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## Rocky River Bites Back Again

# Lakewood Back In Court Over The Dog Park

by Jim O'Bryan

This week the Lakewood Dog Park is once again under attack by a very small group of Rocky Riverites that have for years claimed that the dog park used by so many Rocky Riverites, but on Lakewood property, is ruining their lifestyle.

This claim might have some traction for a variety of reasons. However, the courts have already found it to be not true. In addition a sound surveying company has now found it not true. Most recently I myself, after having a small meeting with one of the loudest proponents for moving the dog park now realize that there may be issues here, but the fault is not with one of Lakewood's finest assets- the dog park. In fact, I found quite the opposite. The dog park patrons are one of the best groups of citizens in this city, a city that has much better and more important things on which to spend their time and money.

Last month, as a resident of the area I saw a sound crew doing something so I stopped to talk. A Rocky River resident involved in the court case rudely told me they were doing a sound survey and pointed out possible alternatives for the dog park. I told him the indicated area floods many times a year without warning, but he became agitated and walked away before I could continue. So I took a couple photos and quietly went back to my house.

All of the sound readings made during this survey were well within decibel limits in both Rocky River and Lakewood. In fact the dog barking was quieter than birds, planes, cars, coughing, radios, and almost even the wind!

With this new evidence at hand, why would one or a small handful of people be allowed to bring a case to court again and again forcing both cities that generally get along fight with each other, spend nearly \$100,000 in legal fees and studies, and generally make everyone around the area miserable? In a combined population of nearly 85,000 people, 22 get to throw money away?



Moving the park would destroy bald eagle habitat.



For what? Well for one, a dog park that list 20% of its members from Rocky River.

A postcard will soon be sent to all registered dog owners of Rocky River and to all residents in the sub-development that includes High Parkway- the street where the four residents and co-plaintiffs (plus the City of Rocky River) live in the lawsuit threatening to close Lakewood Dog Park. Artist Marilyn Muligan, a frequent dog park visitor and owner of Puppins, a Puggle, who would be very disappointed if the park closed, provided the postcard's original artwork. As a resident of Rocky River, Marilyn, outraged by the lawsuit, also provided suggested language for the postcard's message. "Please consider this unique opportunity that you-as a Rocky River resident-have to support your Lakewood Dog Park."

Meanwhile here in Lakewood residents are not so cool. They see this as yet another attack, another dog-fight that simply does not have to be the black hole for funds that it has become.

Last week I stopped by the mayor's office where we discussed the matter at hand. He told me that the City has no intention of walking away from this dog fight. That he realizes more and more everyday what pets and dogs mean to the residents of Lakewood. This city loves animals.



This area that is flooded is the area some in Rocky River would like to see us move the park to. When told about the flooding they didn't care and laughed it off.

During our meeting Mayor Edward FitzGerald mentioned that the city of Rocky River had offered to help move the park to a flood plain. I told him I have hundreds of photos of that area flooded, and that when it does it often does so without warning.

These areas are also home to delicate wildlife. For example, In the spring I have seen nests for Egrets that come

north to breed before heading back down south. It is also the exact area where the Bald Eagle, first shown here in the LO, comes and fishes for salmon in the early spring.

I understand that hard feelings run deep here, but it is time for Rocky River and Lakewood to move on and work together to build up the park benefiting both cities. In so doing, they will be able to

leave natural habitat alone, to keep residents safe, and our wildlife safer. To allow both cities to get on with their lives, and their use of all of this money for better things.

**"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that almost every dog I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few people will."**

-- James Thurber

## Lakewood Alum Swings For The Fences

by Clare Ciolli  
(Harding 6th grader)

Recently, Joe Trela came to talk to H2O – "Help to Others" Summer Service Camp, and we found out that this former Hiram College Baseball player is on a mission.

Speaking about a recent study abroad trip to Nicaragua, the second poorest country in South America, he told the camp about how baseball is their favorite sport. While working in one of the local schools, Joe was invited to play baseball with the kids.

"I wasn't expecting a fancy, brand new stadium, but I was not expecting this."

Joe found that they were using a total of three baseball gloves, bases made of crushed

cinder block, and homemade baseballs made of trash bags called "mecates." After witnessing the Nicaraguans passion for baseball as well as the conditions in which they were playing, Joe had idea.

Using what he had seen on his trip, Joe had the inspiration for "Up 2Bat for Nicaragua." His organization is dedicated to collecting new or gently used baseball supplies that can be sent to Nicaragua in an effort to provide these kids ample equipment to play their favorite sport. The United States Air Force's Humanitarian Aid program has pledged to ship all of the items to their intended location.

"Anything from gloves, bats, balls to hats, jerseys,

bases and catcher's equipment can be used."

Since 2009, Joe has involved the Hiram College Baseball team, Baldwin Wallace College, Lakewood High School, the Cleveland Indians, as well as Geiger's and a number of other local organizations.

If you have any gently used baseball or softball equipment that you would like to donate to Up 2Bat for Nicaragua, you can bring the items to the Lakewood High School L-Room Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm, and H2O's Summer Service Camp will pass them along. You can also bring the items to Geiger's in Lakewood.

Remember, any gently used equipment will be accepted!



Calendar Page

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

Wednesday, July 14

**Wednesday North Union Farmer’s Market**  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Kaufmann Park Parking Lot behind Drug Mart, 15412 Detroit

Thursday, July 15

**Grace Presbyterian Rummage Sale - Runs through Saturday.**  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Grace Presbyterian Church, corner of Hilliard \$ Madison  
Huge selection! Electronics, furniture, housewares, tools, clothing, sports, toys, books and more! Free donuts and coffee.  
**LEAF Third Thursday’s Speaker Series - On Beekeeping**  
6:00 PM, Mahall’s 20 Lanes, 13200 Madison Ave.  
See Page 18 for story.

Friday, July 16

**YMCA Olympic Swim Clinic**  
1:00 - 3:00 PM, Lakewood Family YMCA, 16915 Detroit Ave.  
The goal of this program is to help swimmers improve the technical aspects of each stroke. Freestyle, backstroke, butterfly and breaststroke will be covered. This program is free and open for both males and females ages 8 -18 years that can swim the length of a 25 yard pool. Space is limited, so please sign up at the Lakewood YMCA or online at our website. <http://www.clevelandymca.org/branches/lakewood/index.html>.

**“The Producers” at the Beck Center - Runs until Aug. 22nd.**  
Showtimes: 8pm Fridays and Saturdays and 3pm Sundays.  
Beck Center for the Arts, Mackey Main Stage, 17801 Detroit Avenue  
Book by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan. See Page 16 for story. To reserve tickets, call the Beck Center at 216.521.2540 ext. 10, or request seats at [www.beckcenter.org](http://www.beckcenter.org).

Saturday, July 17

**Saturday Lakewood Farmers Market**  
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the City Center Park, in front of Marc’s on Detroit Ave.  
The market will operate every Saturday (except August 7 due to the Lakewood Arts Festival) through October 2. This market is being organized by a volunteer group, with the support of the City, who saw a need to offer an additional market during the weekend. Their mission is to connect local residents with fresh, local, homemade/ handmade/homegrown produce and products while encouraging local entrepreneurship and unify the community through sustainable endeavors.

**Grace Presbyterian Rummage Sale**  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Grace Presbyterian Church, corner of Hilliard & Madison  
**The Friends of Lakewood Public Library Book Sale**  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, The Front Porch of Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Ave.  
**LakewoodAlive & Well Streetwalk 2010**  
3:00 - 8:00 PM. Closed Detroit Road from Belle to Arthur Ave.  
See Page 12 for full details.

**Wine Tasting Benefiting Susan G. Komen Foundation**  
6:00 - 9:00 PM, The Fine Wine and Tobacco, 26179 Detroit Rd. (located at Jefferson Square directly east of Canterbury Rd).  
The Fine Wine and Tobacco is hosting a wine tasting charity event benfiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The tasting will feature over 30 wines from around the world. The cost is \$25, which includes appetizers, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the foundation. Please RSVP with Nick at (440) 892-7096.

Sunday, July 18

**Lakewood Community Day with the Lake Erie Crushers**  
5:05 PM, All Pro Freight Stadium, Avon, Ohio  
The 2009 Frontier League Champion Lake Erie Crushers proudly present our second annual Lakewood Community Day. You can cheer on the team as the Crushers battle the Windy City Thunderbolts at 5:05 pm. Lakewood residents will receive a discount on tickets by showing a valid ID when purchasing tickets at the stadium ticket office. After the game, kids can run the bases! Bring your family and friends to All Pro Freight Stadium to show your support for Lakewood and for the Crushers. Reserved Home Box seats are just \$9 each and General Admission tickets are just \$6. Contact the Crushers front office at 440-934-3636 or visit [www.lakeeriecrushers.com](http://www.lakeeriecrushers.com).  
**Summer Concerts - “Ernie Krivda & the Fat Tuesday Big Band”**  
7:00 - 8:30PM, Lakewood Park Bandstand, 14532 Lake Avenue.  
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Wednesday, July 21

**Wednesday North Union Farmers Market**  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Kaufmann Park Parking Lot.  
**LEAF Night**  
5:30 to 8:00 PM, Lakewood Main Library Porch  
**Profiling Islam: Faith under surveillance**  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, Max Wohl Civil Liberties Center, 4506 Chester Ave., Cleveland  
What does a terrorist look like? Unfortunately, in post 9/11 America, many in govern- ment and the media portray “terrorist” and “Muslim” as interchangeable identities. As a result, Muslims are often targets of racial, ethnic and religious profiling. Join Julia Shear- son, executive director for the Cleveland chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Cleveland), for a discussion of religious profiling, national security, and religious freedom. This is the fourth in the 2010 Brown Bag Lecture Series. To RSVP or for more information, call (216) 472-2220 or email [contact@acluohio.org](mailto:contact@acluohio.org).

Thursday, July 22

**Introductory Lakewood Block Club Meeting**  
7:00 - 8:30 PM, Main Lakewood Public Library Auditorium at 15425 Detroit Ave.  
At this meeting you will: 1. Learn how to set up a Block Club on your street. 2. Meet with Ward Police Officers. 3. Receive information on City services. 4. Discover how a Block club on your street will benefit you and your neighbors. For more info you can visit [www.onelakewood.com](http://www.onelakewood.com)

Friday, July 23

**“Christmas in July” Benefiting St. Augustine Health Campus**  
5:00 - 9:00 PM, PJ McIntyre’s Irish Pub, 17119 Lorain Road, Cleveland  
Come Join “Angels on the Avenue” as we host a “Christmas in July Super Happy Hour” for the benefit of St. Augustine Health Campus. For a \$20 donation, enjoy unlimited draft beer, coffee, pop, and heavy appetizers. We will have raffles and other surprises!!! For more info, call (216) 701-3143 or go to [www.staugustinemanor.org](http://www.staugustinemanor.org)

**Friday Night Flick - “Daddy Day Camp”**  
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, July 24

**Saturday Lakewood Farmers Market**  
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the City Center Park, in front of Marc’s Plaza on Detroit Ave.

Sunday, July 25

**Summer Band Concert - “Ki Allen, Lady Jazz”**  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Lakewood Park Bandstand, 14532 Lake Ave.  
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.

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# Lakewood Healthcare

## When To Go To The Emergency Room: Symptoms You Should Not Ignore

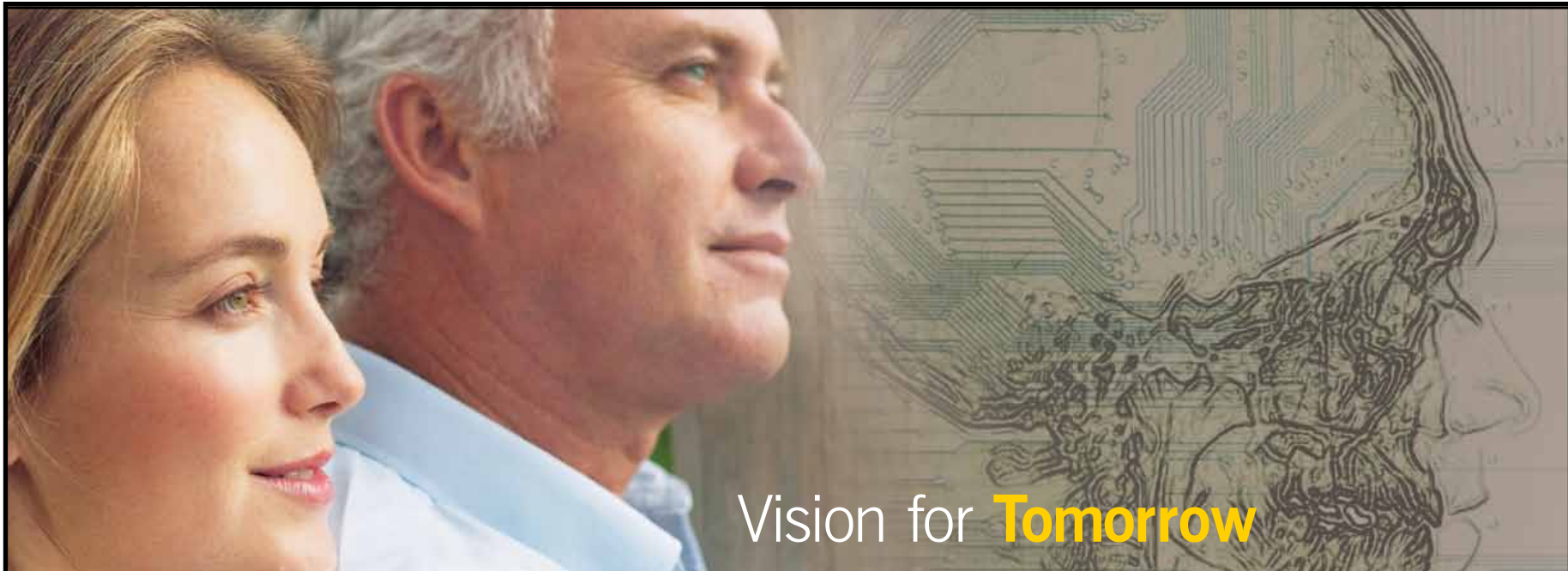
by Anne Kuenzel

You feel a stab of pain in your chest, abdomen, or head that makes you wonder what just happened. Is it a sign that something is wrong? Is it serious? Should you ignore it, or go to the nearest ER? For many of us, deciding when to go the ER can be a difficult decision. The specially trained staff at the Lakewood Hospital Emergency Room recommends that you error on the side of caution, especially if the person is elderly or a child. Oftentimes, when an older person becomes ill or falls, they can quickly take a turn for the worst. A child's condition can also become

more life threatening in a shorter amount of time than an adult. We hope that you never have to visit Lakewood Hospital's ER, but if you do, we want you to know that we're here for you, 24/7. Our ER treats more than 34,000 patients each year and is always staffed with highly trained ER doctors, registered nurses and paramedics who treat patients of all ages with medical issues ranging from broken bones to strokes and heart attack. So, what symptoms should you not ignore? Here are some top symptoms you should not ignore:

- Adults:**
- \* Chest Pain and/or Shortness of Breath
  - \* Unexplained Weakness/Numbness
  - \* Uncontrolled bleeding
  - \* Headache: migraine, classic or other
  - \* Coughing/Vomiting Blood
  - \* Abdominal pain
  - \* Persistent Fever
  - \* Extreme case of Vomiting/Diarrhea
  - \* Seizure
  - \* Severe pain due to injury
- Children:**
- \* Severe convulsions
  - \* Coughing or vomiting blood
  - \* Severe neck stiffness or pain
  - \* Unusual fussiness
  - \* Extreme sleepiness, difficulty waking up, or lack of alertness
  - \* Fever of 105 degrees (40.6°C) or higher 30–60 minutes after giving fever-reducing medicine
  - \* Any signs of urinary tract infection, ie: frequent and/or pain or burning with urination
  - \* Signs of severe dehydration: sunken soft spot, no tears, dry diaper, weak
  - \* Asthma / Respiratory Distress
  - \* Difficulty breathing

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## Lakewood Council News

# Stricter Rules Governing Fire Pits

by Christopher Bindel

Council President Kevin Butler (Ward I) called the June 21, 2010 Council Meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. The first order of business was to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan (Ward IV) who was on her way to Washington D.C. for work related training.

Councilwoman Monique Smith (At-Large) then read a communication from the Rules and Ordinances Committee regarding staff evaluations for the Council Office. They want to make the process more formal and standardized. They decided to go with a system that already works and copied it from what the Human Resources office already uses.

Next Councilman Brian Powers (At-Large) read a communication asking Council to consider working with businesses to come up with incentives that would encourage city employees to become, and stay, Lakewood residents. He brings this up as the School Board is looking into similar possibilities, working with First Federal of Lakewood to maybe offer incentives to Board employees. Councilman Powers said that the City should look into the same kinds of incentives and possibly team up with the Board and the Library. He said though the Hospital is the largest tax payer in the City, it is often overlooked that the City is the largest employer and only 30% of City employees live in the City. Councilman Powers made a point to clarify that he is only looking to create incentives for employees to live in Lakewood, not requirements.

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

Councilman Tom Bullock (Ward II) then read a communication asking Council to consider alternate, on site, storm water treatment in the City. Starting with the EPA requiring the City to start making changes to come in to compliance with current laws, the City raised water rates to cover the those costs as well as the rising treatment costs. During the deliberation of raising the water rates the idea was discussed of offering incentives for property owners that practice their own form of waste water management such as rain barrels, disconnected down spouts, rain gardens or porous concrete. If this is done it could save the City money in treatment cost. Also, if enough of it is done it could save the City the enormous cost of digging several giant underground overflow cisterns that would be required by the EPA.

Under the recommendation of the City engineer, Councilman Bullock submitted an ordinance that would allow property owners to disconnect downspouts without prior approval from the engineer. He states that the practice of connecting down spouts to sewers is inefficient and based on out dated thinking rather than today's best practices.

He also asked that the Building Commission look into whether it should create guidelines for the installation of rain barrels and other onsite water treatment. Along with creating guidelines he suggested they updating the Building Codes so that terms surrounding the use and placement of these structures are clear. He hopes by creating attractive incentives, rather than just dozens of houses the city could have hundreds or thousands with their own onsite storm water treatment.

Though Councilman Bullock wished to submit his communication to both the Public Works Committee and the Building Commission it was decided to only refer it to the Public Works Committee first.

Next Councilman Bullock asked council to pass a resolution that would require the Planning Commission to create a citywide comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan. He said that because Lakewood was a street car city it is naturally laid out to be bicycle and pedestrian friendly, but that it has yet to be fully realized. Earlier in the year, he stated, the Public Works Committee discussed ways to improve facilities, routes and safety of cyclists starting with simple things like expanding bike parking. However during the conversation it was discussed that the lack of a comprehensive bike and pedestrian plan causes difficulty when making traffic, building code, and spending decisions that are rational. Bullock is optimistic that by integrating aspects of this Plan in the planning of roads and other land use projects that the City will discover it can affordably integrate these aspects into construction and maintenance projects already being done, as opposed to being done on there own. Finally he stated that he believed that having this plan would make Lakewood more successful at winning state and federal transportation funds as these agencies have encouraged cities to integrate these aspects.

The resolution was referred to the Public Works Committee for further discussion.

Chief Mroz then introduced a few changes to the City's current Fire Code. The first change is the addition of a new chapter of the code regarding the policies of open burning within the City limits. As fire pits and outdoor grilling have increased in popularity over the last several years it has become necessary for the City to clarify the regulations regarding the use of these appliances as well as offer options for stricter enforcement of repeat offenders. The second change he introduced would allow fire official to issue a citation on site for violation to maximum capacity loads and front

and side yard grilling and storage. Both ordinances were referred to the Public Safety Committee.

After a few comments from the public, Council President Butler adjourned the meeting at 8:53 P.M.

At the next meeting of Council, on July 6, Council President Butler called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M. Director of Human Services, Dorothy Buckon, then started off the meeting by asking Council to pass a resolution thanking William "Bill" Hritz for over 20 years of service to the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIP). In February of 1990 Bill completed specialized training with the State and began offering OSHIP services for seniors at the Division of Aging. He became known for his dependability and attention to detail and excelled at the program's goal of eliminating the fears of senior when dealing with their medical bills. Director Buckon said he, "Always preformed his service with a great degree of knowledge, compassion, [and] patience," and that he, "Will be missed by both seniors and staff members."

Council Members Kevin Butler, Mary Louise Madigan and Nickie Antonio each thanked Mr. Hritz and then Council passed the resolution.

Director of Public Works, Joseph Beno, then asked Council to pass an ordinance that would be the final legislation on the Detroit traffic signal construction. The ordinance is for appropriating the money for the City's portion of the cost. The entire cost of the project is approximately \$2.1 million dollars, of which the City's total responsibility is \$641,593.20 dollars. The money will go to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for handling the construction. The ordinance was referred to the Public Works Committee to be considered.

Next the director of the Planning and Development Department, Nathan Kelly, introduced two ordinances that would change items in the Building Code. The first changes the distance property owners are allowed to build structures relative to the right of way on Madison and Detroit. Currently that distance is 25 feet. The change to the ordinance would make the new distance 0-5 feet. The reason the Planning Department wants to do this is so that new buildings are consistent with the majority of the buildings on those streets creating an urban street wall. Also he notes moving commercial buildings away from adjacent residences and requiring parking to the rear as possible benefits to this change. With the flexibility of the 0-5' regulation it gives building owners some options which may allow them to widen the sidewalk or set up an outdoor dining area.

The second change Director

Kelly proposed was to allow dining establishments in multi-family, high density, residential districts, this being the area of the high rises and condos down on Lake and Edgewater. As of right now the current building code does not allow restaurants to exist in those areas, despite the fact that both the Carlyle and Winton Place have had restaurants operating in those districts for years. The reason for the change is to first update the Building Code so it coincides with the existence of these restaurants, and also make it possible so that the area that formerly housed Swingo's on the Lake can be filled by a new establishment. Without this change that can not be done.

Both ordinances were referred to the Planning Commission to be considered.

Director Kelly then continued by asking Council to consider an ordinance that clarifies and changes some features of the City's Building Code regarding signs. The City currently has fairly strict guidelines regulating the use of signage in the City. Last year, after Councilwoman Antonio had spoken to some Madison businesses that had some issues with the City regarding their signs, asked that the regulations be looked at, and possibly changed, to make it easier for businesses to have a little more leeway with their signs. At the time she was specifically discussing shingle signs, however the changes hope to simplify and expedite the process of all signs being approved. Businesses will have hearings and approval meetings to go to. Language was clarified and some of the more restricting aspects removed allowing businesses to have a little bit more freedom they were able to enjoy before. The ordinance was referred to the Economic Development Committee for consideration.

Having come to the end of the agenda items, Council President Butler opened the floor to the administration and Council members. Councilwoman Antonio thank the Public works Department, and everyone else involved, on such a fantastic Fourth of July. She said she loved how smoothly and safe everything went and was very impressed at how clean the park looked even just the next day.

Mayor Ed Fitzgerald then wanted to make Council aware that on July 8th the trial between the City of Lakewood and the City of Rocky River over the Lakewood Dog Park was still going to move forward. Unfortunately the last try at a settlement failed so the trial will move forward. The Mayor said he believes it could be a somewhat lengthy trial, at least continuing the following week, and that upwards of 20 witnesses will be called.

With no more comments from the Administration or Council, Council President Butler adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.





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**Friday, August 6, 2010**

**6 – 7 p.m. VIP Reception, Cocktails & Gourmet Food Stations**

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# Lakewood Public Library Events

All Events and Programs Are Free And Open To The Public

UPCOMING BOOK SALES:

Saturday, July 17  
Friends “Lakewood Alive & Well Streetwalk”  
Book Sale  
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on the Front Porch of the

Main Library  
Saturday, August 7  
Arts Festival Sale  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Friends Book Sale Area, Main Library

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Friday, July 16  
LakewoodAlive presents: FRONT PORCH CONCERTS  
Celebrate Lakewood’s rich diversity and youthful talent with live, family-friendly entertainment in front of the Library—Lakewood’s Front Porch! Bring a chair and a happy heart and don’t forget your dancing shoes!  
Lakewood Is Art: One World Music Series: Saborit Latin Soul  
7:00 p.m. on the Front Porch of the Main Library

Saturday, July 17  
THE LAKEWOOD PUBLIC CINEMA: The Fly  
(1958) Directed by Kurt Neumann Rated PG  
With Vincent Price in the lead, you know you’re in for classic suspense horror. A scientist developing a teleportation device is forever entangled with a common housefly when he foolishly experiments on himself. Though not as gory as the 80s remake, this movie is still plenty scary.  
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Free Computer Classes Available At The Library

by Amy Kloss

If you're a computer beginner, you are not alone. There are many people who don't have an e-mail account or know how to navigate the web. If you're a Lakewood Library patron, however, you're in luck. Any patron who wishes to enter the digital age can take advantage of free computer classes offered at the main branch of the Lakewood Public Library.

The library offers five classes in the basics of computing; topics include the internet, web searching, e-mail, word processing and spreadsheets. A Job Hunting Workshop is also offered each month for those who need help navigating the world of internet job hunting. Although most classes are geared toward beginners with very limited computer knowledge, it is important that all students know how to use a mouse before they come to class. Mouse training is available in the Library's Technology Center. To learn more about signing up for classes, visit [www.lkwdpl.org/classes](http://www.lkwdpl.org/classes) or call 226-8275, ext. 127.

Internet Basics and Web Searching Basics cover fundamental knowledge needed to navigate the web and do research online. Internet Basics teaches students how to access the internet using a browser, manipulate the windows that allow internet access, recognize a web address and visit a website. The class also offers ideas on different ways to use the Internet and suggests websites for practice.

Web searching is more than just

Google. Web Searching Basics covers a variety of search engines, and demonstrates how search results vary depending on how the engine is organized. Students learn how to modify search terms to get better results; the difference between website extensions like .com, .net and .gov; and how to evaluate the quality of different sites.

In E-mail Basics, students log into a sample e-mail account and run through the basic functions: reading new messages, composing, replying, deleting and forwarding. They also learn to use e-mail safely by avoiding spam, scams and viruses. Students are not required to have an e-mail account before taking the class; however, time does not allow students to sign up for an account during class.

In Word Processing Basics, students create a grocery list as a sample document and then learn to copy, paste, and change the font styles. Saving and retrieving documents is also covered.

Spreadsheet Basics includes tips on sorting data, automating calculations and turning out attractive charts and graphs. Both Microsoft Excel and free open source alternatives are demonstrated.

The Job Hunting workshop concentrates on what is needed to effectively conduct a job search on the internet. These classes help job seekers prepare an internet-friendly resume, send a resume through e-mail and discover the latest trends in job-hunting on the web. Students are encouraged to share infor-

mation and ask questions that pertain to their individual job searches.

All computer classes are held in the Learning Lab at the Main Branch of the Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue. Students must have a valid Lakewood Library card, and registration is required; stop in or call 216/226-8275,

ext. 127 to register. Reservations for computer classes begin the first day of the month in which the classes will be held. Most classes are held on Saturdays; Spreadsheet Basics is on a Tuesday evening every other month. The Job Hunting Workshop is the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon.

## The Art Of Development: LPL Foundation Supports Student Achievement

by Dan Slife

During these trying economic times college prep resources are at a premium for Lakewood's aspiring baccalaureates. With college tuition costs on the rise, families are looking for affordable ways to prepare teens on the cusp of adulthood for the college admissions process. The Lakewood Public Library Foundation is doing its part to support this student population by funding an annual ACT preparation course, administered by the Princeton Review.

"Our goal is to to help students raise their test scores who otherwise might not be able to afford a course like this on their own," says Lynn Foran, community activist and President of the Lakewood Public Library Foundation. "We know that a higher ACT test score increases a student's acceptance into a college and can also directly affect college scholarship opportunities."

The Lakewood Public Library Foundation was established in 1994 to support Lakewood's learners, young and old, by increasing access to knowledge and information through traditional and emerging mediums. According to its website, "The Foundation is especially challenged by the information revolution and the inevitable transformation of the Lakewood Public Library."

In college, students will prepare to

meet the challenging demands of career and citizenship in a digitizing world. By helping students to achieve higher scores on their ACT exams, the Foundation is addressing this key strategic goal, head on. The classes took place in the Main Library Learning Lab, where library staff also administer computer and information literacy classes designed to empower adults to cross the digital divide. Both the Foundation and library adult instruction team are working to address these critical, 21 century needs.

And the impact of the Foundation's efforts on Lakewood's late-teen learners is clear. Participant feedback from the most recent ACT Preparation session glows with expressions of appreciation and growing confidence. One participant noted that Princeton Review instructor Pete Brodnick "explained everything." Many students commented on the breadth of material covered. "He kept the course going at a good pace and answered all of our questions," said another participant.

Services like the Foundation's ACT preparation course help to position Lakewood's late teens to achieve success and happiness in a rapidly changing world that requires both traditional and digital smarts. They get there through a connection to our culture's storehouse of information, the public library.

## Scott Brotherton Performing "From Dino to Diamond"

by Joan Rubenking

If you remember the famed "Rat Pack" and the music of Dean, Frank, and Sammy, then this program is a must-see for you. Join us on Sunday, July 25, at 2 p.m. as the one-man Rat Pack, Scott Brotherton, presents an hour of songs from the Vegas strip. Scott's impeccable renditions will take you through the decades as he presents vocal selections ranging from Dean Martin's glory days, through the 50's with the voices of Ray Charles, Nat King Cole, and Bobby Darin, and on into the 60's 70's and 80's in the styles of Johnny Mathis, Engelbert, James Taylor, and others. Scott will also display his versatility with a dash of Country as he sings songs from Garth Brooks, Kenny Rogers, and Johnny Cash. Of course, the concert would not be complete without including the legendary Neil Diamond.

Scott has been a performing singer and actor since the age of 11. He has been seen in more than fifty shows, including: South Pacific, The Music Man, Pippin, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and The Pirates of Penzance, for which he won the Los Angeles Dramalogue Award for Best Performance in a Musical. Scott was a founding member of the four-man a cappella group, "The Hollywood

Wowcats," who performed throughout Los Angeles and won "best vocal group" on Natalie Cole's TV show, "Big Break." He regularly does singing and voiceover work and commercials as well.

Although Scott maintains a home base here in a west side suburb of Cleveland, he goes where the performances take him. Scott has worked in Las Vegas, on Wayne Newton's show, "The Entertainer," and has played at the Imperial Palace in the Kabuki Lounge. During his time at the Imperial, Scott also portrayed Neil Diamond with the popular "Legends Dealertainers," where celebrity look-a-likes take to the tables and deal for the customers while in character. In Los Angeles, Scott has performed at many well known venues, including: The House of Blues, The Roxy Theater, B.B. King's at Universal City Walk, and The Palladium.

With his seamless blend of the old and new, and vocal styles that run the gamut of the entertainment world, Scott Brotherton is an act for any music lover to enjoy. Sunday, July 25, will be swinging at the Library, so make plans to take in this musical hit parade. This free event is generously funded by Cuyahoga residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Friends of the Lakewood Public Library.

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# Lakewood Schools

## Lakewood To Change Athletic Conferences

by Christine Gordillo

Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the Lakewood City Schools athletic teams will move from the Northeast Ohio Conference to compete in the West Shore Conference, which is a better geographic match for Lakewood. The move will allow Lakewood to better develop school rivalries with other west-

ern suburbs that are in closer proximity to Lakewood Schools than most NOC teams.

The change of conferences also will reduce significantly travel time for student athletes and transportation costs for the district as the teams travel to places such as Twinsburg, Stow, Hudson and Cuyahoga Falls for NOC

games. Shorter travel times will reduce the time-crunch on student athletes balancing homework and games as well as allow more family and friends to see the teams perform at away games.

“The NOC is a class organization,” said Lakewood Athletic Director Bob Thayer. “However, it has not been a good fit for Lakewood. Being a geographical fringe team in the NOC has

created significant travel problems for our athletic teams and fans. The move to the WSC will create a better travel situation and provide greater opportunities to build exciting rivalries.”

WSC President and Rocky River High School Principal Debra Bernard said the league is “estatic about Lakewood Schools joining the West Shore Conference league in 2012. Lakewood Schools are the perfect complement of competition to the other seven schools in our league and we look forward to developing competitive rivalries.”

The West Shore Conference is currently made up of Avon, Bay Village, Elyria Catholic, Fairview Park, Firelands (Oberlin), Midview (Grafton), North Ridgeville, Rocky River and Vermilion. Fairview and Firelands will be leaving the conference after the 2010-2011 school year. Lakewood has been a member of the NOC since fall 2007.

Lakewood’s move to a new athletic conference was one component of an overall athletic program review undertaken by the district this past school year. In June, the Lakewood Board of Education passed a resolution based on recommendations from a committee that conducted the research and review. The resolution outlines a district philosophy that centers on improving academic achievement for the student athlete and increasing participation in athletics and recreational activities.

## Three Arts Club Scholarship Winners

by Barbara Milenius

The Three Arts Club of Lakewood announces that ten local area students have won scholarship grants in the performing arts for further college study. Each grant of \$1,000 is awarded to the

students based on auditions held in early June and judged by local professional musicians.

**Winners of the 2010 scholarship grants are:**

Justin Caithaml of Elyria- Voice  
Lena Console of Cleveland Heights- Trumpet  
Annalise Dzwonczyk of Avon Lake- Voice  
Vicki Hamm of Medina- Cello  
Alyssa Hoffert of Independence- Saxophone  
Ryan Hurd of Parma- Saxophone  
**Johnathan Snyder of Lakewood- Oboe**  
Devin Starks of Cleveland Heights- Double Bass  
Myroslava Stefaniuk of Cleveland- Voice  
Kristen Todd of Wakeman- Piano

The Three Arts Club of Lakewood was founded in 1919 in order to further interest and enjoyment in the arts of music, drama, and dance, and to provide awards for deserving students who are pursuing the arts in their advanced studies.

## LHS Model UN Team Rated Tops Again

by Christine Gordillo

The Cleveland Council on World Affairs recently honored Lakewood High’s Model United Nations team as the most outstanding school from its Spring Model UN Conference held in April. It is the third straight semester that the school’s Model UN team has won the honor.

“That is highly unusual for one school to win the award for both the fall and the spring (conferences),” said Richard Crepage, director of education for the Council on World Affairs. The team also won in the Spring of 2009.

Crepage said the award for most outstanding school is determined by total points garnered by a school’s delegations at the conference. The overall award reflects the strength of a team across all its participants, he said.

Club president Alex Neidert and member Michael Yee along with club adviser Dr. Chuck Greanoff attended the annual World Affairs meeting on June 21 to accept the award. LHS competed against 15 other schools in the Spring Conference. Participating schools included Orange, Rocky River, Shaker Heights and Westlake high schools and private schools such as Western Reserve Academy and St. Joseph Academy.

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Lakewood Schools

Is The Lakewood BOE Committed To Full Day Kindergarten?

by Danielle Masters

The following is the printed text of my question to the School Board at their regular meeting on Monday night, July 12, during the Communication period.

**Question for the Lakewood BOE and District:**

Please bear with me tonight as the issue I wish to question you on is complex. This is regarding an emergency resolution that three members of the Board voted on during the July 1st Board meeting. The resolution states:

“WHEREAS, The Lakewood Board of Education recognizes that providing all-day, every-day kindergarten presents a hardship to the school district and is seeking a waiver for the delay of implementation; and,

WHEREAS, the Lakewood Board of Education understands that the waiver is for the delay of all-day, every-day kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year; and,

WHEREAS, the Lakewood Board of Education acknowledges that the Superintendent may seek a waiver with board approval by submitting the board adopted resolution for delay, the justification for the waiver and a plan for implementation for providing all-day, every-day kindergarten beginning in 2011-2012 school year; and,

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2010 the Lakewood Board of Education recommends and grants permission to the Superintendent to seek a waiver.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lakewood Board of Education recommends that the Superintendent seek a waiver for the delay of all-day, every-day kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year.”

The question is: Does the district intend to offer full-day kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year despite the wording of the waiver? Does the district intend to offer full-day kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year? Where does the Board stand on its commitment to this program?

Now I understand this is a sophisticated issue that has many different facets, so let me see if I truly under-

stand. During the 7:15 am meeting on July 1st Ms. Soeder explained how the seeking of this waiver is essentially a shell-game. This waiver is merely a formality to free up funding for all-day kindergarten, which is exactly the opposite of what the Resolution, asking for this waiver states.

In the Sun Post article regarding this very same issue it states that:

“At a special meeting Thursday, school board members voted 2-1 to ask the State for a waiver to release federal grants from last school year to pay for the extended kindergarten program for 2010-11. Board member Matthew Markling opposed the resolution; two other members were absent.”

I fail to see anywhere in the actual resolution where it states that the waiver is to release federal grants from the last school year to pay for all-day kindergarten. Perhaps that is part of the “shell game” I was referring to. I don’t know.

The other problem is that at the same July 1st meeting, the administration, under the direction of Dr. Madak, guaranteed that all-day kindergarten would indeed be offered for the 2010-2011 school year. But when Board members Shaughnessy and Beebe were pressed to give that same guarantee, they refused.

This leads one to wonder what exactly the school board intends to do.

Now for my own reasons I do not trust resolutions that are “just formalities,” or “procedural.” Back before the Phase III process officially began, a resolution was signed by the Board stating that Grant Elementary School would be demolished. At that time we were all told that it was merely a formality, in fact that it was “procedural” and that a name had to be put in there, and that Grant school was randomly chosen, instead of something that would be more accurate, like, “To be determined.”

I trusted the Board, but after months of wasted time that was exactly what the Board voted to do.

So now we are being told that this waiver is merely a formality and that it doesn’t mean what it states. I personally don’t want to fall for this again.

Lastly, I am concerned that the District is going to the state of Ohio making the claim that we don’t have the funds to offer all-day kindergarten, a program that we, as voters, were led to believe would be funded by the operating levy we just passed in May. In fact, members of the Levy committee used preserving All-Day Kindergarten as one of the reasons we had to pass the levy. Well we passed it.

How will the district explain to the state of Ohio that even though the voters passed an operating levy we don’t have the funds to offer a program we’ve been offering, that’s already in our budget? Especially when, as Dr. Madak promised, we actually DO offer it in

the Fall? If we do.

How does the District explain this to the voters of Lakewood?

In laymen’s terms, are we having all-day Kindergarten this Fall? Are we having all-day Kindergarten in the 2011-2012 school year? A simple yes or no would be appreciated. And then the reasons for that decision.

Thank you. I would like a copy of this to be entered into the official record, I have one here.

Joe Madak addressed my questions first.

He said that there is no question in his mind whether all-day kindergarten would be offered this Fall. It will definitely be offered this Fall. He said that the idea that it might not be was a misunderstanding regarding funding.

He went on to say that providing for all-day kindergarten out of the general fund would require that class sizes be 35 per class or upwards, which would be a hardship for the District. This is why they are classifying this as a “hardship” and this is why the District is trying to finance it creatively. The waiver, declaring hardship, will enable them to free up 300 to 400 thousand dollars of unused Title funds from last year to pay for this year’s all day Kindergarten. Everything they are doing is within the law. He said that it is unclear when we will know the status of the waiver, as the filing deadline was June 30th, and the Board didn’t meet until July 1st.

From this statement it appears that at least Dr. Madak is very familiar with exactly how much money we have, and exactly what programs we will be funding. If he can say categorically, that providing for all-day kindergarten out of the general fund would require larger class sizes, it implies that cutting is already down to the bone.

This further implies that the District knows exactly what programming they are offering in the Fall.

Board member Matt Markling said he voted “no” at that July 1st meeting because it was his understanding that there was not a consensus among Board members as to whether all-day kindergarten would be offered this Fall or not, and they were unwilling to

provide a guarantee. There is no videotaped record of this meeting, and an explanation as to why there was none was not given.

Clearly this Board’s problems with transparency are not only with the general public but amongst themselves.

Dr. Madak does not appear to feel this way, as he summed up by saying, “It mystifies me why this was an issue at all.”

I responded that this is was an issue because the resolution lacks any wording regarding this being a funding issue. Instead it says that this is a waiver to enable the District to NOT OFFER THE PROGRAM.

While I am reassured by Dr. Madak’s adamant statements, I wonder whether I have come any further in the matter of how the Board communicates issues with the general public or even with each other. They did not address the issue of how there could have been such confusion between and within the District and the Board itself. Of course we in the general public are confused.

My next question will be exactly what programming is being offered, and where the programming cuts are. What are we keeping, what are we losing and when will they make this public so that parents can prepare for the upcoming school year?

Trust remains an issue. We still have out there a resolution which states that we want a waiver making it okay NOT to offer all-day kindergarten. My fear over the last resolution that was supposed to be merely procedural proved, in the end, to be exactly what it was. This situation has never been addressed or even acknowledged.

The only way this entire issue can be resolved is that the Board become transparent regarding where the District is and where it’s going. With facts and figures and full communication of where we are headed, and WHY, to the best of their ability in these uncertain economic times.

Right now we know the answers to neither of these questions, but we do know that the District is offering all-day Kindergarten this Fall.

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County News

# Cuyahoga County Transition Public Forum

by Diane Brinich

On Thursday, July 8th, the Beck Center hosted one of many events intended to aid in the transition to and understanding of the new County Government structure to be implemented in 2011. Over the course of the evening, a small audience of about 25 attendees listened to presentations by and discussed the work of two “County Transition Workgroups.”

State Senator Mike Foley (District 14) presented for the first workgroup, County Government Collaboration. Senator Foley explained that this workgroup is charged with a final goal of facilitating cooperation with local governments and governing boards, i.e. school boards and metro parks.

The initial step in this process is to identify what services are already shared. Approximately 5 years ago there was a survey taken within the county that created an inventory of services, human resources, and physical property for each city. The workgroup suggest that this pre-existing information should be a starting point for sharing within the region. They recommend that the County Executive appoint someone to expedite the collaboration efforts based on the survey data.

Such collaborations should include revenue sharing for economic development- both inside and outside

of the county, reinstituting the Mayor’s White Paper that addresses the refurbishing of obsolete properties, and working with the existing land bank. Other areas identified for potential cost savings included combining health care offerings, IT services, and standardization of labor contracts (i.e. lawyer fees). Legislation necessary to allow these and other shared services is being introduced.

The second half of the presentation was headed up by Bill Blausey of Eaton Corporation in his role as co-chair of the Information Technology workgroup. Mr. Blausey explained that the goal of the IT task force is to drive efficiencies through standardizing hardware and software and to provide effective services. Based on their initial analysis of the wide range of technological systems that exist across the county, the team recommends a detailed, intensive action plan.

Similar to the County Government Collaboration’s workgroup, the first step will be to create inventory of the existing systems. Through analysis of this inventory, the workgroup must develop a list of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT). This more detailed description will then be used to prioritize opportunities made apparent through this comparison.

Already it is clear that the current

systems are decentralized and inconsistent between municipalities and will need a cohesive plan in order to function as truly countywide government. The group emphasized that because IT information is kept in a wide variety of ways, basic processes such as budgets and time keeping will need to be integrated in order to be effective.

Other recommendations included, purchasing by volume for cost savings, the creation of a common IT support mechanism, the development of a disaster recovery plan and a method of committee based oversight outside of IT itself. As the county government

moves forward, replacement of equipment within a normal life span with consistent brands will be crucial.

An immediate preventative measure that can be implemented to avoid further technological complexities on a countywide level should be to stop continued investment, such as upgrades, in multiple systems.

The County Charter Transition Team is sponsoring additional public forums. The calendar of events is listed on the web site [www.charter.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.charter.cuyahogacounty.us) or contact the Community Outreach Department at (216) 443-3258 for more information.



Culinary students at Tri-C’s Eastern Campus gain hands-on experience in a state-of-the-art kitchen. A new facility is scheduled to open in October 2010 on Public Square.

## Train For Growing Hospitality, Culinary Industries At Tri-C

by Kim Pribisko

The travel, tourism and food industries are on the rise in Northeast Ohio and nationwide. As Cleveland plans for a casino, medical mart and convention center, the new venues will increase the employment opportunities for individuals with culinary and hospitality management experience.

In the region, employment in food preparation and hospitality occupations is expected to grow 8.3 percent from 2006 to 2016, according to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

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Cuyahoga Community College offers associate’s degree and certificate programs in hospitality management. Individuals earn Associate of Applied Business degrees with an emphasis in restaurant and food service management, culinary arts or lodging and tourism management.

Courses are currently available at the College’s Metropolitan and Eastern campuses. In 2009, Tri-C opened a new, state-of-the-art kitchen on the Eastern Campus in Highland Hills, featuring both a teaching and demonstration kitchen with the latest cooking and baking technologies.

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The accredited hospitality management programs incorporate classroom instruction and hands-on experience. For instance, culinary arts students put their classroom learning into practice operating a full-service restaurant on campus.

The programs prepare students for entry-level supervisory positions in restaurants, clubs, kitchens, front-of-the-house, sales and convention and banquet planning.

In addition to credit courses, Tri-C offers Community and Continuing Education opportunities for all age groups. Participants enhance their skills in culinary arts, languages, dance, photography and more. Courses offered at the Hospitality Management Center will include international cuisine, super foods, entertaining, desserts from around the world and culinary techniques.

With the addition of about 350,000 new jobs in the hospitality industry through 2016, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is a great option for individuals looking to enter or transition in the workforce.

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Lakewood's Cares

H2O Says "Thank You!"

by Celia Dorsch

WE DID IT!! It took a little more than 30 days, but now that all the pledges are in, H2O - Help to Others, is officially over its \$30,000 "For the Kids" fundraising campaign goal. To date, H2O has raised \$31,787 through student fundraisers and donations. H2O couldn't have done it without awesome support from the community. Donations were received from 194 individuals, businesses, churches and organizations. These dollars will help make H2O's 2010 programming possible, including this year's H2O Summer Service Camp. Thank you H2O sponsors!

H2O has much to celebrate. Middle school campers that attended the first two sessions of H2O Service Camp have accomplished great things in our community. Motivated and instructed by outstanding college-aged H2O camp counselors, the 11-14 year old youth donated hundreds of hours of assistance to Ronald McDonald House, The Cleveland Foodbank, Laura's Home, Hope Lodge, Lakewood childcare centers, and local senior centers. Campers have also started to harvest fresh vegetables that they've grown and tended in LEAF plots at Madison Park. The produce is given to Lakewood Christian Service Center for distribution to their clients.

H2O's 2010 Summer Service Camp theme is "The Power of One." Campers hope the community will support their efforts to make a difference in the world by choosing an action from H2O's wish list:

\* Donate clean, gently used clothing to H2O's annual "Clothes 4 Kids" Sale. Infant through adult sizes are being accepted at any Lakewood Fire Station through Sunday, July 25th. No miscellaneous household items, please.

\* Donate gently used, new school supplies at any Lakewood Fire Stations through July 25th also. H2O campers will rejuvenate and recycle used items. All new and used donations will be given to Lakewood Christian Service Center to be distributed to families in need this fall.

\* Share used/new baseball equipment - H2O is helping LHS alum, Joe Trela, collect all kinds of baseball items for impoverished children in Nicaragua, including: uniforms, batting

helmets, balls, bats, gloves, bases. Joe is working with Rotary International to distribute donated items. He became aware of a tremendous need for equipment when his Eastern Michican baseball team served on a special project in Nicaragua. Go to [www.up2bat.org](http://www.up2bat.org) to find out more about Joe's effort, or call H2O at 529-4273 if you have items to donate.

\* Attend H2O's Dunk Tank Fundraiser on Tuesday, July 27th – Join H2O at Around the Corner – 18616 Detroit Ave.- for food and fun. Ten percent of all food orders placed between 5-8pm will be donated to H2O. Add in a chance to dunk H2O camp staff members: Nick Aylward, Margaret Miranda, Trevor Davis, Caitie King, Lauren Smigelski,

Max Listkowski, Jamie Zychowski, Johnny Rowell, Becca Armbruster and Owen Johnson, and you have a recipe for pure FUN!!

\* Shop at H2O's "Clothes 4 Kids Super Sale on Saturday, July 31st - Don't miss this amazing sale! Over 20,000 items will be available at unbelievable prices. The sale runs from 9am to 3pm in the E. Café of Lakewood High School. Proceeds from "Clothes 4 Kids" benefit H2O Summer Service Camp.

\* Visit H2O's booth at the Lakewood Arts Festival on Saturday, August 7th - Campers have been busy creating one-of-a-kind items for your home, or to give as gifts. Proceeds from this sale will help H2O provide an adapted tricycle for a Lakewood child in need.

H2O "Help to Others" service learning program is operated by the City of Lakewood, Department of Human Services Division of Youth, in partnership with Lakewood City Schools. This award winning program is also made possible through generous support from the entire community.

Watch for more news from the two remaining sessions of H2O Camp as the summer continues. To become an H2O sponsor and receive a personal note from a middle school student detailing their experience at camp, go to [www.thelakewoodfoundation.org/H2O](http://www.thelakewoodfoundation.org/H2O), or call 529-6045 for a sponsor brochure. It's never too late to become a "Power of One" for Lakewood's young volunteers!

A Family Lesson Through Volunteering

by Nick Aylward

What started out as volunteer hours for a school requirement turned into a lesson that the Coleman family will never forget.

Palmer Coleman started volunteering for the Lakewood Christian Service Center (LCSC) in the fall of 2009 as part of her volunteer hours for the Laurel School. Each week, Palmer helped to pass out a 3-day supply of emergency food to the hundreds of families that come into LCSC each month. As she continued her service, LCSC became a place that her whole family became intrigued by. That's when her mother, Leslie Coleman, decided that there was more that she could instill in her family than just the value of service. And the experiment began.

The Coleman family decided that they were going to live for a week off of the types and quantities of food that LCSC provides as emergency food for its patrons. In this way they could further connect with the pantry process and the feeling of those who turn to LCSC for help. Some of the items included a ready-made pasta meal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, a beef stew, a box of cookies and canned fruit and vegetables.

"There was enough food for the week, but we had to plan very care-

fully...a can of pineapple yields four servings, period. If we were still hungry and opened another can, we would have been short for the week."

When asked if there were any hiccups in the week, Leslie responded that Hamburger Helper for dinner on Saturday night was not the ideal for a nice relaxing dinner. However, "When we talked about it, we decided that we have more choices that others might have and that living within those choices was part of the experience. After dinner, I think we all felt we had accomplished something together, and of course we had cookies to celebrate!"

Having finished the week with enough food, Leslie reflects on the services that LCSC provides to the community. "LCSC is a truly amazing organization and provides a monumental service to the community. One of the many things we reflected upon during our week was the great excess in some parts of our society and the significant need in other parts. LCSC performs a vital role bridging this disparity in our community. Managing donations from private individuals, churches, civic organizations, as well as orchestrating a network of restaurant donations takes careful planning and tremendous organization that could

not happen in Lakewood without the dedicated staff and tireless volunteers at LCSC."

As the Coleman family moves on, a little wiser and more aware of themselves, we too can make a difference in the community and in ourselves. If you'd like to find out more information or make a donation to the Lakewood Christian Service Center, please contact the Center at 216-226-8493 or find more information at [lcsclakewood.org](http://lcsclakewood.org).



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# Taking It To The Streets

by Laura Sangree

Lakewood prepares to get physical as Street Walk 2010 kicks off on July 17. People of all ages and interests are encouraged to get out and get active. With the abundance of varied activities scheduled, movement should not be a problem.

Lakewood Alive is presenting the second annual festival from 3 pm. to 8 pm, which is free and open to the public. Collaborating with Live Well Lakewood again this year, the festivities will promote healthy living, the city's walkability, while also revitalizing downtown. "We have a number of program providers to show people what kinds of activities people can do to get off of the couch," Lakewood Alive Marketing & Development Director Shannon Strachan said.

The success of 2009's Street Walk inspired a bigger, better event this year, including a new 5K Run. Strachan said the street festival was very well received last year, drawing more than 5,000 people and 38 program providers. "People participated in everything. Young and old attended."

This year, the group hopes to build upon the music, activities, and program that made last year's experience a success, while expanding. "We have

more food vendors this year," Strachan said. "We tried to balance healthy eating with festival food."

The city will close seven blocks on Detroit Ave. (from Arthur to Marlowe avenues) to traffic, providing for three zones of activities. Residents can watch or participate in almost any physical activity from break dancing to belly dancing; basketball to fencing; Karate to Zumba; roller derby to 4-square. There is also music, food and shopping, so everyone will be able to find something in which to engage.

"Street Walk is one of the best ways Lakewood can show off its true colors and get people to slow down and see all the shops that line Detroit," Public Square Group, Inc. Executive Director Vince Frantz explained. "Additionally, it allows many people to actively participate rather than simply consume. Active living is a part of the Lakewood flavor, so it makes sense to celebrate the ways that we show signs of life."

Frantz's organization will present a skateboarding demonstration and give free lessons at the festival. "Skateboarding is one of the only forms of unstructured play that has evolved out of the urban environment," he said. "It also serves as a lifelong form of physical and mental activity and so it made

sense to make it a part of the celebration."

He added that people should expect some heated SKATE battles to arise (much like the game HORSE in basketball). "Skaters from around Lakewood will be able to share the experience of skating up and down Detroit but people who have never tried skateboarding can have a go at it as well."

New to the festival this year is the 5K run sponsored by Kendall Jarrell Insurance Advisors. Kendall Jarrell said that he runs a couple 5Ks every year with a group of friends. "We've really enjoyed the camaraderie of accomplishing something together," he said. "It's always been an event that I've liked. I had always hoped to sponsor one in Lakewood. I thought it would be a great opportunity to get the community out and get everyone active."

His coworker Ruth Koenigsmark, president of Lakewood is Art, suggested he contact Lakewood Alive about the prospect of sponsoring a run. When he did, they suggested Street Walk. "It's been a positive experience ever since." Jarrell went on to say that all of Lakewood's annual events are positive for the community. "Getting people together is going to build a stronger

Lakewood, especially doing something healthy. Going out and getting to know your neighbor makes the community stronger. It's a win-win proposition."

Strachan said the 5k run was discussed last year, and it is coming to fruition this year. "It's something the people wanted," she said. "We have the drive and committee help, and the sponsorship has allowed us to put it on. The city is always willing to help, and our grid system allows them to close streets down and people are still able to get around."

She added that they hope the run brings in a greater number of people from surrounding communities. "I hope to make this a state-wide event, and make downtown Lakewood a destination for people outside of the city. We have 180 miles of sidewalk and a lifestyle that's compatible with walkability." She said that they hope to double the attendance numbers from last year.

Those interested in participating in the 5k Run are instructed to meet at St. Charles Green by 3:30 p.m. to register. The race begins at 5:00 p.m., with the awards ceremony scheduled for 6:00 p.m. The pre-registration fee is \$20 by July 16, while the day of registration fee is \$25. The top three men

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Half Mile Children's Race – Live Well Lakewood

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Lake Erie Monsters – Mascot, Games, Prizes & Hockey

LakewoodAlive – StreetWalk T-shirt Sales

Lakewood Firefighter Combat Team & Lakewood Professional Firefighters Local 382 – Tug-of-War Challenge & Firefighter Combat Skills Demos

Lakewood Historical Society – History Walk

Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee & LHS Basketball Program – Basketball Challenge

Lakewood Recreation Department – Children's Cornhole, Plinko & Program Demos

Lakewood Skaters' Association – Skateboarding Lessons & Demos

Lakewood Soccer Association – Soccer Skills & Soccer Inflatable

Silhouette Dance Studio – Break Dance Performance

Square Dancing

St. Edward's Trash Talkers – Basketball

The Exchange – Wii Sports Challenge

Troupe Benezir – Belly Dancing

U.S. Army – Climbing Wall, Hummer Video Challenge, Dog Tag Machine

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and top three women in each of 11 age groups will receive awards.

Lakewood Alive will host a post-race party with beverages sponsored by Pacers and food sponsored by various Lakewood restaurants. Partygoers will enjoy live music by 70 Lewis.

Children ages 8 and under can participate in the Half Mile Children's Race, sponsored by Live Well Lakewood, which also meets at St. Charles Green. All finishers receive medals. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m., and the race begins at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for those registered by July 16 and \$10 for those who register the day of the race.

Live Well Lakewood will also hold the Youth Fitness Challenge with hula hoops, jump ropes, jumping jacks, sit-ups, and a wheel of health trivia game, and will recognize winners of the Wellness Challenge that began in April.

Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary and Pillars of Lakewood will be hosting putt-putt golf for all ages at Street Walk. Patty Ryan, CEO and President of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce said "she hopes everyone will come by and try their hand at making a hole-in-one." While visiting the putt-putt golf, you may pick up some information for the 2010 Chamber/Rotary Golf Outing.

Zone 1: Arthur Avenue to Andrews Avenue

- \* Foodies can join Eaters of Lakewood for a watermelon eating contest, as well as cookie decorating.
- \* Bookworms can browse at Friends of Lakewood Library's book sale.
- \* Artists can express themselves through chalk art with the Beck Cephotos by nter visual arts staff.
- \* The Lakewood YMCA will offer attendees the opportunity to try (or just watch) their various classes. Residents will also have the opportunity to meet the YMCA Adventure Guides and learn about the activities in which they participate.
- \* Donna at Silhouette Dance Studio & Fine Art will be on hand to perform dance demonstrations in both hip hop and break dancing.
- \* Lakewood Historical Society representative Mazie Adams will offer a walking history tour to those meet-

ing in front of the Lakewood Public Library at 3:30 pm.

- \* The Korean Karate Center will demonstrate their ancient art form.
- \* The Lake Erie Crushers and Stomper will greet fans.
- \* Representatives from St. Edward High School and Trash Talker's Band will be on hand to discuss the program.
- \* Kidd Productions DJ will entertain the crowd.
- \* Lakewood Skaters' Association will offer skateboarding demonstrations and free lessons at the Red Bull ramps.

Zone 2: Andrews Avenue to Warren Road

- \* Troupe Benazir will perform their mixed cabaret and ethnic style of belly dancing.
- \* Rock band Coffinberry and bossa nova guitarist Jesse Barnes will perform in front of Phoenix Coffee.
- \* Boston Market will host corn hole games.
- \* Children can participate in double Dutch and jump rope demonstrations.
- \* Holistic Health Cleveland will demonstrate how to increase your energy.
- \* Cyrano's Place will host fencing demonstrations.
- \* Karen Kilbane will host Jazzer-cise demonstrations.
- \* Jordan's Family Foundation will inform and educate on Congenital Heart Disease.
- \* Winterhurst/Serpentini skaters will perform roller blading demonstrations.
- \* Representatives from the Lake Erie Monsters will meet and greet fans at St. Charles Green.
- \* Fitness Edge will host personal training demonstrations.
- \* Attendees can learn from Cerny Shoes how Skechers Shape-ups help burn calories, tone muscles, and improve posture.
- \* Dancers are invited to join the Cleveland Federation of Square Dancing in front of First Federal Savings & Loan.
- \* The Exchange will demonstrate Wii Sports.
- \* Amy Annico will perform a Zumba demonstration.

Zone 3: Warren Road to Marlowe

Avenue

- \* Alternative band 70 Lewis will perform.
- \* H2O will host a 4-square challenge.
- \* Festival participants are invited to compete in Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee and Lakewood High School Basketball Program's challenge.
- \* People are invited to try their skills on the U.S. Army Climbing Wall.
- \* DrugMart Wellness and Lakewood Hospital will provide free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings.
- \* Lakewood Hospital will also offer children's corn hole and pinko.
- \* Cleveland State University basketball mascot, Magnus the Viking,

will greet fans.

- \* Burning River Roller Girls will show those on hand what roller derby is all about.
- \* Lakewood Soccer Association will host soccer activities for children.
- \* The Lakewood Firefighter Combat Team will challenge at least eight teams of five to a tug of war battle. The final two teams will tug against the Lakewood Firefighter Combat Challenge Team. The cost is \$10 per team with all proceeds supporting the Lakewood Firefighter Combat Challenge Team competing in Kissimmee, Florida at the National Firefighter Combat Challenge.
- For more information, please visit [www.lakewoodstreetwalk.com](http://www.lakewoodstreetwalk.com)

# Eaters Of Lakewood Booth To Be A Part Of Street Walk

by Ryan Sweeney

Saturday, July 17th marks the beginning of Lakewood's annual Street Walk festival. The event, which spans seven blocks on Detriot Avenue, will go from 3 to 8pm and feature over 36 separate booths and events. One such booth will be operated by members of The Eaters of Lakewood.

The EOL booth will be located near Lakewood Public Library and feature cookie decorating for kids and adults. There will also be raffle tickets and chances to win prizes. At any time, those interested may enter their name to participate in the EOL main event of the day: a watermelon eating contest. This summertime essential will take off at 5pm; names of contestants will be drawn at 4:30 and must report to the booth by 4:45pm if they wish to compete. The winner will receive a special gift from EOL.

People of all ages are also invited to attend The Eaters of Lakewood's next group outing which will take place at Lakewood Park in the Kiwanis pavilion on July 24th from 5 to 9pm. This will mark EOL's first annual summer picnic.

Attendees are encouraged, but not required, to make their food selections at this months EOL restaurant pick: Greek Village Grill. The Grill is located on Madison a stones throw away from Bunts and directly across the street from the LHS football field. Join EOL for good food and good company at both of these great events.

To learn more about Lakewood Street Walk go to [www.lakewoodstreetwalk.com](http://www.lakewoodstreetwalk.com). To learn more about The Eaters of Lakewood and all their fun activities you can check out their homepage at [www.eatersoflakewood.com](http://www.eatersoflakewood.com) or join their fan base at [www.facebook.com/eatersoflakewood](http://www.facebook.com/eatersoflakewood) or tweet them on [www.twitter.com/LakewoodEaters](http://www.twitter.com/LakewoodEaters).



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Jay "Tomahawk" Demagall, The Blues Club Captain and a hurler for the team, kneels next to the trophy for the Western Reserve Cup. Put on by the Lakewood Historical Society, A grand time was had by all.



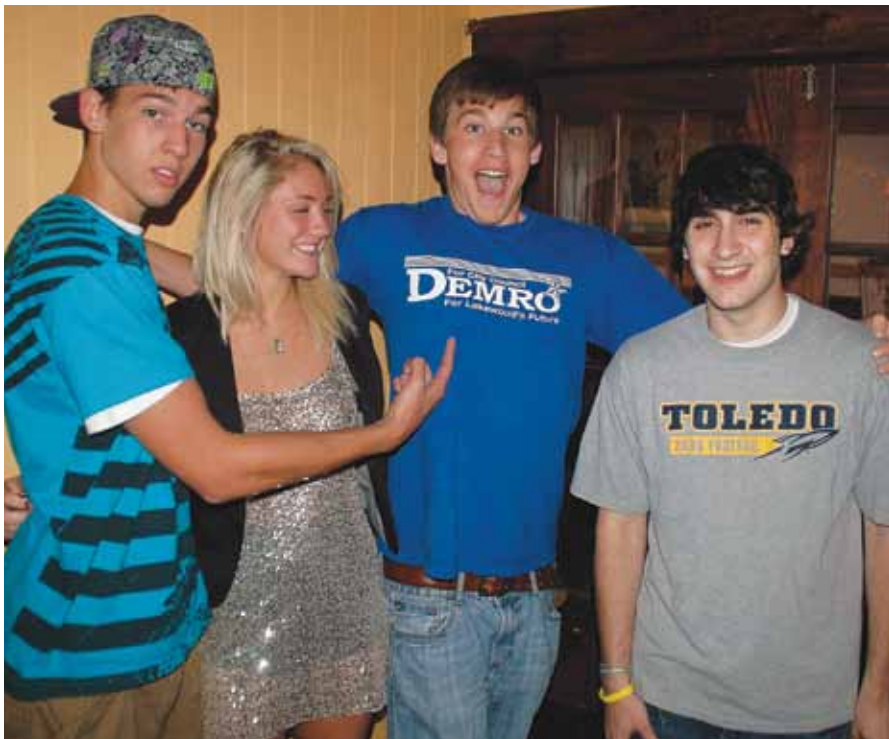
The smallest entrants Coco and Pepper Jack Cheese with handlers Riley and Logan.



Diana with her Shelties, and event organizers Mary Teconchuk, Jason Coe, and Tammy Sibert, Director of Assisted and Independent Living.



At Lt. Ryan Patrick Demro's going away party saw him dancing the night away.



Many of his friends stopped in to wish him a safe tour of duty in Afghanistan.



# Wellness Watch

## Join LEAF For This Month’s Third Thursday Social Hour!

by Heather Ramsey

Though in the news a bit less lately than in the past few years, you’ve still probably heard a bit about bees: they pollinate crops and flowers, they make honey, wax, and pollen, and, there has been concern about their decreasing numbers (referred to as Colony Collapse Disorder). Human beings have

been harvesting honey from bees for centuries, and keeping them for at least the last two, though not nearly as easily or efficiently as is possible today, with moveable-frame hives and other useful inventions. Not only is the honey that bees produce delicious and an alternative to sugars or artificial sweeteners, but their wax can be used for cosmet-

ics, and many people believe their pollen provides health benefits.

You may have bought local honey from vendors at a Farmer’s Market or a LEAF Night and not given much thought to the process, but there are several thousand apiaries registered with the state of Ohio and some of them could be practically in your own backyard!

Our guest speaker this month, Karin Wishner, from the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association, will be sharing her knowledge and experience from urban beekeeping in Cleveland. She has

kept bees since 2006 and currently has an apiary on an urban farm on the east side of Cleveland. Even if beekeeping has never crossed your mind, come learn about these fascinating creatures with the Lakewood Earth & Food (LEAF) Community for our July Third Thursday Speaker Series event this Thursday, July 15th at 6pm at Mahall’s 20 Lanes (13200 Madison Ave.).

For more information about LEAF or the Third Thursday Speaker Series, email leafcommunity@gmail.com, call us at (216) 367-2834, or check out our website at leafcommunity.org.

## Snack Attack

by Karen Kilbane

A little bite here. A small spoonful there. Just a taste, pinch, or lick. It seems so innocent. But, all that snacking can lead to an ever-expanding waistline and diet disaster!

It seems that snacking is an American pastime. We nosh on potato chips while watching reality TV. We munch on crackers as we view our Facebook friends’ updates. We snatch handfuls of M&M’s from our co-workers’ desks. And we slurp down our smoothies in the midst of running errands.

Snacking isn’t bad. Actually, snacking is a healthy habit, since most dieticians and healthcare professionals recommend eating four to six small meals throughout the day. So, the question is not whether you should or should not snack, rather the question is, “What are you snacking on?”

Jazzercise Founder and CEO Judi Sheppard Missett recommends healthy snacking, particularly before or after a vigorous workout. Missett offers these ideas for healthy snacks that are low in calories and will keep hunger at bay.

- **Eggs** - One hard-boiled egg has about 80 calories. It has enough protein “staying power” to help you feel full without all the excess calories. Just don’t fry or scramble your egg in butter, which packs on the fat grams.

- **Nuts** – Grab a handful of nuts if you’re craving something crunchy or salty. Shoot for ten almonds or dry-roasted cashews, either of which totals about 100 calories.

- **Fruit** - An apple has about 75-80 calories, while a banana ranges from 90-100 calories. Peaches, grapefruits, and tangerines all pack less than 50

calories, and these citrus varieties can even help ward off sweet tooth cravings.

- **Yogurt** – Refuel with a cup of nonfat yogurt for 110 calories. Avoid pre-sweetened yogurts; add your own fruit to plain nonfat yogurt instead.

- **Veggies** – Raw veggies are extremely low in calories. Dip your veggies in a little peanut butter, rather than ranch dressing, to add protein power to your snack.

Plan ahead to keep yourself from binging on empty calorie treats when that mid-afternoon slump sends you racing to the nearest vending machine. Portion out your snacks for the next few days and bring a few snack options with you to work or when you run errands. Keep healthy snacks available at all times, and you’re more likely to make wise choices throughout the day.

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## Wellness Watch

# Cornucopia/Nature's Bin Celebrates 35th Anniversary

by Mary Johnson

Cornucopia Inc./Nature's Bin celebrated its 35th Anniversary this year on June 16th, and the organization will be recognizing this milestone throughout the year. While some people may know about all the organic and healthy food at Nature's Bin, they may not be aware that it is owned and operated by Cornucopia, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to help people with disabilities develop their skills, confidence and workplace potential.

This beloved local, non-profit business began in 1975 with the idea that people with disabilities could learn real work skills in a real work setting to prepare for employment at a competitive level. "That idea may sound commonplace today," commented Executive Director, Scott Duennes, "but in 1975 it was radical thinking." Originally located in the Birdtown neighborhood of Lakewood, The Bin, as it was known then, provided training and employment for about 12 people with developmental disabilities each year. "Nature's Bin on Sloane Avenue

was developed in 1991 to expand on this successful model and to create a more flexible and responsive vocational training program," Duennes explained. Since 2005, with the expansion of the store, this social enterprise has experienced record breaking sales year after year.

Over the years, Cornucopia has broadened its scope both in terms of whom the organization serves and the programs it provides. Cornucopia now serves people with a wide range of severe disabilities, including developmental disabilities, mental illness, autism, visual, speech and hearing impairments, and injuries resulting from accidents or illnesses. In addition to the vocational training program at Nature's Bin in Lakewood, Cornucopia offers vocational training programs within the Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network in Cleveland and at Jennings Center for Older Adults in Garfield Heights.

What distinguishes Cornucopia's programs from other training programs is the real-work learning environment. Trainees work side-by-



Nature's Bin on Sloane Ave.

side with staff members in most aspects of department operations, facing the challenges and rewards of competitive employment in a caring, supportive atmosphere. Cornucopia also provides job placement services for people with disabilities. In 2009, Cornucopia provided over 260 services to 180 people with disabilities.

"Our success at Nature's Bin and in all of our vocational training programs

over the past 35 years is made possible by the generous support of individuals, businesses, community foundations, referral sources, collaborating partners and each and every customer who spends their shopping dollar at Nature's Bin," Duennes said. "We thank everyone for their faith and sustaining support of our mission." For more information about Cornucopia/Nature's Bin, visit [www.naturesbin.com](http://www.naturesbin.com).



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# The Producers - The Outrageous Musical Hit Storms Into The Beck Center

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts is proud to present the Tony Award-winning "boffo" hit musical, *The Producers*, on the Mackey Main Stage, July 16 through August 22, 2010. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays.

It's 1959, and a new musical by Broadway producer Max Bialystock flops, closing after just one performance. Enter mousy accountant, Leo Bloom, who discovers that under the right circumstances, a producer can actually make more money with a flop than with a hit. Max convinces Leo to enter a scheme to produce the worst flop ever, *Springtime for Hitler: A Gay Romp with Adolf and Eva at Berchtesgarden*, and bilk investors to the benefit of Max and Leo's bank accounts.

Based on the classic Mel Brooks' 1968 cult comedy film, *The Producers* was a huge hit on Broadway, winning a record

12 Tony Awards. The New York Times calls *The Producers* "fast, fierce, shameless, vulgar and altogether blissful."

Beck's production of *The Producers* welcomes the Beck debut of its two stars. Mark Heffernan, who plays Max Bialystock, is an Emmy Award-winning producer through his work with the Cleveland Cavaliers and WJW FOX-8. Brandon Isner, who recently returned to Ohio after 12 years in New York City, ends his decade-long retirement from the stage to portray Leo Bloom. This is also the Beck debut of choreographer Mary Ann Black, well-known locally for her exceptional work at Porthouse Theatre.

"How could I not want to direct the musical version of my all-time favorite comedy film!? The movie's stars, Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder, were like gods to me growing up," says Director Scott Spence. "It is my privilege to watch Mssrs. Bialystock and Bloom



cavort across Beck's stage along with 40 other cast members playing 160 roles. Madness! Mayhem! Mel Brooks at his very best."

Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors (65 and older), \$17 for students (with valid ID), and \$10 for children (12 and under). An additional \$3 service fee per ticket is applied at the time of purchase. Preview night on Thursday, July 15, is \$10, with general admission seating. Group discounts are available for parties of 13 or more.

For tickets, call the Beck Center box office at 216.521.2540, ext. 10, or purchase seats online at [www.beckcenter.org](http://www.beckcenter.org). Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten

minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

Beck Center's production of *The Producers* is produced through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) and is sponsored by Maloney + Novotny LLC, Ulmer & Berne LLP, West Roofing Systems, Cox Communications, the Ohio Arts Council, and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for special needs students, and gallery exhibits featuring regional artists.

## Back To The Roots Of Reggae

by Thealexa Becker

The "Iron Man" of the local reggae scene is coming to the steps of the Lakewood Public Library on Friday, July 23rd.

As part of the Front Porch Concerts: One World Music Series, Carlos Jones and the P.L.U.S. Band will perform at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Main Branch for an audience on the closed off block of Detroit from Arthur to Mars.

In 2009, Carlos Jones and the P.L.U.S. Band released the album *Leave a Trail* with their music featured in two motion pictures (*Northstar* and *Surfer Dude*), however, Jones has been a part of the Cleveland reggae scene since 1978 when he started out as a percussionist for I-Tal. In 1984, he was a founding member of First Light, a reggae group that gained widespread recognition for its two full length albums and other recordings. Since 1998, he has been working with a four piece ensemble originally called Strictly Roots but now more commonly known as the P.L.U.S. Band (or Peace Love Unity Syndicate). The ensemble plays roots reggae, a type of reggae associated with themes addressing societal issues as well as spirituality.

As a drummer, what first attracted Jones to reggae was the beat, but the reason he loves being a musician is because of the way he can interact with the crowds during performances.

"There's kind of an electricity," Jones said about the crowds he plays for. "they are giving that energy right back. It really is a joyous thing."

For Jones, the music is all about building and producing a positive feeling.

"We try to get a spiritual kind of feeling," said Jones about what he wants people to take away from his music. "That is what the music does automatically."

Noting that mainstream radio does not often play "positive" music because that is not what sells, Jones talked about

reggae's influence on modern music:

"Reggae has influenced a lot of modern artists. It influenced artists from when it first came on the scene until now. As far as roots reggae goes, it's been put on the back shelf. It has a place with listeners who want to hear conscious music and not just dance or rap or hip hop. You really have to go to internet and satellite radio [to hear roots reggae], but it's always gonna be around. It's nice to see that there are young artists now, taking up where the positive messages are."

Just as reggae has influenced artists in popular music, Jones was influenced by a wide range of artists in his 30 year career such as Bob Marley, the Rolling Stones, James Brown, Stevie Wonder, Santanna, Genesis, Phil Collins, Peter Gabriel, Earth Wind and Fire, the Who, and of course, the Beatles.

"My family lived in Germany for a while and only had [a Beatles record]," Jones said.

In the end, regardless of fame or fortune, for Carlos Jones, it is all about the music.

"Sometimes you have to go off the board and make music for the sake of enhancing the beauty of the world not just how much money you can make off it. I prefer to be in that camp. I may never be world famous, or get rich off of playing music, but I am rich in what music brings me, joy, happiness, and fulfillment."

This third concert in the series that celebrates Lakewood's global community will also be Non-Profit Night, where local non-profit organizations will have informational tables. If your non-profit would like to participate contact LakewoodAlive at 216-521-0655.

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## Minding The Issues

# Free Associations From All Over

by Gordon Brumm

Once in a while the History Channel really airs a program on history, and I recently watched one that offered a most significant insight. The program was on the fall of the Roman Empire, a subject that elicits comment from various positions on the political spectrum because it seems to offer a lesson for our own times. Social conservatives like to blame the fall on moral laxity. Fiscal conservatives, including no doubt the Me-Party crowd, say the problem was oppressive taxation. The History Channel explanation – which seems to fit the facts much better than any other – is that the Roman Empire fell because it was unable to absorb its immigrants.

The immigrants in this case were barbarian tribes from Eastern Europe and beyond. They wanted in, and the Empire was unable to stop them. But neither did the Empire assimilate them, as it had the people whom it previously conquered. (Remember, St. Paul was a Roman citizen.) Instead, it treated the barbarians as the Other, thus producing an essential conflict between them and the Empire. And in this conflict the barbarian immigrants won out.

There is clearly a lesson here. First we must remember that America's greatness has always arisen from its immigrants, and there is no reason to believe that situation will change. So the first essential is to set up a rational and adequate system of legal immigration. And then we have the problem of illegal immigrants in our midst. Like it or not, right or wrong, they are here, and we're not likely to be rid of them. We can treat them with hostility, as the Other, and practically guarantee that they will become a cancerous lump within our society, or we can absorb them and utilize their talents and energy.

A prime example of those talents, and energy too, was exhibited when local girl Anamika Veeramani – hardly an old-line Anglo-Saxon name -- won the national spelling bee. To be sure, spelling is almost entirely an exercise in rote memorization, not creative or critical thinking, but still it represents intellectual excellence, and that is what we need to encourage... We need to encourage it more than, for

example, excellence on the basketball court, however phenomenal.

The city has just undergone an orgy of anticipation followed by a deluge of disappointment and anger, the likes of which we will probably never see again. And the anger is compounded by the feeling that we were let down twice, the first time being in the playoffs. When the chips were down, our champion and Lord of the Universe didn't have what it takes, and the Cavaliers were swept aside by the Celtics, who knew how to play as a team and who used every member of their team to the best possible advantage. And then, in turn, the Celtics lost in the final championship game to the Lakers, whose champion played below par but was buoyed up by his teammates. By contrast, it has become more and more apparent that our Lord of the Universe was driven by little more than egotistical self-promotion. A city must be built on better stuff.

And there is better stuff. Getting over the bitterness, we can look around

and see that the city is still the same as it always has been – with a world-class symphony, superb medical facilities, beautiful parks, and . . .

The schools? What about the schools? I mean the schools of the City of Cleveland itself, always the crux of the matter. Year after year they seem to present an insuperable problem, but some weeks ago I heard the answer, if there can ever be one. It came from the principal of Louisa May Alcott elementary school, Eileen Stull, speaking on WCPN's Sound of Ideas. She described how the teachers in her school went to great lengths -- for example, staying after the normal school day to help students with their homework. She summed it all up by saying, "We love our students as we love our own children." That's what it takes.

All these thoughts converge to one question: What are we? Are we acquisitive atoms, striving to outdo all the others? Or do we recognize others as fellow members of a human community? It is to this that all our experiences, triumphs and calamities alike, should lead us.

## Those Among Us... Charles Phebus And John Shepherd, Great Americans, Cut From The Same Cloth...

by Gary Rice

We who live in the Greater Cleveland area often seem to pay little attention to our central city of Cleveland, and often (other than perhaps during some Friday night high school football games) we pay scant attention to the other suburbs around us. Many of my out-of-town friends and family are often amazed to learn that many of us know relatively little about our region and its rich heritage.

Sometimes, it takes an out-of-towner to remind us about some of that history. Such was the case last week, when a Texan came to town.

Charles Phebus wears fancy cowboy boots and a big white ten-gallon hat. A man interested in his family's past, he had learned that his four times great-grandfather, John Shepherd, was buried in the municipal cemetery in North Royalton. On a visit to that cemetery last year, Phebus was dismayed at the condition of the gravestone and ordered a new base to be made for it. He also felt that a special recognition needed to be brought forth for the man

buried on that North Royalton hill.

It was like this: John Shepherd was the last survivor of Braddock's Defeat in 1755, and the longest-lived soldier of the American Revolution, living more than 117 years... and he even cut two acres of corn at his North Royalton farm at the age of 112! One of the original founders of North Royalton, Shepherd fought through both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. All in all, Shepherd survived at least eleven major battles, including Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine and Monmouth. He also wintered with George Washington at Valley Forge, and as Charles told me, he was indeed with Washington all the way.

Over the past year, virtually single-handedly, Charles Phebus has marshaled the forces of the City of North Royalton, the State of Ohio, and numerous historical and civic groups and individuals in a great collaboration of materials and resources so that John Shepherd could be recognized and his memory honored and celebrated. On June 26-7, a stellar weekend filled with activities and attractions was held in North Royalton and Parma

for John Shepherd, including pancake breakfasts, a travelling Liberty Bell replica, a parade, a graveside dedication, as well as a 21 gun salute that included reenactors of the American Revolution. As Shepherd had also been a military drummer, I was honored to be the drummer for his graveside ceremony. A beautiful state marker now rests at the entrance to the cemetery on route 82, telling the story of Shepherd's life.

Thanks to the vision of Charles Phebus, Parma, North Royalton and the rest of our region knows that a true American hero lies among us. You can go to the website, [www.JohnShepherd.US](http://www.JohnShepherd.US), to read more about this remarkable American patriot.



Lt. General Robert W. Wagner, U.S. Army (Ret.) with Charles Phebus, at the grave of John Shepherd.





Pulse Of The City

The Fourth Day... Letting Our Light Shine...  
Another Part Of The St. James Story...

by Gary Rice

Well, the dear old lady’s sleeping now...supposedly waiting on official word from the Vatican as to whether she’ll ever open her eyes again as a Catholic Parish. But for now, her bells are quiet. For many years, they were an integral part of Lakewood’s daily life.

I’ve written about my profound personal experiences at St. James before on these pages. Briefly restated here, I’d felt strongly compelled one Sunday morning in 1977 to attend a Mass there. What I really knew at that time was that I was between jobs, and that I needed a whole lot more than the comfort of my sofa. I heard a great guitar group singing and playing there and asked to join them. For eight years, I played music with that group, although I never officially became a Catholic at that time.

Back then, that new guitar-supported music was beautiful to my ears, having rich vocal harmonies and a folk-style informality that reflected the openness of Vatican II’s many changes in the Catholic Church. While some people resisted, and even resented, the new developments that were going on in the church, others welcomed the spirit of modern community that marked the Guitar Mass worship experience.

Like other styles of music, I suppose, people tend to either love or hate folk music. Coming from a professional musician’s home, I learned to enjoy all types of music, but that kind of eclectic taste doesn’t often seem to carry over to the rest of the world. There are lovers of Heavy Metal, Classical, Country, and other musical forms, and seldom do they ever seem to cross-pollinate.

As they say, though, there are four-leafed clovers to be found in every cow pasture, and all styles of music have tunes that are more appealing to some than to others.

When I was at St. James, one of the people there introduced me to a beautiful folk song titled “Hail Mary” that was written by a man named



Tedd Browne. Tedd had been a Cleveland-based professional folksinger, originally hailing from South Carolina. In 1968, at the height of a period of intense racial unrest in Cleveland, Tedd was gunned down near his home in Cleveland Heights. Shortly before his passing, Tedd had reportedly performed his “Hail Mary” song at a Christian community event called an “Ultreya.” A posthumously released album by Tedd called “This Little Light Of Mine” was completed only days before his untimely passing. Tedd was, and still is, a well-remembered member of the folk music community.

I bring all this up because Tedd was also reportedly part of a move-

ment in Christianity called the Cursillio. The word “Cursillo” means a “short course” and back then it involved taking a 3-day course having to do with Christian renewal in a world that so often appears to care very little about the true aspects of spirituality. After taking the course, there was a follow-up aspect called the “fourth day,” where the renewal group participants were to return to the world, taking what they had learned to be witnesses for Christ. Unfortunately, Tedd’s living witness transpired on this earth all too briefly, although his memory continues to inspire others.

The allusion to a “fourth day” would not be hard to see, for there was a period of time where Jesus, after His crucifixion, lay in the tomb, and then on the third day, arose. What comes after a “third day”? The

fourth day, of course... where the responsibility of representing God’s message of love transfers into our own reluctant, weak, transient, and unsteady human hands.

Well, that kind of torch-passing, links-on-the-chain message has been around since time immemorial, has it not? You know the old story in at least one of its many forms. In one of them, the son picks up the armor, sword and shield of his fallen father, and goes back out to fight the good fight. Well, here’s another one of those kinds of tales....

After Mass at St. James the other day, a middle-aged couple approached me with an amazing component of my own guitar-playing story at that church that I never knew about. It seems that same week that I joined the guitar group, the wife, who had played guitar with the group, was experiencing a personal moment in her faith, and felt that she needed to leave the guitar group and pursue a family-related ministry. She was, however, reluctant to leave her friends there, who needed her help very much. When she called a friend in that guitar group later, however, she was delighted to learn that out of the blue, there was this new guitarist already helping out. She told me that she never played guitar again after that. She felt that God had sent me there to play guitar on that day, and used me at just the right time, to help out all concerned.

Links on the chain, indeed. There always seems to be someone there to carry on when others encounter difficulties in life. An Act of God, perhaps, or of coincidence? I think the former.

Well, St. James Church is indeed gone, at least for the time being, but her people are still around, and from the many encounters that I’ve had with them, there’s a lot of serious hurting going on right now. Maybe we all need to be reminded of what those Cursillo people were talking about. The three days of mourning are now past. The “fourth day” has arrived. Time to get back out there in the world and be those “living stones” that the Scriptures tell about. Church buildings, and even people, after all, come and go. It’s the Spirit that counts... with the pulse of this city...as well as with whatever pulse this fallen world of ours may have left in it.

Letters To The Editors  
Robert Rice Story

Thanks to Gary Rice for the wonderful story on his dad and my former music teacher at Harding, Robert Rice. I will always remember Mr. Rice as a nurturer of full class participation in music; from informing us of the tools we would need for his classes early in the year to his including kids that had a minimal knowledge of music to his programs. He is a gentle man and I even remember him accompanying on of his sons to his elementary school (maybe it was Gary). Great memories. Thanks.

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# Lakewood Perspectives

## The Next Big Bubble

by Bret Callentine

I remember being really confused by the meteoric rise of all the new businesses that were suddenly coming out of the woodwork. With many of the commercial aspects of the internet still unexplored, new businesses that utilized its seemingly limitless potential were making money hand over fist and rushing to increase their piece of the pie by tapping the latest gold rush to hit Wall Street, the I.P.O. (Initial Public stock Offering). But despite the seemingly can't-miss moneymaking opportunity, I decided to pass. I just couldn't understand how a company that was made up entirely of three guys with a laptop could be estimated to be worth millions. But thousands, if not millions, of investors who did believe that financial success did not require a dime's worth of infrastructure flooded into the market, only to have the illusionary stability collapse and the "dot-com" bubble burst.

I also remember watching the mortgage industry explode with activity as legislators pressured the banks and lenders to make home ownership a reality for millions of people previously unable to get a loan. People flocked to any company that promised an affordable slice of the new American dream. This led to a shortage in the immediate supply of housing, which led to a boom in home construction and skyrocketing property values. But then the bills came due, and thousands of new borrowers discovered the harsh reality of caveat emptor and that many of those lenders did not exactly have their best financial interests

in mind. Another boom, another bubble, another bust.

But with unemployment stagnating at 10-20% (depending on which government report you read) and with talk ranging from slow recovery to double dip recession to even the possibility of depression setting in, people everywhere are quickly becoming desperate enough to enable what I think is the next big bubble: government.

With the study of economics being more art than science and the results of those studies being far from settled upon, the experts seem to be aligning themselves in one of two major camps: "free market" economists and "Keynesian" economists. A detailed discussion of those terms would take volumes, and any conclusion would remain purely speculative, so to save time, let me just say that I think both have some merit and many areas of concern. However, while it's easy enough to see some of the hazards of a laissez-faire market, my bigger fear is the long-term questions that still surround the theories of John Maynard Keynes.

The basic principle of the Keynesian plan is actually pretty simple: in the event of a downturn in the economy, shortages in the demand for goods can be filled in by government expenditures, which should bridge the gap in productivity and end the downward spiral into recession. It looks good on paper and it makes sense, at least in the short term. Picking up the buying power slackened by private industry helps keep people employed and should eventually restore confidence in the market.

However, with what research I've done and education I've had on the topic, I don't recall ever seeing a comprehensive description on how the process ever reverses itself. I'm not doubting that the government CAN fill a temporary void, but the next question that begs for answers is how temporary that relief would be. After all, when's the last time a politician successfully legislated the cutback of any government program? Jobs may be saved in the short term by an increase in government funding, subsidized work projects and extended contracts, but the only way an economy regains strength is by demonstrating collective stability.

That being the case, the government's own Congressional Budget Office calls the current rate of spending unsustainable. The trouble is that too many people have become way too accustomed to levels of support that, while comforting, are not conducive to recovery. The growing dependence on government intervention has created its own market bubble, and God help us all if we keep inflating it until it pops.


While on vacation last month in Canada, I happened across an opinion piece written by the former Chief Medical Health Officer for Vancouver, John Blatherwick (Vancouver Sun, June 17, 2010). In the face of the rising costs of their government-sponsored health care system, Blatherwick riles against proposed cutbacks in certain areas in spending, instead calling for promoting what he calls "healthy public policies". His argument: the only way to save money is to spend more. In the article, he suggests "comprehensive poverty reduction legislation", since "poverty is one of the most powerful determinants of health."

Adequate income support for the non-employed, improved earnings for low-wage workers, affordable housing, and universal publicly funded child care were all suggested as potential solutions. As if by merely mandating prosperity with a law, all of a sudden the market would capitulate. But no matter how much we would all like to live in that Star Trek society, where disease was a thing of the past and poverty and starvation were completely eradicated, you cannot inherit what hasn't been earned. And the government cannot give someone what it first doesn't take from someone else.

So if you have to manage the housing market to maintain healthcare, then what else will you need to do from there? The problem with Keynes' solution is that the path seems to only lead to bigger and bigger government, with more and more spending, which requires greater

taxation, and increasing control. A bubble is created when the intrinsic value of a product or service is perceived to be much greater than its actual worth, and I question whether this type of short term remedy is worth even the remote possibility of what can happen if this type of a bubble might burst.

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# De-bugging Your Screens

*by Jeff Fritz*

Some people are bothered by the bugs that congregate from time to time on their window screens, but I have found a way to have fun with these insects. The method involves a garden spray-bottle filled with water and a little marksmanship skill.

The best time is when midge season is in full swing, and there are dozens of these guys on a screen. It should be noted that the bugs are on the outside of the screen, and the person doing the spraying is inside the home, on the other side. This is especially important to remember if you, like me, are living in a third floor apartment.

I start by adjusting the nozzle on the sprayer to the “jet stream” setting, to get a powerful narrow stream. Then I stand about two feet away and take aim.

Midges aren't very bright, and when I say this I'm not comparing them to lightning bugs. If you zap one of them, his neighbor an inch away won't even budge. Then you zap the neighbor, and laugh at him for not budging. You can zap a screenful, and not have to wait too



long for a new group to take their place.

This year, for the first time, a giant mayfly landed on my screen. I held a video camera in my left hand and the sprayer in my right. I zapped the bug, but couldn't knock him off. I zapped him again with little effect. I thought he made an obscene gesture, but I wasn't sure. Then I got closer and squeezed the trigger twice in rapid succession. He was gone, in a spray of water molecules.

Unfortunately, the video camera malfunctioned, and I didn't get the incident on tape. I had thoughts of a YouTube video going viral, maybe even bacterial.

## *Real Estate Reality* **Stainless Steel, Bangles, and Beads**

*by Eric Lowrey*

So, the other day I was watching a certain tv show where people look for the home of their dreams, and there was this couple whose major want was a large dining room because they “Want to Entertain.” So much so that they had purchased a huge dining set that did not fit their apartment. Amongst their other desires were an open floor plan, plenty of light, and stainless steel appliances. Long story short, they ended up buying a home with a dining room that was not large enough for their furniture but did have a kitchen stuffed to the gills with stainless steel appliances.

My mind flashed forward five years to hear them complaining that they

never have anyone over and that they can never host Thanksgiving because their table is too small and they can't fit Granny in next to Pappy. Oh yeah, and the refrigerator was on the fritz again.

The point I am making is this couple seems to be blinded by the bright shinny object while ignoring their real desire to have a home where family and friends can gather. When you shop for a home remember that things such as paint, appliances, and flooring are all replaceable and easily changed for a relatively modest price. But creating a larger space will cost you plenty of money, hours of your life spent with a contractor, and a hot summer of dust, noise, and other such indignities.

# Your Front Porch

*by Sunny Updegrove*

The front porch is the means by which your home says 'Hello...and Welcome!' Without question, a porch sets the stage and feeling of any home. Imagine comfy wicker with colorful cushions, rocking chairs, Boston ferns, and a handsome wooden swing with a familiar squeak. First impressions are generally lasting ones, of people as well as homes. If your home is on the market today, make sure that first impression is one that beckons the buyers to sit a spell and put their feet up, grab a favorite book or tune in to the Indians game after the lawn chores are complete. A home and its porch can conjure up memories of neighbors taking their evening stroll and stopping by for a friendly visit or even remembering that a first kiss was shared on that swing while parents watched the news inside.

A front porch serves as a buffer from the inside to the outside world. It's

a place of serenity in those first or last moments of the day. It offers a marvelous window on Mother Nature, shade from the sun and protection from the rain, while observing the wonders all around. Squirrels run rings around the maple tree, robins pluck worms from the dew covered lawn. Sunday morning's rush to services is followed by the slower, peaceful pace afterwards, as parents stoop to tie a shoelace and brush a stray lock of hair from a forehead.

Lakewood homes boast front porches of every style and size. The styles range from beautiful Greek Revivals, Victorian gingerbreads, glorious wraparounds, luscious and elegant or staunch and sturdy. It is the season to enjoy whatever style of front porch your home offers. Make the most of that space not only to enhance the value, but also to create memories to be shared for many years to come.

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## It's Great To Live In Lakewood

by Monica Woodman

Every Fourth of July I am reminded of what a great community Lakewood is. I don't remember exactly what year it started, but hosting the Fourth of July cookout has become a family tradition at my house. The porches become the place they were always meant to be. Every cushioned wicker chair with someone in it, a few people suspended in mid-air on the swing, conversation, and of course, lots of laughter. The smell of barbeque in the air, the sound of firecrackers letting you know that it's not just you enjoying the day, but there is a whole community of families outside enjoying their front porches and barbeques too.

Then, depending on where you live there is the walk or hike down to Lakewood Park for the firework display where you really become a part of a greater whole. People pack the park filled with anticipation. The sky grows dark, the stars twinkle, and then, it begins. The colors burst out at you accompanied by loud booms, pops, and crackles which never compare to the grand finale!

According to everyone that have been coming to my house for the Fourth of July, Lakewood Park is the best place to go see the fireworks. They are by far the best firework display they have ever experienced. When the fireworks are over and we all wander back to the porch, I hear the comments and especially listen to the ones from people that don't live here. It always reminds me of what a great community Lakewood really is!

## City Of Lakewood Moves To State-Of-The-Art-Facilities

by Valerie Mechenbier

In October of 1959, the City of Lakewood dedicated the modern \$1,700,000 75,000 sq. ft. Municipal Administration building at Detroit and Alameda Avenues. During the many years of Lakewood's existence prior to 1959, city services were housed in a variety of locations. City Hall had resided in the Rhodes mansion at Lakewood Park since 1918. The Police department, Council Chambers, and the Municipal Court were spread among several structures on Warren Road.

The new Municipal Administration building was touted by then-Mayor Frank P. Celeste as a place where all departments – police, court, council and administration - would be able to "efficiently, properly and economically operate the different functions of government all under one roof." Mayor Celeste encouraged Lakewood residents to join in the celebration of the handsome new building, which contained an auditorium, stage, fully equipped kitchen, basement meeting room, and steel fireproof furniture throughout - plus a new police radio transmission station and pistol range – stating that "The community should rally round all efforts planned to properly dedicate this new symbol of faith and confidence in Lakewood."

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