Technology Center or through a link on the library webpage. Ohio Web Library is an evolving collection of thousands of digital publications and research sources including popular magazines, trade publications, scholarly journals, newspapers, encyclopedias, dictionaries, speeches, poems, plays, maps satellite images and more.

Whether Teens opt to stay down-stairs in the new Teen section, head into the Multipurpose Room for programming, or check out resources upstairs, there is always something for them to explore and consider. Teens should keep an eye out for future announcements regarding programs and materials. The Library is also open to suggestions. What would you like to see offered? As our fledgling Teen section continues to develop and expand, we welcome input from those persons central to its evolution: the Teens themselves

Joe DeJarnette Jazz Ensemble: Cool And Collected At The Library

by Ben Burdick

Everybody seemed nervous before the show—even the audience. When the Joe DeJarnette Jazz Ensemble kicked off the fall 2009 concert season at what was then the still-pretty-new Lakewood Public Library Auditorium, they also served double-duty as the opening act for a reception where many Lakewoodites would catch their first glimpse of new Library Director, James Crawford. The Director waited anxiously to meet the community... The staff sweated bullets hoping that their new boss would like the show... And Joe DeJarnette, a notorious perfectionist, clutched his stomach and stared into parking lot, waiting for the show to start...

As it turned out, no one needed to worry. The house that day was packed with a standing-room-only, clap-happy crowd of smiling jazz lovers. And the musicians, fed on by the energy of the room, were able to pour all of their nervousness and uncertainty into powerful life-affirming music that no one could stop humming for weeks. The Director ended up receiving a warm and engaging welcome. And several hardworking staff members came deliriously close to passing out, pleased that the whole thing had come off without a hitch.

Those who don't believe everything they read in the Observer are invited to review the concert in the comfort of their own homes with "Joe DeJarnette Jazz Ensemble: Director's Reception," a new concert DVD available exclusively at the Lakewood Public Library.

MesmERIEizing Views: Lake Images

The Malvina J. Freedson Art Gallery is proud to present the beautiful images of Lake Erie as captured by Lakewood resident Dr. Marcello Mellino. The exhibit opened June 12th and runs through August 21st, 2010. The Malvina J. Freedson Art Gallery is located in The Winton Place, 12700 Lake Avenue.

The live, on-stage sound, crafted from five different digital sources, will leave many with the impression that they actually sat in with the band. Four classic cuts, ranging from "Besame Mucho" to "Take the A Train" are also available online at youtube.com/wgolpl.

This video was originally produced to document a local legend at home with his music. It's being rolled out now to promote the encore, an upcoming free concert at the Library. This one is called "Joe DeJarnette Jazz Ensemble: The Jazz Masters Collection." From the top of his game, the jazz trumpeter and bandleader will look back at the music that inspired his life and career. Backed by a band of the best around, he'll put his stamp on compositions by everybody from Horace Silver to Miles Davis with Thelonious Monk and Duke Ellington thrown in for good measure. Join him on Sunday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

This concert is brought to you by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library and Cuyahoga residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. The Joe DeJarnette Jazz Ensemble's latest CD will be available for sale at the event.





Lakewood Schools

Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce Announces Scholarship Winners

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce 2010 Scholarship winners were honored at a breakfast at Pier W on May 21st. The Chamber welcomed over 50 members, students, parents, and guests to the annual scholarship breakfast, sponsored by PNC Bank. Four high school seniors were recognized for their exceptional dedication to their studies, extra-curricular activities, and, just as importantly, for their commitment to working at a part-time or full-time job during their high school years.

Patty Ryan, CEO and President of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce presented the awards to the students. Each student received a \$500 check from The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and a certificate of commendation from Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich.

Congratulations to the 2010 Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Scholarship winners:

Stephen Gacka, St. Edward High School

Nathaniel Giffels, Lakewood High School

Mary Leach, Lakewood High

Shannon Walsh, Lakewood High School



L-R: Cindy Walsh, Shannon Walsh, Patty Ryan



L-R: Anne Giffels, Nathaniel Giffels, Patty Ryan, Tom Giffels



L-R: Mary Gacka, Stephen Gacka, Mark Gacka, Patty Ryan

A Math Lesson Worth A Million to Browngardt's growing collection. by Christine Gordillo

John Browngardt shows us some of the pop can tabs collected by H2O to donate to the

Ronald McDonald House.

It was 1998, and Lincoln Elementary 4th grade teacher John Browngardt thought it might be a good idea to teach his students a real-world math lesson. He was tired of hearing kids say things like, "I've done that a million times," without them really comprehending what 1 million was. So he set out to show them what it takes to accumulate 1 million of something. He decided on pop can tabs.

"When I started, I never thought I would ever finish," Browngardt said. Well, it took him 12 years, but he did finish. On June 4 a van from Lakewood's Help To Others group picked up 40 boxes each filled with approximately 25,000 aluminum tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House, which collects the tabs and then receives money for the value of the aluminum from local recycling centers.

For Browngardt, the project took on a life of its own with the many classes of students and their families that have gone through his classroom. "I'd have former students come back in middle school and bring me bags of the tabs" he said- on a regular basis. One family that were weekly bowlers would collect all the tabs from the alley and add them

Browngardt never thought of what he might do with all those tabs once he reached his goal. Needless to say, he was happy to hear about the pop tab collection drive that many of the Ronald McDonald House Charities conduct to raise money. H20, the City's volunteer youth service organization, works with the Ronald McDonald House during its summer service camps and was glad to help get this large collection to the site.





Board Resolution Offers Official Thank You To Voters

At its May 17 meeting, the Lakewood Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution of appreciation of the citizens of Lakewood for passing the recent school operating levy. The following is the text of the resolution:

WHEREAS, Lakewood voters gave solid approval to a 6.9 mill operating levy for Lakewood Schools on May 4, 2010; and

WHEREAS, valuable leadership and support for this levy was provided by levy Co-Chairs Councilman Michael Summers and Mayor Edward Fitzgerald and Committee Members: Teresa Andreani, Colleen Clark-Sutton, Christine Crawford, Tom Einhouse, Jay Foran, Chas Geiger, Bill Grulich, Karen Lee, D.L. Meckes, Bob Metelko, Charlie Page, Paula Reed, Kirsten Senger; and

WHEREAS, this levy was given several endorsements by: Emerson PTO, Lakewood Family Room/ Division of Early Childhood, H2O / Division of Youth, Lawther Senior Center/Division of Aging, Garfield PTSA, Grant PTA, Harding PTSA, Harrison PTA, Hayes PTO, Horace Mann PTA, Lakewood Alive, Lakewood Alumni Association, LHS Athletic Boosters, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood City Council, Lakewood Early Childhood PTA, Lakewood High School PTA, Lakewood Hospital, Lakewood Kiwanis, Lakewood Music Boosters, Lakewood PTA Council, Lakewood Teachers Association, League of Women Voters, Lakewood Chapter, LHS Athletic Boosters, Lincoln PTA, OAPSE Union Locals #129 and 134, Roosevelt PTA, The Democratic Club of Lakewood, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, countless additional Lakewood people labored long and hard to communicate that our schools were significantly reducing expenses in order to keep this levy request as affordable as possible for our taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood is fortunate to have citizens who recognize the importance of good schools in keeping Lakewood strong and understand their civic responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lakewood City Board of Education hereby expresses its appreciation and gratitude to our Lakewood Community and to all individuals and groups who made this levy approval possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lakewood City Board of Education affirms its ongoing commitment to providing the best possible schools to our community and to the benefit of our Lakewood children.

Adopted this 17th day of May, 2010, at a Regular Meeting of the Lakewood Board of Education.

Lakewood Schools

The Little School That Could

by Tina Dolatowski

Last year, Newschannel 5 did a feature on Calvary Community School, identifying it as one of Lakewood's best kept secrets. The piece went on to indicate that the school may have been closing after 28 years, due to lack of enrollment. Well, that is exactly what happened. However, a group of dedicated Calvary parents and the Calvary School Board are working together to reopen the school for the 2010-2011 school year. Why? Because we are passionate about the kind of education that Calvary Community School has to offer our children. We may not have a large marketing budget, but we make up for it in heart!

What has drawn parents to Calvary over the years are the educational amenities the school has to offer. For instance, Calvary can be described as a hybrid, in that it mixes traditional and non-traditional instructional practices. The curriculum reflects Ohio State Standards, but is done within a thematic, interdisciplinary, and discovery-based structure taught by certified teachers with experience in both public and private schools. Lessons are designed in accordance with Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences, thus supporting the needs of children both academically and creatively. Formal and informal diagnosis drives instruction without the rigors and confines of standardized testing.

The multi-age classroom found at Calvary provides an atmosphere that encourages cooperative learning, peer tutoring, role modeling and the acceptance of individual differences. Research indicates that students in multi-age classrooms have significantly more positive attitudes towards school, themselves and others. A typical day at Calvary includes time for small group instruction, individualized attention, and group center time that fosters socialization and teambuilding. The small student/teacher ratio allows for "instructional catering" to different learning styles, as well as opportunities for assessment and any remedial support that may be needed. The children at Calvary are taught according to their strengths and needs rather than teaching a prescribed curriculum to the

"Calvary Kids" participate in art, music, and off-site gym classes, includ-

ing bowling, tumbling, swimming, and ice-skating. The children are encouraged to take part in the "caring curriculum," with activities such as making favors for community meal guests and raising money for those in need. At Calvary, children are taught a step-by-step approach to conflict resolution. The students learn to work through conflict amongst themselves, often without the need of a facilitator. They learn to cooperatively work together. Families are encouraged to be a part of the Calvary community in whatever aspect they feel most comfortable. Parent volunteers are always welcome at school.

Many parents have expressed how

much they appreciate the versatility of Calvary's school schedule. Not only can the school accommodate students in grades K-3, transitional kindergarten is available for those who have "outgrown" pre-school but may not be ready for full-time kindergarten. Therefore, parents have the option of enrolling their child in a part-time, half-day or full-day kindergarten class.

As the parent of two children who attended Calvary Community School, I was very pleased with the education they received. Calvary embodies an environment in which being respectful, tolerant, cooperative, and empathic human beings is the norm. What more can we ask for,

as parents, for our children? Both my children are now attending a Lakewood public schools and are thriving there. Suffice to say that Calvary Community School is indeed a place where children are encouraged to grow and learn, not only their ABCs, but an awareness of themselves and others, that they will carry with them throughout their lives.

If you are interested in learning more about Calvary Community School, or wish to enroll your child for the 2010-2011 school year, please call 216-221-4324. Calvary Community School is located at 16305 Hilliard Rd, in Lakewood. Visit our website at www.calvarycommunityschool.com.

Summer Fun At Kids Connection

by Mitchell Robida

Summer is an important part of the year for fun and exploration. Again this summer, the Lakewood City Schools Community Recreation & Education Department will be offering its Kids Connection-Summer Day Camp. Kids Connection offers Fun, Safe and Affordable opportunities for kids' kindergarten through sixth grade for around \$25 per day.

At Kids Connections, kids will spend the summer doing a wide variety of fun activities including swimming, games, field trips, arts & crafts and much more. This year Kids Connection will be at one of Lakewood's state-of-the-art schools, Emerson Elementary School, 13439 Clifton Blvd. This location will offer campers access to the computer lab, cafetorium, gymnasium, and baseball field, not to mention a short and safe walk to Lakewood Park and Foster Pool.

Over the course of the summer, Kids Connection campers will have the opportunity to go on many different field trips. Some of the field trips include seeing the animals at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, catching a Lake County Captains baseball game at Classic Park in Eastlake, enjoying an inflatable palace at Bounce City in Strongsville, and seeing the creepy critters of Jungle Terry, to name a few. Best of all, each and every one of the field trips are included in the price of camp.

The camp is staffed with certified teachers who provide families with a fun, safe and affordable alternative to child care. The program consists of 3 three-week long sessions, Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Parents do not have to dropoff or pick-up that early or late, but it is an option available to them. The cost for camp is \$345 for a resident and \$465

for a non-resident, per three-week session. A weekly option is also available.

For more information on the Kids Connection-Day Camp or any Lakewood Recreation activity please contact (216) 529-4081 or visit the website www.lakewoodrecreation.com.

Cooperative Preschool Makes Lakewood New Home

by Deanna Rasch

After 52 years in Fairview Park, Parkview Playschool, Inc., a non-profit cooperative preschool, is moving to Lakewood.

Offering educational services to three- and four- year old children, Parkview's preschool program is unique. "The difference between a co-op and a traditional preschool comes down to parental involvement," says Parkview's Director of fifteen years, Mrs. Patti Finau. "Cooperative preschools are successful because parents can observe and better understand their children's development, joys and frustrations. Co-ops allow parents be an integral part of their child's first school experience."

Parkview offers morning preschool on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for four-year-olds, with an optional two-hour Thursday afternoon Kindergarten Readiness program. Three-year-olds have a separate session on Thursday and Friday mornings. Two teachers are on staff, which helps maintain a low student-to-teacher ratio.

Credentialed with the state of Ohio's Department of Human Services since 1981, Parkivew recently sought to expand operations into the surrounding area. "Since its inception in 1958, our school has been in a church classroom setting. Two years ago when the church closed, we moved to a temporary storefront location in Fairview Park. We have been searching for a good location ever since, and when we found out that there were no other cooperative preschools in Lakewood, it seemed like a perfect opportunity."

Mrs. Gina Lehmann, parent and former Board member, liked the school so much she began teaching there when a position opened in the fall of 2009. "I was so impressed with the school that I jumped at the chance. My own children

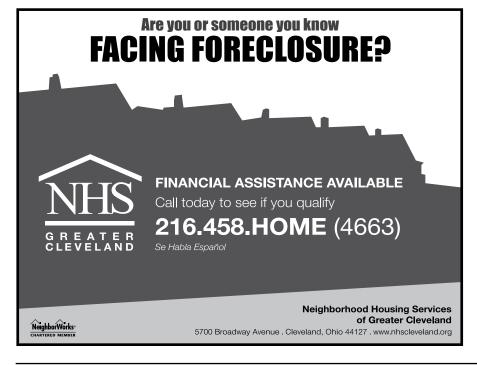
have thoroughly enjoyed their time at Parkview." Mrs. Lehmann, a credentialed Early Childhood Education teacher with the State of Ohio, has been involved with the school for four years.

"Our new location at Faith Lutheran Church is wonderful," says Mrs. Finau. "We have two large classrooms, which provide plenty of space for the children to experience the various learning centers. In addition, access to the church's large hall means the opportunity for them to develop gross motor skills."

For additional information, contact Patti Finau, Director, at 216-228-0996 or visit www.parkview-playschool.org.

Parkview Playschool, Inc., a non-profit preschool for three- and four-year-olds, has been operating continuously since 1958. The school's recent expansion promises to meet the needs of families in Lakewood and the surrounding communities.

Deanna Rasch is the Treasurer on the parent board of Parkview Playschool.





Lakewood's Professionals

Jan Murphy: Healthcare Professional And **President Of Lakewood Hospital**

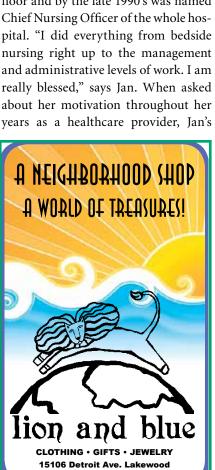
by Margaret Brinich **Editor-In-Chief**

Throughout the year we will be highlighting professionals in and around Lakewood and giving you a glimpse into their life and what they do. This first installment is with the newest "Big Time" Professional in Lakewood. Jan Murphy, President of the Lakewood Hospital, Lakewood's largest employer. Now let's meet Jan!

In 2010, change has been the trend for Lakewood Hospital, the first of which coincided with the New Year, as this Lakewood fixture found itself with a new leader at the helm- President Jan Murphy R.N. B.S.N., M.S.N, FACHE. Her strong background as a nurse is immediately apparent from the list of degrees following her name. What may be less obvious to those who have not yet met Jan is how well these degrees reflect her passion and enthusiasm for her role as a caregiver throughout her life.

Professionally, Jan started out with the Sister's of Notre Dame as a grade school teacher. After being encouraged by the Sisters to pursue her education in nursing, Jan returned to the convent with her L.P.N. only to find that the hospital had changed hands. But during her time at Marymount School of Nursing, she had uncovered a new calling in life, nursing. Jan describes her change of careers saying, "There was absolutely no doubt that healthcare was my favorite vocation. No two days are alike- you never have a clue what's going to happen and I loved that!"

Thanks to her dedication to furthering her nursing education and the mentorship of her fellow nurses, Jan worked her way up through the ranks at Fairview Hospital. She began her time as a nurse in 1978 on an adult oncology floor and by the late 1990's was named



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Lakewood Hospital President Jan Murphy

answer was simple, "Every day you can make a difference in the lives of a patient or a family...it was this ability to alleviate human suffering whether it was physical, emotional, mental, or just people being afraid."

As she settles into her latest role as president of both Lakewood and Fairview Hospitals, Jan is beginning to take her mantra of improving the human condition to another level. Now a high level healthcare administrator, her focus remains on the needs of patients, but has expanded to incorporate these needs into what she sees as an emerging new paradigm for healthcare.

"I have a great opportunity to lead the changes to create the healthcare system of the future. That's really exciting work, but it's hard work," she cautions. Her understanding of the "new" healthcare focuses on bringing higher quality, safe, cost attainable care to patients- both inside and outside the hospital setting. She points to advances in telemedicine and other technologies for the delivery of care, movements towards preventative medicine and wellness, and the expansion to a true system of hospitals as examples of how Lakewood Hospital, and the Cleveland Clinic as a whole, is moving towards the healthcare of the future.

The future at Lakewood Hospital is already beginning and with it changes abound. Jan spoke candidly

with an acute awareness of the tension and apprehension about these changes. She offers her own insight into the nature of change saying, "Part of what gets people anxious, it requires a shift in thinking- people are wondering, 'Are we somehow going to be less than what we were before?'. But that's not what the Centers of Excellence and Vision for Tomorrow are all about. Actually, these changes are looking to bring us [Lakewood Hospital] to a higher level of functioning, but in very different areas."

The areas being strengthened at Lakewood Hospital include Neurology, Orthopedics/Rehab, Diabetes and Geriatrics. Other incremental upgrades Jan points out are based in radiology, the cardiac catheter lab, the new orthopedic unit, as well as an ongoing rollout of private rooms as each area of the hospital undergoes renovation.

An even more politicized discussion of late is the question of what services will be offered by Lakewood Hospital versus what will be offered by Fairview Hospital. As president of both, Jan strongly discouraged this dichotomy pitting the two hospitals against one another. Jan points out that, "This tension has been around for years...but there is really plenty of room in the market for Fairview and Lakewood to be successful...it's not about Fairview versus Lakewood, it's about patient care."

In an effort to help alleviate some of these fears, Jan is currently working with Lakewood Hospital leadership on an employee program called "Lakewood Rocks!" Jan explains that the program is designed to draw attention to the great things happening at Lakewood Hospital and asks employees to consider, "What are you doing today to make Lakewood Hospital a great place for patients and families?" "Our goal is to encourage our leaders at the Hospital to help show all employees what promise is there for Lakewood's bright future," she asserts. And Jan confirms that, "The response to Lakewood Rocks has been very positive."

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Jan and family- Jan is the oldest of 9 children!

Lakewood's Professionals



Mayor Ed FitzGerald, Lakewood Hospital President Jan Murphy, Chairman, Cleveland Clinic Community Physician Partnership and Quality Alliance Fred DeGrandis, and Kenneth Haber, president, Lakewood Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees

A large part of this bright future will be driven by Jan's commitment to continue supporting City initiatives and the Hospital's civic engagement opportunities. She herself recently attended the annual Ambulance Chase at Lakewood Park. She also pointed to several collaborative efforts with Lakewood City Schools. One such effort involved joint meetings between school nurses and Lakewood Hospital staff to help ensure that both institutions are meeting the needs of children and teens. Jan also notes the Hospital's prominent role in assisting Lakewood City Schools in passing the school levy back in May.

Although not officially a Lakewood native herself, many of Jan's fondest memories of her childhood are set in Lakewood. Her grandparents were business owners in Lakewood, and her

mother grew up and received her education here. "We didn't have a lot of money growing up," Jan reminisces, "And I was the oldest of nine children, so we spent a lot of time at Lakewood Park." These family roots have stayed with Jan and only added to her excitement about her new appointment at Lakewood Hospital. She emphasizes this saying, "I really have a soft spot in my heart for Lakewood and really feel very at home here- I love the neighborhood, always have, I just love what it has to offer!"

If you know of a Lakewood Professional that deserves to be highlighted, or that you think your neighbors would find interesting please drop us a note at: http://lakewoodobserver.com and just click on the suggestion boxes throughout the website.



Maria Mepham, Jan Murphy and Jill Dubbs – Maria and Jill from the Rehabilitation Department



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2010 Meet The Trucks



One of my favorite home grown events each year is LECPTA's Meet The Trucks. This has grown into a fun event for the entire family, and the kids just go nuts climbing all over the trucks while beeping their horns. I would like to thank LECPTA and everyone from the city that took part.



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Wellness Watch

Shingles: The Return Of The Chickenpox Virus

by Kevin Leisinger

Each year up to 1 million people in the United States suffer from shingles, a viral infection that causes a painful, blistering rash. Anyone who has ever had chicken pox can develop shingles, although it is most commonly found in those over age 60.

Shingles is caused by the varicellazoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. After an individual has had chickenpox, the virus remains dormant in the nervous system and is never fully cleared from the body. Under certain circumstances, such as emotional stress, immune deficiency (from AIDS or chemotherapy) or cancer, the virus reactivates and causes shingles. The risk of developing shingles increases if you had chickenpox before age one, or if your immune system is weakened by medications or disease.

"Shingles can occur anywhere on the body, but most often it appears as a band of blisters that wraps from the middle of your back around one side of your chest to your breastbone," says Kevin Leisinger, M.D., Lakewood Medical Associates, Rockport.

The first symptom of shingles is pain, tingling or burning. The pain and burning can be severe and is usually present several days to a week before the appearance of red patches, followed by small blisters on the skin. Other symptoms may be present as well, including abdominal pain, fever and chills, general achiness, headache and fatigue.

"Although shingles can be very painful, it is not life-threatening," says Dr. Leisinger. "See your doctor if you have any of the symptoms of shingles. Early treatment can help shorten a shingles infection and lessen the chance of complications." Vaccines are also available to help reduce the risk of developing shingles.

"Your doctor can usually make the diagnosis by looking at your skin and asking questions about your medical history," says Dr. Leisinger. Tests are rarely needed, but he or she may take a skin sample to see if the skin is infected with the virus that causes shingles.

Shingles will usually clear up in two to three weeks. Unfortunately, the pain in the area where the shingles occurred may last from months to years. Your doctor may prescribe an antiviral medicine to fight the virus, reduce pain and shorten the course of shingles. Strong anti-inflammatory medicines may also be used to reduce swelling and decrease the risk of continued pain.

"Cool wet compresses can help to reduce the pain," Dr. Leisinger says. "Soothing baths and lotions may also relieve itching and discomfort. The skin should be kept clean, and contaminated items should not be reused."

Shingles are contagious; therefore the carrier may need to be isolated while lesions are oozing to prevent infection of others. Shingles can be spread from an affected person to children or adults who have not had chickenpox.

"But instead of developing shingles, these people develop chickenpox," Dr. Leisinger says. Similar to chickenpox, the time prior to healing or crusting of the blisters is the contagious stage of shingles. "Once all of the blisters are crusted over, the virus can no longer be spread and shingles is no longer contagious."

Kevin Leisinger, MD

This Summer Ranger Soccer To Be "Kicking For A Cure"

by Monika Virag & Missy Richardson

The Lakewood High girl's soccer team has decided to support breast cancer awareness this summer. A portion of our fundraising money will be donated to a breast cancer foundation. Also, our uniforms during the summer season will be pink. We are following in the footsteps of other sports and are using them as somewhat of a model to help accomplish our goal. We are trying to collect and then donate as much money as possible this season as well as spread awareness in Lakewood. We are hoping to start a trend in soccer that

has already begun in other sports like volleyball and softball.

We are taking on this endeavor to do our part in improving cancer research for future generations. We hope to be able to say that we've done as much as we could to prevent breast cancer and to help make our city more aware of this horrible disease. By doing all of this, we are encouraging future teams at Lakewood High School and other teams across Northeast Ohio to get involved in the fight against breast cancer. We are hopeful that in doing this we can leave a lasting legacy that

stretches way beyond the soccer field.

Please consider coming to one of our games to help out this great cause and support your high school athletes. All our home games begin at 7 p.m. at LHS Stadium. Home games are scheduled for June 13, June 23, June 27, July 7 and July 11.

We will also be holding three car washes throughout the summer and will donate 25% of our proceeds to our "Kicking for the Cure" campaign. The car washes will be July 10, 17 & 24 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at Lakewood Stadium on Madison Avenue. Please come out and help us kick cancer!

(Asparagus-Edamame Salad (serves 6)

Provided by Meg Gerba Perry, Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine and guest speaker for LiveWell Lakewood's Wellness Challenge.

161 calories, 10 g carbohydrate, 10 g protein, 10 g fat

- * 1 lb. medium asparagus, ends discarded
- * 2 cups (1 16-oz. package) frozen edamame (green soy beans), defrosted
- * 2 tbsp. olive oil
- * ¼ lb. arugula (or any mixture of baby greens you desire)
- * 1/4 cup shredded parmesan
- * 2 tsp. balsamic vinegar
- * Salt and pepper to taste

Directions: * Cut asparagus stalks into ¼-inch diagonal slices, separating tips. Put stalks into mixing bowl.

- * Blanche tips in 3 qt. of boiling water for 1-2 minutes only. Remove tips from water and toss with defrosted edamame, reserved stalks, 1 tbsp olive oil, and salt and pepper to taste.
- * Pile arugula (or other mixed greens) in a salad bowl and toss with remaining olive oil.
- * Top with asparagus and edamame, and sprinkle with shredded parmesan. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar and serve. Delicious!







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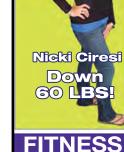
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Wellness Watch

Water Water Everywhere....

by Allison Norris

In light of the recent oil spill and the changing of seasons to warm summer days, water has been on my brain! The media coverage has brought the protec-



tion and safety of our water supply to our attention. I am no expert on the oil spill and its effect on water but I do plan to sift through the information carefully as it is available to the public. We know from research that certain chemicals and mineral levels can be harmful to ingest in large quantities. Chlorine, Lead, and Mercury are some of the most common contaminents that are of natural origin. More recently stronger non-natural chemicals are becoming an increased risk. And now we are running the risk of having oil in our water supply. It is a lot to objectively dissect and know what is safe and what is not safe for our families.

The human body needs water to survive. So how do we ensure we are getting the best quality product? It has become big business in recent years to sell "safe" water. There are whole house filtration systems, faucet systems, home delivery options, and also you can buy water from certain local suppliers filled in safe for storage containers. It seems to

me when this information is evalutated thoroughly any filter is going to be better than no filer. Natural spring water is going to be the best choice in drinking water and by natural I am referring to "from the source" spring water. If you have this opportunity you will not regret cashing in on it. The water is like no other. Next in line would be a reverse osmosis home system. Some of the home delivery options can also provide spring water and/or reverse osmosis water. These would be great options as well. If none of those options are possible for you there are many out there that will quickly and inexpensively filter tap water. With these less expensive options take caution to store them in non-plastic containers so as to avoid contaminents in plastic.

Glass and Stainless Steel are great options for storage and drinking of water.

Like many options available to become healthy, sift through the information, talk to people who have used a variety of the products and trust how you feel! Water is important for our vitality as humans. It hydrates our skin, organs, and muscle/connective tissue. Water helps to thin mucus secretions during a cold and can help with constipation and/or diarrhea. It is important to also remember some things that are purposely put into our water supply to help keep us healthy. For instance, Fluoride is added and in recent news has been controversial but does help prevent cavity formation in the population as a whole. If we can stay informed about the safety of our local water supply we can continue to feel confident in "drinking up"! Your body will thank you for it.

Dr. Allison K. Norris



St. Ignatius Crew Boat Wins 2nd In Nation, Lead By Lakewood Coxswain

by Bob Wimbiscus

Saint Ignatius Wildcat Crew Freshman 8+ boat placed second in the nation, winning a Silver medal at the SRAA (Sholastic Rowing Association of America) National Championships Memorial day weekend, at Saratoga Springs, NY. The freshman boat qualified for the National Championships by earning second place at the Midwest Regionals at Cincinnati in mid-May.

The freshman crew are oarsmen Dan Shea, Clay Grove, Kevin Foley, Peter Rogers, John Tanis, Dan Drees, Robert Turcotte, *coxswain Trent Wimbiscus*, and stroke Andrew Reichard. Also pictured, Head coach Matt Previts, and Novice coach Kaileigh Sansom.





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Lakewood Is Art

Cinamin Girl A Hit At Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame

by Casey Ryan

The Cleveland Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has inducted, hosted, and been visited by international music superstars and other luminaries too numerous to count. Everyone from Aretha Franklin to ZZ Top, BB King to U2, Elvis to Madonna – all have had their works celebrated and interpreted at the Hall on the shores of Lake Erie just a few miles from our little suburb of Lakewood. Add to that list the name Cortney Kilbury, a Lakewood resident and artist who recently made her own contribution to those hallowed halls.

On June 3rd, the Hall hosted a Gala and Charity Auction to benefit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, the Greater Cleveland Film Commission, and The Music Settlement. Cortney was one of 60 artists chosen from the state of Ohio commissioned to design their own artwork using Rock-and-Roll's signature instrument, the electric guitar, as a "canvas." The guitars, which had been



Cortney Kilbury - Cinamin Girl

on display at the Rock Hall for the past few months, were then auctioned off to the highest bidders with the proceeds going to the aforementioned non-profit organizations.

"I'm really a big fan of Rock-and-Roll, and very honored to be a part of this," Kilbury said. Kilbury's work



Attack Of The Abstract At The Root

by Haley Morris

"Hello abstraction!" says the Root Cafe. This June they give up their walls to Walley "Two Hawks" and Dale J. Wiersma! Here is a brief look into the minds of two individuals with shapes and lines on their pallet:

"My Art is about exploring the depths of consciousness and the limitlessness of visualization. The whole process of becoming an artist is really a journey through the worlds within us: it's an awakening to new ways of perception and to always be in the moment. This becomes the only way to put it on paper, the only way to live. My monoprints come from my moods and from dealing with stuff I can't put into words.

Some are attempts to understand my dreams. Some are just the result of printing mindlessly one rainy Sunday at Zygote Press. To be involved in the creative process, to make anything, really, puts us in touch with the Creator, personally. Since retiring from the trades (Carpenter's Local 212), I've become a volunteer art teacher's aid. I get to help kids discover that they can create. This is the most important and rewarding thing I've ever done, and I'm thankful for the opportunity. All children should learn about making dreams come true."

- Walley "Two Hawks"

"I'm a local artist from Lakewood Ohio. While in high school I started participating in art classes and was try-

"Hold Fast To Dreams," A New Play For The West Side

by Paula Maeder Connor

What are your dreams? How do you intend to follow them? Langston Hughes said, "Hold fast to dreams for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly."

Everyone dreams. In all walks of life and at all ages, people find themselves wandering off in their minds and in their sleep. We dream about all sorts of things... who we are, who we might be, what we could accomplish, who we love, who we relate to, and most importantly...why?

Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach is offering a premier presentation "Hold Fast to Dreams," a new play featuring music, dance, poetry and visual art, written, directed and conceptualized by Brenna M. Connor. Auditions will be held at Trinity Church, 16400 Detroit Ave, on June 22nd and 23rd from 6:30-9 PM. Residents of Lakewood, West Park, Edgewater and Detroit Shoreway neighborhood will have preference in both audition and casting. Actors who write, dance, sing, play instruments, or work in visual art are encouraged to audition or apply for crew positions. All interested in applying for crew must attend an audition night to interview. Show dates are September 8th-12th.

was titled the Infusion of the Spirit of Rock. The fused glass process she used includes overlapping different colors of thin layers of glass, then melting and fusing them together in a kiln, causing the colors to blend together. She then sanded them smooth and adhered them to a Gibson Epiphone Electric guitar, which thusly became a truly unique and stunning work of art but is also still playable in it's full capacity. "Keeping the integrity of the guitar and making it playable was important to me," Kilbury stated.

Her hard work paid off—her's was the only guitar to be bought by an international on-line bidder, from Spain, and it garnered a handsome \$1,200. "I'm happy with the amount of money the guitars raised for the charities; most sold for \$300 to \$2,200," Kilbury said. The black tie event featured not only the auction but live entertainment, hors' d'oeuvres, and local celebrities.

And while the Rock Hall may be her most prestigious venue (so far!), Kilbury has had her work displayed and sold in various shows in Tremont and Lakewood. She has also painted outdoor murals as part of local park beautification projects. She has donated charitable art projects for Cleveland Scholarships, Inc., and Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, as well as doing commissioned pieces for select clients. Her talents encompass paintings, fused glass, jewelry, photography, greeting cards, and wine holders, most of which she works on at her in-home studio in her 1918 Lakewood home.

As for music, Kilbury says, "I play guitar...a little." She admits her brother Jordan is more musically talented. Both inherited an artistic bent from their parents – both parents play guitar and sing, and their father John designs custom homes. And her favorite rock-n-rollers?

ing to figure out what I was doing there and what was in my head. In 1999 I was diagnosed with colon cancer. So 4 surgeries and 11 years and 36 years with NASA, after all that, I've figured out why I call my art "Creative Abstract Doodling." Creative - being adept or prolific at producing new things and ideas, Abstract – not experiencing or generating a strong emotional comm

"I like to rock out to Aerosmith, the Beatles, U2, Pearl Jam, Madonna, even Eric Clapton and Jack Johnson," Kilbury said.

Kilbury has been a Cleveland area resident for a little over twelve years, and has called Lakewood home since 2003. She graduated from John Carroll University in 2001 with a degree in



Communications and a concentration in Art. She also studied fused glass, the medium used on her Rock Hall guitar project, at the Cleveland Art Glass Center and at Streets of Manhattan Studio and School, which proudly donated the glass she used on her project.

Her Lakewood home has become her work space as well. Though she works full time for Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, she created Cinamin Girl Art in December 2005 and works on her creations in-home. "Cinamin Girl?", I ask. "Cinamin is my middle name," she says with a laugh. "My parents were hippies!" Fair enough, I say. Beats being called Moon Unit, or China, or...never mind. And to the obvious question, she replies, "I love the song; I am the Cinnamon Girl!"

The Cinamin Girl has also tried her hand at scuba diving, hang gliding, and zip lining. She has run a marathon and a triathlon, and her international travels have put a multitude of stamps on her passport and given her a wealth of experience to draw upon not only in her art but her life in general. Her website is cinamongirlart.com, which is currently being put together but like Ms. Kilbury herself, shows only a promise of great things to come.



Event Roundup

For City-Wide Sale

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As a Mary Kay saleswoman, Mason is tying her products into her portion of the Street Sale by offering a free gift for stopping by, holding a drawing for products, and taking an opinion poll on shopping habits. In addition, Mason will also be giving information to those who stop by about how to take care of your skin. For instance, tips on how to use SPF, teaching children about their "shadow guide" and when you should go for checkups.

One noticeable trend in garage sales is repurposing, or when someone purchases an item and modifies it for further usage in a different capacity. For example, an old glass becomes a decorative vase. Mason spoke about how people will buy certain items and "turn them into something useful or sellable."

More often than not, people use garage sales to economize. There are many stories of customers walking away from a particular sale with an outstanding bargain, or even a truly rare item. "I get intrigued with the treasures people pick up," said Mason. "It's interesting to see what people make of [items they find]." People may also be looking for a place to find trendy items at a reduced price, such as books, exercise equipment, DVDs, toys, furniture, or even clothes for the upcoming school year.

Another aspect of the City-wide Street Sale is the participation of vendors. Nancy Kretzschmar, the proprietor of Vintage Faire Antiques, is one of the over 40 stores in Lakewood

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participating for all three days of the sale. Like many other merchants, Vintage Faire Antiques will be holding a sale with items 10-50% off. "We love being in Lakewood," said Kretzschmar. "We're a part of the community and we really feel the community involvement."

Vintage Faire Antiques is an antique shop that provides items for today's marketplace that are 40 to 140 years old. "We tend to be eclectic," said Kretzschmar. "We believe in mixing and matching. It makes for a fun environment with a little more pizzazz." A self described "one-stop shop" for furnishing your home, Vintage Faire sells everything from books to jewelry to full dining room sets to 140 year old library desks. Kretzschmar says the items in the store provide customers with a bit of history as well as an interesting shopping experience. As there has been a resurgence of interest in more antique items, customers will come into the store with a magazine cutout depicting the kind of furnishing they want. Kretzschmar tries to help them find a similar item within the store, often at a much lower price than other stores.

"I can help give people ideas," said Kretzschmar on her role in helping the customer. "I can show them how to use one decade's style with another decade's style." Shoppers can also repurpose items such as taking a children's cupboard and transforming it into a spice holder or a jewelry box, or they can "up cycle" the items and make them not only more useable but also more environmentally friendly.

"I love that people have a chance to stretch their imagination, we're a store for that," said Kretzschmar. "I think [the Street Sale] is a wonderful opportunity for people to get to know us and to help people in the community shop locally. I really like what I'm doing and I really like our store and I get a good feeling from our customers."

"My hope is that this sale will grow in future years and make Lakewood a destination for the bargain shoppers," said Stein. "My goal as a merchant is to make this a fun community-wide enjoyable event every summer."

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Pulse Of The City

Those Among Us...Dad...

The Story Of Robert Rice

by Gary Rice

As those great Lakewood summer days approach, I often think of my columns as "wrapping up" like the school year does. That's probably the retired teacher in me, but I do wonder if there are any missing topics that perhaps I should have covered during the past year.

As I've written before, some of the most appreciated columns that I've put on these pages have concerned your friends and neighbors under the heading "Those Among Us." There are, indeed, very special people who walk our streets, shop in our stores, and smile and wave to us as they pass by on our streets.

Often, these people are our senior citizens. These people comprise a sublime resource of stories, information, and just plain fascination for the rest of us regarding how they've lived all those years and what they may have done during that time.

All too often, unfortunately, these kinds of stories end up being written as obituaries, and that is particularly true of America's World War II veterans. According to some reports, they are leaving us now at a death rate of around five thousand souls each day. These are the men, and sometimes women, who often after suffering severe deprivation during the Great Depression went on to free this world from the creeping tentacles of fascism.

My dad is one of those veterans. Rather than writing an obituary about



(L to R) Gary, with Robert Rice, Congressman Kucinich and Gary Cavano, (who helped us to create a song soundfile) at the presentation of the Veterans' March to the United States of America.

him on some unforgettably sorrowful day, I wanted to write about Dad while we still have him around, so that he, too, might be able to enjoy a pat on the back from some of you over the weeks and months ahead. As Dad would probably be quick to point out, however, that pat on the back needs to be passed around to a great many people in the pulse of this city while they're still around. Heck, maybe we all need a lot more of those back pats, do we not?

But especially those people who have done as much as Dad has.

Robert Rice was born in the front bedroom of a clapboard home high up on a Pennsylvania hillside in 1920. His father was a home decorator and an old-time fiddler, and his mother was a college-trained pianist. That mix of traditional and classical music would help Dad become the fine musician he turned out to be. In his youth, a distinguished music teacher took him under his wing, and Dad learned to play all of the band and orchestra instruments by the time he was a teenager. In addition, he learned about musical composition and arranging, and these skills would serve him well when the clouds of war came to America in 1941.

Drafted into the U.S. Army shortly before war started, Dad was well-positioned to serve his country with his musical talents. He served in an Army band with the Chemical Warfare Service, playing with a number of stars from that time period

straight through the war until after the cessation of hostilities in 1945. Discharged for medical reasons in 1945, he completed a course of study to become a piano technician before deciding to return to college to obtain a teaching degree.

Dad met and married a beautiful gal named Elizabeth (Betty) from Alabama during the war, and the two of them made quite a team. They collaborated well with their small business operations and also in the world of entertainment and song writing. Their song, "I'll Step Aside," was but one of many of their creative accomplishments. (This columnist of yours being another of those achievements.)

Our family came to Lakewood in 1958, when Dad accepted a teaching position for the Lakewood Schools. Over the years, Dad directed choirs, bands, and orchestras in a number of Lakewood school buildings, spending most of his time at Harding School. He also directed a number of church choirs around the city, and performed as a professional musician in the Cleveland area for many years. A prolific inventor, Dad was well-known for inventing a musical slide rule, as well as an illuminated keyboard classroom teaching tool. His musical groups were famous for achieving consistently high standards of excellence for the Lakewood Schools. Dad retired from the schools in 1983. In 1997, he was elected to the Lakewood Public Schools Staff Hall of Fame.

Dad continues, at the age of 90 years young, to volunteer with the Lakewood Schools. In 2007, he received a "Robert Rice Day" proclamation from the City of Lakewood, as well as a Congressional Record Recognition from Congressman Dennis Kucinich's office. In 2008, he received our school district's Distinguished Volunteer award, as well as being the PTSA Helping Hands Award Recipient Of The Year for Garfield School.

When Mom passed away in 2004, I needed to get Dad very busy, very quickly in order to take his mind off the grief from her passing. At that point, I taught him about computers and music-writing programs. Dad had already completed a "Harding March" years before, but since 2004, we've also completed band marches for Hillside school where I taught in Seven Hills, as well as for Lakewood's Garfield school, Lakewood High School, Lakewood Catholic Academy, and St. Edward High School, along with a march for the All-Ohio State Fair Band. Most recently we completed a brand new march for America's veterans called "The American Veterans' Last Salute March" that we have recently presented to the United States of America.

Dad continues to be actively involved with our community, volunteering weekly with the schools and with Lakewood's Office on Aging. He encourages each and every Lakewoodite to get involved with their town as well and help to continue to make the pulse of our city strong and vibrant.

Lakewood Cares

Ministerial Musings:

"Be Perfect?"

by John Tamilio III

Some of our sayings make no sense. They seem to contradict one another. "Practice makes perfect." And yet, we are also told that "Nobody is perfect." That can lead one to question, "Then why practice?"

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells the multitudes, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly [Parent] is perfect" (5:48). We are to be perfect—like God? Right!

Actually, Matthew is using the Hebrew word t mîn, which literally means "wholeness." So, to be perfect in the eyes of God does not mean to be "without a flaw," but rather to be whole, to be complete.

But what does that mean exactly?

To be whole is to strive for God's will. We are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick and imprisoned, and welcome the outcast. But being whole is more than about serving God in the service of others, though. Being whole means, among other things, striving for a full Godconsciousness and walking the road of

penitence.

Paul tells us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Does that mean that we are to be on our knees praying to God constantly? Prayer goes beyond that. Maybe it means to strive to keep God on the fore of our mind at all times: when we are driving to work, when we are in the waiting room at the doctor's office, when we are walking the aisles of the supermarket. Can we not be thinking of God's presence in our lives at those times? Is that not a type of living prayer?

Being whole also means walking the road of repentance. Jesus said the greatest command is to love God with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength (see Matthew 22:34-40). He also said that a second command, to love one's neighbor (which is everyone) as one's self, is equal to loving God wholeheartedly.

How often do we succeed at either? I know that I fail miserably at both all too often. That is what sin is: not loving God or our neighbors with all our heart. Maybe to be whole means to strive to embody such love and, when we fail to do so, to ask God for forgiveness. Forgive-



ness — that is something we do not really want to do either. "Me? Apologize?"

To be whole in God, however, means to lead a holistic life: one rooted in worship, Scripture, prayer, service, and repentance. That may not make us perfect, as people commonly read in Matthew, but it does mean perfect in the sense that we live in such a way that we invite the Spirit of the Living God to abide in us fully.

That, my friends, is not only a blessing; it is also to live life to the fullest.

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Lakewood Perspectives

Father Figures

by Bret Callentine

Strangely enough, I got a lot of positive feedback following the article naming my mother as the primary culprit for creating the conservative monster I am today. However, as this is the month to honor fathers, perhaps it's time for the other shoe to fall. While my mom was, and still is, the primary parental authority in what made me the person I am today, I must also give tribute to the male influences in my life. Yes, you heard me right, "influences," as in the plural.

My parents divorced when I was very young, and 90% of everything I learned, I learned from my mom. How to ride a bike? Mom. How to throw a football? Mom. How to make it through high school? Definitely, Mom. That's not to say that my Dad didn't teach me anything. After all, without him, I probably would never have learned how to cuss like a sailor.

However, I don't want to give you the impression that I grew up lacking in male role models. While most of what I am I owe to my mom, a large portion of what I always wanted to become was due to the positive examples set by both of my grandfathers. With even just their intermittent influence, I never once felt lacking in guidance or love.

But since this is the month for fathers, not grandfathers, perhaps I should pay tribute to some of the father figures that affected me most. So, in the absence of an actual man of the house, I'd like to say thanks to the following men who filled in all the gaps in my early development.

Thank you, Chuck Jones. You taught me how to laugh, mostly at the pain, suffering, and shortcomings of others. While the nation moved toward political correctness, you held tight to the comedic value of speech impediments, physical violence, and unchecked character flaws. You introduced me to classical music, if only in 3-5 minute segments, and gave me a true appreciation for seeing the humor and joy in any situation.

Thank you, Mel Blanc. You taught me more about the English language than any teacher of speech, diction, or grammar I ever had in school. You showed me that what you say is greatly influenced by how you say it. You gave voice to rabbits, pigs, and birds and taught me French through a skunk and Spanish through a mouse. You brought cavemen back to life and martians down to earth.

Thank you, Franklin W. Dixon, or whatever your real name is. You gave me my first real appreciation for the printed word. You introduced me to mystery and intrigue, to the power of deduction and rational thought. You helped me build a foundation of the importance of visualization and verbal creativity. And most importantly, you sparked what has turned out to be an insatiable appetite for reading.

Thank you, Stephen J. Cannell. You entertained me constantly, and kept a smile on my face most evenings. You produced exactly the kind of show that is vital to the developing teenage male psyche. Your devotion to sacrificing reality for action taught me volumes in the area of "Hollywood Physics," that actions speak louder than senseless dialogue, and that a coherent plot is secondary to a fully staffed special effects department.

God bless you, Dave Arneson and Gary Gygax. You gave me a creative outlet for my inner dork. You fostered my imagination and strengthened my resolve for individuality. Thank you for showing me that the real beauty of games is found in the fellowship of the people you play them with. And, on a side note, my mom would also like to

thank you for keeping me away from girls for at least an extra couple of years.

In reality, there are dozens of people who were more a part of my upbringing than they know. Luckily, I learned early on that life was about making the best of any situation. And my situation allowed me access to a multitude of role models who made me the father I am today. Thanks, dads.

Ye Olde Summer Reading Club At Lakewood Public Library

by Amy Dreger

Hear ye, hear ye! 'Tis time, once again, for Lakewood Public Library's ye olde Summer Reading Club, a chance for noble lads and fair maidens to win fun prizes just for reading books throughout the summer. The Children's and Youth Services Department has been recently transformed into a royal castle complete with a gloomy dungeon and a group of noble knights to keep watch. This year's Summer Reading Club theme for children from birth through fifth grade is "Knights of the Reading Table, while tweens and teens in grades six through twelve can participate in the "Dark Days of Knights."

"Knights of the Reading Table" members will receive a bookmark and a pencil just for signing up. Children can come back once per week to receive credit for 5 hours or books read. At each visit they will fill out a prize-drawing slip for a Borders gift card and collect Medievalthemed stamps in their reading records. Children who read 30 books or hours by August 14 will receive prizes including a certificate of completion, a knight mask, coupons to Applebees and Chick-Fil-A, and a special invitation to Ye Olde Fun Faire to be held on Wednesday, August 18 at Madison Park. Those who finish will also be entered into a special grand prize drawing to win books and other Medieval-themed awards.

Members of the "Dark Days of



every two weeks for 10 hours or books read. Each time they visit the Summer Reading Club desk they will receive a coupon of their choice from various Lakewood restaurants and services and will be entered into the Borders gift card drawing as well. After reading 30 books or hours, members will be entered into a grand prize drawing to win a gift card to the Exchange.

Studies have shown that children who read throughout the summer maintain or improve their reading skills. Reading to children or reading for fun helps kids develop a love of books that stays with them for the rest of their lives. Summer Reading Club at the Lakewood Public Library is a fun way to encourage your children to explore books throughout the summer. Stop by the Children Youth Services Department and sign up today!







Lakewood Power

City Of Lakewood Introduces Legislation To Establish Advanced Energy Special Improvement District

by Melissa Garrett

At the June 7 Lakewood City Council meeting, Mayor FitzGerald and Councilman Tom Bullock introduced legislation to create the Ohio's First Advanced Energy Special Improvement District (AESID). An AESID has been called "pay as you go for energy improvements," because it will establish a mechanism to finance energy improvements and all but eliminate up front installation costs. By participating in an AESID, participating property owners finance energy improvements taxes at special rates and repay the cost of the improvements via through their property taxes using the savings yielded through the savings in energy efficiency improvements.

"We intend to create a mechanism that goes beyond an ordinary incentive. Establishing the state's first ever Advanced Energy Special Improvement District initiates a financing tool that virtually eliminates the up-front project costs and makes these improvements a reality for ordinary property owners. The savings from property owners' lower utility bills will more than cover the costs of the energy efficiency improvement," said Lakewood Mayor Ed FitzGerald. "The SID will cost the city almost nothing, while improving participating property values and making it easier to modernize older residential and commercial prop-

The AESID is a growing collaboration among the City of Lakewood, the City of Cleveland, the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority and other first-ring suburbs. The legislation helps establish the multi-city special improvement district, and authorizes Lakewood's participation in the new

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organization. Local leaders believe this is the first ever multi-city collaboration in the country.

The goal of the AESID is to enable property owners to cut their utility bills and benefit from renewable energy. It is a self-financing program where the energy cost savings will be greater than costs of the solar improvements. Without the AESID, energy efficiency projects have significant upfront costs; it takes a property owner several years to recoup their investment in energy efficiency. The Solar Energy Special Improvement District

changes that.

"This financing option will help more businesses and homeowners afford clean energy projects and invest in their properties--at little or no cost to the city" said Councilman Tom Bullock. "Our community intends to be a leader in sustainability and clean energy, and taking this step makes us one of the first municipalities in Ohio to pursue this innovative new strategy."

In October 2009, Ohio House Bill 1 became effective, enacting changes to Ohio law allowing municipalities to create such SIDs for "special energy improvement projects" in their communities. Just last Friday, that legislation was expanded to include other energy efficiency improvements, including geothermal and wind—energy efficiency applications that are better suited for residential use in Lakewood.

Lakewood City Council will consider the legislation over the coming weeks. Mayor FitzGerald expects other communities to adopt similar legislation in the coming months. Property owners will be invited to participate in a pilot program in autumn 2010, with full scale implementation expected in 2011.

City of Lakewood, First Suburbs Development Council And City of Cleveland Win \$100,000 From The Fund For Our Economic Future

by Melissa Garrett

On June 9, the Fund for Our Economic Future announced the winners of their EfficientGovNow competition. A consortium including the City of Lakewood, the First Suburbs Development Council and the City of Cleveland were among the winners that received funding.

The funds will be used to help establish Ohio's first Renewable Energy Special Improvement District, or RE-SID. Just this week, the City of Lakewood introduced legislation to establish the RE-SID after declaring intent to pursue an advanced energy improvement district in November of 2009. Seventeen communities have been invited to participate in this first-of-its-kind consortium.

A RE-SID has been called "pay as you go for energy improvements," because it will establish a mechanism to finance energy improvements and all but eliminate up front installation costs. By participating in a RE-SID, property owners finance energy improvements at special rates, and pay for the improvements via a special voluntary assessment on their tax bills. The energy cost savings will outweigh the payments.

"Lakewood has been a leader in building this strong and diverse coalition of cities working together to be more efficient. Our proposal was the only one that builds a public sector mechanism to help the private sector. These funds are going to be used to help property owners in Lakewood save money and use less non-renewable energy," said Lakewood Mayor Ed FitzGerald.

The Fund for Our Economic Future sponsored the competition to encourage greater citizen advocacy for more collaborative, efficient local government. Residents were asked to vote for their three favorite government collaborations from 10 finalists chosen by the Fund, a collaboration of philanthropic institutions and individuals throughout Northeast Ohio that works to strengthen the region's economic competitiveness.

The goal of the RE-SID is to enable property owners to cut their utility bills and benefit from renewable energy. It is a self-financing program where the energy cost savings will be greater than the costs of the solar improvements. Without the RE-SID, energy efficiency projects have significant up-front costs; it takes a property owner several years to recoup their investment in energy efficiency. The Renewable Energy Special Improvement District changes that.

Lakewood City Council will consider the legislation in the coming weeks. Other cities and the City of Cleveland are expected to propose similar legislation in the coming months. Property owners will be invited to participate in a pilot program in autumn 2010, with full scale implementation expected in 2011.









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Real Estate

Choosing A Lender

by Eric Lowrey

Well here you are, thinking about buying a home. Cruising the internet, looking at pictures of homes, descriptions of bungalows nestling into the scenic wonders of the landscape, you find a home intriguing enough to shoot off an email and set an appointment to see this home of your dreams. You meet an unknown agent at the home and by golly this home is it. The kitchen is the one that allows you to throw the parties of your dreams, the bathroom is luxurious, and there are more closets than you know what to do with.

Then the agent wakes you up with one quick question. Are you preapproved? (cue scary music)

How do you choose a lender? Do you use the tried and true Mom and Dad uses them, or a list provided by your realtor, maybe you choose the shiniest, spiniest, largest banner ad you find. No matter how you find a lender you should ask these few questions.

1. Does the lender answer the

phone, emails, texts ,etc? If you leave a message do they respond within a reasonable amount of time? If the answer is no, why are you wasting your time and effort?

2. Does the lender have a variety of products or are they pushing one loan only. One loan does not fit all. Having many loan products (i.e. FHA, VA, 204k, etc.) will allow you to find the one that is right for you.

3. Does the lender explain the total cost or just talk about the low monthly payment? Do they explain APR as opposed interest rate? Is the Good Faith Estimate clear and all their charges fully explained? If the lender is hesitant to explain the product RUN AWAY.

4. Do you feel comfortable with the lender? A lender should communicate, answer questions fully, and make you feel knowledgeable about the process.

As in most instances, communication is the key. Ask questions and do not be afraid to ask more than one lender.

Life After The \$8,000.00 Tax Credit

by Monica Woodman

If you are a first time home buyer and you did not meet the \$8,000.00 tax credit deadline don't fret. Interest rates are very low and there are other first time buyer programs such as the OHFA program and the MCC program you can tap into.

To get more information the best thing to do is ask a lender. Not all lenders offer these programs but many of them do. Lenders that do offer these programs will be able to explain how they can benefit you. While you're at it, ask them to assist you with your pre-approval. Once you are pre-approved you will be ready to talk to a realtor who can assist you in finding your first home!



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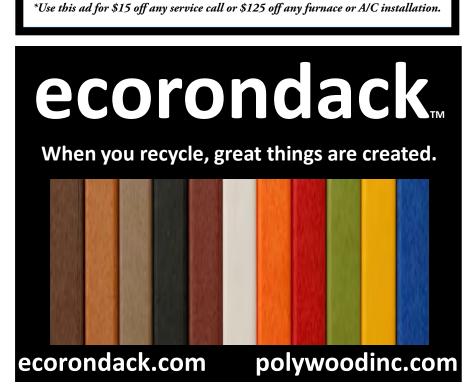
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