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Scene Magazine Readers Vote

## Lakewood - Best Suburb

by Melissa Garrett

Scene Magazine's Best Of issue hit the streets last week and Lakewood was voted Best

Suburb by Scene readers. Citing Lakewood as diverse, culturally rich and unpretentious, they equated Lakewood

to a charming, college town.

"Thanks to the Scene Magazine readers for voting us Best Suburb," said Mayor Ed FitzGerald. "Those of us who live in Lakewood know how wonderful Lakewood is but it is certainly nice to get recognition throughout the region. Lakewood has recently been recognized as the Coolest Place Worth A Visit, Best Place To Raise Your Family and One of the Best Places To Buy An Old House. We now add Best Suburb to the list of honors."

Lakewood also received the Best Public Skate Park designation. "When It comes to rails, ledges and ramps of Lakewood's public skate park, you won't find any treacherous rough asphalt or rickety portable ramps-these obstacles are all smooth and heavy-duty concrete build for the strong haul," states Scene Magazine. According to the Lakewood Skaters Association, skaters come from Ashland to Sandusky to visit the Lakewood Skate Park.

**Many Lakewood businesses also received top honors in the Scene issue including:**

**Best Restaurant:** Melt Bar & Grilled

**Best Restaurant for Romance:** Pier W

**Best Bakery:** Blackbird Baking Company

**Best Cheap Brunch:** Buckeye Beer Engine

**Best West to East Import:** Melt Bar & Grilled

**Best Spa:** Sacred Hour Massage

**Best Gym for Group Motivation:** Crossfit

**Best Selection of Microbrews:** Buckeye Beer Engine

**Best Sandwich Shop:** Melt Bar & Grilled

**Best Place to Buy Vinyl:** My Minds Eye

**Best Hair Shop/Barbershop:** Crazy Mullets

**Best Middle Eastern:** Aladdin's

**Best Sports Bar:** Winking Lizard

**Best Selection of Microbrews:** Buckeye Beer Engine



Kosta and Kelli Almiroudis in front of their townhomes.

by Kelli Almiroudis

My husband and I (Kosta and Kelli Almiroudis) moved to the Lakewood area from NYC. We are residents as well as business owners in Lakewood. We loved Lakewood so much that we invested in a 45 unit commercial property on Detroit Avenue also known as the Highland Manor. It is a beautiful historical building built in the 1920's. It is a combination of Storefronts, Apartments and Townhomes.

When we took over this foreclosed property, it was only 30% occupied with a lot of violence and drug trafficking. Since then, we have rehabbed all of the apartments filling the units with good tenants and families. We have currently reached 100% occupancy! In doing such a dramatic rehab and with steady

management, there are 75 new residents to Lakewood and two new businesses!

In celebration of reaching our goal, and in appreciation for our new residents and businesses of Lakewood (more particularly The Highland Manor), we had a Resident Appreciation Party. The Party occurred on October 16th at 12pm.

We invited other local businesses from the Lakewood area to come and market their business to the new residents. Supporting companies are: Cox Cable, Anytime Fitness, Brothers Lounge, Westtown Grind Cafe, Pet People, Four Seasons Tanning, Nikos Restaurant, Karen Bosworth Bakery, Keyhole Gallery, Phenominal Hair Barber Shop. Our goal for the party was to have our residents meet and greet each other, while also introducing them to the businesses in their neighborhood.

We invited local businesses from the area to help market themselves to the new residents, as well as have the residents meet and greet with one another. There was plenty of food and entertainment! And we are very proud to announce that Council Women Mary Louise Madigan also attended!

We hope to keep Lakewood an enjoyable safe place to live while supporting our local privately owned businesses to grow during this tough economy.



Another reason! World class fishing. Ivor Karabatkovic shows the Steelhead trout he just pulled from Rocky River.



Candidate for State Senate District 23 Michael Skindell, with Congressman Dennis Kucinich who is up for re-election participate in the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce's Candidate Forum. More on Page 17

## Bike Plan Gets Rolling



Lakewood bikers and residents sit down to plan for Lakewood's biking future. Story on Page 4

## The Call For Art



by Ben Burdick

A new landmark is coming to change the face of Lakewood and someday you'll be telling people that you remember when it wasn't even there.

The Lakewood Public Library Foundation is pleased to announce that it is seeking professional artists interested in creating a permanent, site-specific sculpture to be located outside of the recently renovated and expanded Lakewood Public Library Main Building. The goal of this project is to create an iconic piece of public art at the corner of Detroit

and Arthur that embodies the spirit of the Library and adds to the character of the vibrant and historic downtown business district.

Artists from around Ohio and across the country who wish to be considered for this honor must submit examples of their work, along with a detailed resume, by January 31. On February 1, a jury composed of design professionals and members of the community will begin poring over the entries and in March they will

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# Calendar Page

*This calendar presents various Lakewood events and notices for the next two weeks (excluding Lakewood Public Library sponsored events found separately on the Lakewood Library page). Submit your calendar event to our online calendar at [www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com) on the Home Page. This printed calendar listing is primarily non-profit events relevant to Lakewood. However, our website calendar welcomes all Lakewood businesses and organizations to submit events. Compiled by Mel Page*

## Tuesday, October 19

### LHS Fall Choral Symposium

7:00 PM, Lakewood Civic Auditorium, 14100 Franklin Blvd.  
See Page 9 for more on school concerts.

## Wednesday, October 20

### 4th Annual LEAF Harvest Festival

5:30 - 8:00 PM, front porch of the Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue  
Come celebrate the bounty of the harvest. Pumpkin Carving Contest, pies for the Pie Bake-off, and the whole family for the games, activities, music, vendors, and, of course, locally grown and made food and drink.

### Schools: A Community Conversation

7:00 PM, Emerson Elementary School, 13439 Clifton Blvd.  
The second of two community meetings hosted by the Lakewood City Schools. See Page 9 for more details.

### Are All Meditation Techniques Alike?

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Radiance Organics, 13617 Detroit Ave.  
There will be a free lecture open to the public on the topic of the Transcendental Meditation technique and other techniques of meditation.

### Lakewood Neighborhood Block Captains Meeting

7:00 - 8:30 PM, Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Avenue  
Open to anyone involved or interested in Neighborhood Block Club.

### Birdtown Community Input Meeting #2

7:00 - 9:00 PM, Grace Lutheran Church, 13030 Madison Avenue.  
This second community meeting will review early design ideas for Birdtown and Madison. Join your neighbors, architects, builders, city planners and artists in a discussion on what can happen to Lakewood's Birdtown and East Madison neighborhood. Help create a vision for a healthy, sustainable, safe and artful community.

## Thursday, October 21

### LEAF Third Thursday Speaker Series - on Home Efficiency

6:00 PM, Lakewood Public Library Auditorium  
Our guest this month will be Kerrington Adams, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist from the Cleveland Restoration Society. In accordance with its mission to use historic preservation to revitalize our communities, strengthen the economy, and enhance the quality of life in northeastern Ohio, the Restoration Society will be discussing how to keep our older Lakewood homes as efficient as possible. Come learn how to keep your home in tip-top shape by spotting problems early and making it more energy efficient at a reasonable price. Free and open to the public.

### An Evening of Spiritualism and Mediumship!

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Lakewood Public Library  
Experience a demonstration of mediumship and messages from spirit! This fun, FREE event celebrates the launch of Toronto psychic medium Carolyn Molnar's new book "Compassionate Messenger: True Stories From a Psychic Medium" (Dundurn Press), written with her husband, former Lakewood resident Benjamin Gleisser. Bring your questions about the afterlife. Messages from friends and loved ones who have crossed over will be given randomly to audience members as guided by spirit.

### U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary "About Boating Safely" Class

7:00 - 9:15 PM, Garfield Middle School, 13114 Detroit Ave.  
The State of Ohio's mandatory boating education law requires boaters born on or after January 1, 1982, to complete a NASBLA approved course before operating a boat more than ten horsepower. USCG Auxiliary course completion and Ohio boating certificates issued. Class will start on Thursday, October 21 with classes being on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:15PM through Thursday, November 4. Contact 216-226-7221 or sudav@cox.net for further information.

### Marlon Andrades Speaks On Nicaraguan Development Projects

7:30 PM, Lakewood United Methodist Church, 15700 Detroit Ave.  
Mr. Marlon Andrades will discuss grassroots development in rural Nicaragua. Mr. Andrades, Regional Director and Water and Sanitation Promoter, is touring the United States to share the work of El Porvenir and his experiences in Nicaragua. El Porvenir is a non-profit in its 19th year of supporting water, sanitation, and reforestation projects in rural Nicaraguan villages. Since its inception in 1989, El Porvenir has supported 746 water and sanitation projects in more than 400 communities, benefiting over 105,000 individuals. For more details visit our online calendar listing.

## Friday, October 22

### Halloween Hullababoo Party

6:00 - 8:00 PM, Lakewood Family YMCA, 16915 Detroit Ave.  
Fun for the whole family. Activities include; Games, light refreshments, trick-or-treat, costume contest, and much more! For more info call 216-521-8400.

### Wings by Arthur Kopit

Beck Center for the Arts, Studio Theater, 17801 Detroit Avenue. Show times: 8 pm Fridays & Saturdays; 3 pm Sundays. Through November 7. See Page 11 for full details.

## Saturday, October 23

### Lakewood Historical Society's Vintage Varieties

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, The Skate House, at Lakewood Park, 14710 Lake Ave.  
A petite sale! Home decorating items--small vintage furniture pieces, lamps, much framed artwork and home accessories. See Page 23 for more info.

### Quilters Legacy of Lakewood Quilt Show

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Umerley Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River  
Show continues on Sunday, October 24 from 10 am to 4 pm. See Page 12 for story.

### Lakewood Hardware Customer Appreciation Day! See Page 19.

## Thursday, October 28

### Kiwanis Annual Donut & Cider Sale

All day. Lakewood Masonic Temple. See Page 18 for details.

## Saturday, October 30

### Holistic Health Cleveland Open House

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, 15522 Madison Avenue See Page 16 for story.

### Pumpkin Palooza

1:00 - 4:00 PM, Lakewood High School, 14100 Franklin Blvd.  
An annual Lakewood Halloween favorite! See Page 13 for more details.

### Beck Youth Theater Presents: Tom Sawyer

This weekend only. Friday 7:30PM; Saturday 3PM & 7:30PM; Sunday 3PM & 7:30PM  
Mackey Main Stage, Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Ave.  
Mark Twain's classic coming-of-age story. See Page 10 for full details.

## Sunday, October 31

### 6th Annual JWCL Great Pumpkin Fun Run & 5K Race

Time: 7:45 a.m. - Race Day registration; 8:45 a.m. - 1-mile Fun Run in the Park; 9:15 a.m. - 5K Run/Walk at Lakewood Park. See Page 13 for details.

### Halloween Trick-or-Treating

6:00 - 8:00 PM, City Wide

## Monday, November 1

### Lakewood City Council Meeting

7:30 - 9:30 PM, Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Ave.  
For meeting agenda visit [www.onelakewood.com](http://www.onelakewood.com).

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## Thyroid Disease Requires Careful Management

Approximately 20 million Americans have some form of thyroid disease. While those who have thyroid disease are of all ages and races, women are five to eight times more likely to have thyroid disorders than men.

“The thyroid’s primary function is to control the body’s metabolism – it receives energy from the food you eat and tells your organs how fast or slow they should work,” says Sanjit Bindra, MD, director of the Lakewood Hospital Diabetes and Endocrine Center. “To control metabolism, the thyroid produces hormones to tell the body’s cells

*Symptoms are easily confused with other conditions.*

how much energy to use.” Thyroid hormones also regulate the consumption of oxygen and the production of heat.

“Hyperthyroidism is a condition caused when the thyroid produces too much hormone, causing the body to use energy faster than it should,” says Dr. Bindra. Too much thyroid hormone can make you lose weight, speed up your heart rate and make you sensitive to heat. Other symptoms include irritability and nervousness, muscle weakness and tremors, infrequent and scant menstrual periods, sleep disturbances, an enlarged thyroid gland, and vision prob-

lems or eye irritation.

“Conversely, hypothyroidism is caused when the thyroid doesn’t produce enough hormone, causing the body to use energy slower than it should,” says Dr. Bindra. A far more common condition, hypothyroidism can make you gain weight, feel fatigued and have difficulty dealing with cold temperatures. Other symptoms include frequent and heavy menstrual periods, forgetfulness, dry and coarse skin/hair, and a hoarse voice.

“Thyroid disease can be difficult to diagnose because symptoms are easily confused with other conditions,” says Dr. Bindra, who is board-certified in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism. “Fortunately, there is a test, called the thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) test, that can identify thyroid disorders even before the onset of symptoms.” A recent study found the screening test to be effective in diagnosing mild thyroid failure in women and men over age 35.

“When thyroid disease is caught early, treatment can control the disorder even before the onset of symptoms,” says Dr. Bindra. “The goal of any treatment is to restore normal levels of thyroid hormone.”

“Thyroid diseases are life-long conditions,” says Dr. Bindra. “Fortunately, careful management by an endocrinologist can help people with thyroid disease to live healthy, normal lives.”

*The Lakewood Hospital Diabetes and Endocrine Center serves as a vital resource for patients and physicians. For more information, call 216.529.5300.*

## Sooner Beats Later For Knee Replacement

If painful arthritis is hampering your ability to walk, there’s no need to “tough it out” until the problem gets worse.

Joseph George, Jr., MD, Cleveland Clinic orthopaedic surgeon, says you may be better off having a knee replacement now. Improved surgical tools and procedures have made joint replacement of the knee one of the most successful surgeries of the last century.

If damage is confined to one of the three compartments of the knee, surgeons can remove and resurface only damaged areas, sparing healthy cartilage. After partial knee replacement, patients walk on the day of surgery and go home within 24 hours on oral pain medication.

If a full knee replacement is required, you may be a candidate

for one of the newer types of knee replacement parts that are highly flexible, allowing the knee to bend up to 155 degrees. With proper care, individuals who undergo total knee replacement can expect a greater than ninety-five percent chance of success for at least 15 years.

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*To make an appointment for an evaluation of knee pain with Dr. George or another Cleveland Clinic orthopaedic surgeon, call 440.204.7800.*

## Q&A: Multiple Sclerosis

**Q: My sister was recently diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and I am looking for some information regarding this disease. What is it? What are symptoms and how is it treated?**

A: Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a central nervous system disorder that affects the brain and spinal cord. It is an inflammatory disorder in which infection-fighting white blood cells enter the nervous system and cause injury. Females tend to get MS about three times as often as males and the disease is more common in Caucasians.

Because MS varies for individuals, there is no ‘standard’ set of symptoms; however, we know that common symptoms include: numbness or tingling in various parts of the body; weakness of one or more body part; visual blurring and/or double vision; walking difficulties; fatigue and dizziness; tingling or shocks down the back, arms or legs when the individual bends his neck forward; urinary symptoms – either a hesitancy to urinate or frequency to urinate.

There is no way to predict which symptoms one person may develop.

There are currently six FDA approved medications to control the course of MS; four are for relapsing patients with active disease and two are for people with more severe cases where standard therapy is not working. These medications reduce MS activity. People treated for MS are less likely to develop new attacks; have fewer MRI changes and tend not to progress as much as those not receiving treatment.

Dr. Alexander Rae-Grant is a Cleveland Clinic neurologist and sees patients with MS at the Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute at Lakewood Hospital. At the Cleveland Clinic Mellen Center, he oversees MS education and assists with MS clinical trials.

*To schedule an appointment with Dr. Rae-Grant at the Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute at Lakewood Hospital, please call 216.529.7110.*



Lakewood City News

# Bike Plan Gets Rolling

by Melissa Garrett

A great turn out at the October 5th Bike Network Planning workshop hosted by the City confirmed what many locals already knew to be true: Lakewood has a large and active bicycling community.

This past summer, Mayor FitzGerald and City Council directed Planning & Development staff to develop a city-wide bicycle plan. In collaboration with stakeholders and residents, the department will produce a citywide plan and implementation strategy to improve bicycling conditions on Lakewood's streets.

Slated for completion in early 2011, the bicycle plan will recommend the phased implementation of a continuous network of cross-town routes and facilities. The goal is enhance the overall transportation network and help promote safe and convenient bicycle travel for riders of all abilities. Those same residents who are out and about riding their bikes for recreation and transportation are already playing an important role in planning this network through their participation earlier this month.

Cities of various sizes in all sorts of climates across the nation like Seattle, Denver, Chicago and Pittsburgh have recognized bicycling as an important quality of life and transpor-

tation investment. These cities have made improvements to help bicyclists more equitably get around town. Well thoughtfully planned and designed, additions like public bike parking, dedicated bike lanes, pavement markings like "sharrows" and good bike route signage, have proven and immediate community benefits.

Ohio needs to improve its approach to transportation, ranking 42nd in the nation on the League of American Bicyclists' list of Bike Friendly States. Though there are signs of improvement: the cities of Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati have more recently adopted bike master plans and have begun to construct the recommended improvements.

Lakewood already has a number of bicycle assets that give it a bike-friendly edge. The mostly flat city was developed around streetcar lines, creating a compact layout that offers relatively short distances between schools, parks, residential areas and commercial centers. Most routine trips inside the city are less than five miles – a distance easily capture on bike.

Still, Lakewood is like a lot of Ohio in that we lack the coordinated infrastructure that supports bicycling to take full advantage of these assets. The bike planning effort will collect resident input and ideas, and incorporate

them into a comprehensive plan that addresses five focus areas presented at the October workshop as the 5 E's (Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Encouragement and Evaluation). These categories will shape a plan that not only recommends physical improvements, influence city policies, identify possible funding opportunities and help increase overall public awareness of the rules and responsibilities for drivers and riders alike.

The City posted an on-line map that

summarizes the community comments from the workshop and an on-line survey where anyone unable to attend the meeting can submit information that will help the City better understand the needs of bicycling residents.

The second workshop will be held in mid-November. To view the map and survey visit the City's website at [www.onelakewood.com](http://www.onelakewood.com) and for more information contact Planning and Development at 216.529.6630 or via e-mail at [planning@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:planning@lakewoodoh.net).

## Malley's To Open Headquarters In Lakewood

by Melissa Garrett

Malley's Chocolates announced that the regional chocolatier is going to locate its corporate headquarters in Lakewood, Ohio. The move will take place before the end of 2010.

In 1935, Mike Malley pursued his dream of being a business owner by opening a Chocolatier and Ice Cream Concoctioner in Lakewood. A few years later, Malley opened another store on Madison Avenue. That night, Lakewood Police were summoned to control the crowds.

As the Malley's business grew, so did their family. Malley's retail locations swelled and so did their operations. In 1990, nearing its third generation of leadership, Malley's opened a new 60,000 square foot headquarters and factory. The growth continues, and Malley's is returning home.

In late 2010, Malley's is going to move their corporate headquarters back to where it all began: Madison

Avenue in Lakewood, Ohio.

"We continue to have tremendous growth and need to expand our operations in Brook Park. To make room for more of our customers' favorites, we're moving our office headquarters back to Lakewood—the city my grandfather started Malley's Chocolates in 1935," said Dan Malley, President of Malley's Chocolates. "We're proud to be part of 18 communities in Northeast Ohio."

Malley's will locate their corporate headquarters at 1865 Victoria Avenue, near their Lakewood store.

"Madison Avenue is the next chapter in Lakewood's economic development story. Occupancy is up, a planning project is underway and countless new storefronts are the face of new businesses along Madison," said Lakewood Mayor Ed FitzGerald.

"I'm happy to announce that Malley's is moving their headquarters to Madison Avenue and is going to be part of that story. We're proud to be part of their history and their future."

## Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood will begin collecting loose leaves on Monday, November 1, 2010 and will continue until approximately Friday, December 10, 2010, weather permitting. Prior to November 1 and after December 10, leaves will be collected only when they are placed in paper yard/leaf bags and set out along with regular refuse and recycling.

Due to the excessive amount of leaves on Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue, these streets will be collected separately. Collection crews will start working at the east end of Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue and work west until completed. Collection pick-up for these streets is scheduled to begin on November 1 with additional pick-ups beginning November 15 and November 29.

After crews have completed Clifton and Lake, they will collect leaves citywide starting from the west end and working east. The number of citywide collections will be weather dependent. Residents should place their leaves out as soon as possible to ensure collection.

In order to make the leaf collection process as effective as possible, the City asks residents to please rake leaves onto tree lawns as close to the curb as possible. Raking leaves into the street will slow the collection process and may cause basement flooding.

There will be no leaf collection on November 25 and 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have any questions, please call (216) 529-6810 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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# Lakewood City News

## Looking To Remedy Foreclosure Issues

Council President Kevin Butler (Ward I) called the October 4, 2010 meeting of Council to order at 7:38 P.M. He then asked Council to allow him to skip to a new business item before going over old business. With no objections Councilman Butler introduced Rebecca Wetzel from the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Please Foreclosure Mediation Department. Ms. Wetzel delivered a presentation to Council regarding her department's resources to help people in mediating their foreclosure case. She said when someone is sued in foreclosure, her department helps set up face to face meetings between home owners and loan representatives to try and settle the case by making loan modifications and agreements. If one of these meetings is set up and a representative of the loan company does not attend, the case is thrown out. With four full time mediators and two others who assist in the mediation, the department has taken on 3,800 cases since June of 2008 and were able to successfully mediate 72% of those cases, allowing those families to stay in their homes.

Ms. Wetzel emphasize that her department does not get involved in the process until someone is sued in foreclosure, but said that no one should wait until that happens before taking action. There are a number of housing counseling agencies that her office works with

by Christopher Bindel

that can help people prevent their home from being foreclosed on. She suggests people call 2-1-1 (that is the full number) for foreclosure prevention assistance. In addition, she mentioned that on September 27th Ohio became one of the recipients of the Hardest Hit Funds, in the amount of \$579 million dollars, from the federal government. These funds were awarded to help residents stave off foreclosure and stay in their homes. Although it is currently unclear as to how the money is going to be distributed and used, she said that the first step to possibly getting access to some of these funds is to meet and fill out an application with one of the counseling agencies.

She closed her statement by warning people that if anyone offers to fix their problems if they can shell out money up front, then they are scammers. She said that people have plenty of free resources available to them and that they should reach out to them. With that, she stated that she had left from pamphlets with the members of council to share with their constituents.

Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan (Ward IV) mentioned to Ms. Wetzel that one of the ways that they would like to get the word out about these programs is through Lakewood's block clubs and asked that if she had

any extra materials with her she leave some to give to them. She then asked her if the mediation and counseling programs also apply to condominiums. Ms. Wetzel explained that they do. Council then thanked Ms. Wetzel for her presentation and moved on to the next order of business.

Director of Planning and Development, Nathan Kelley, then introduced Ryan Nowlin, co-chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), to discuss the committee's work and present their findings. Mr. Nowlin explained that the job of the CAC is to look at the amount of funds Lakewood is to receive through grants and make recommendations to Council as to how to spend those funds. To help in this process the CAC receives applications from a number of Lakewood organizations asking for funds. He stated that this year, like every other year, the request of funds was more than the estimated funds to be coming in. As CAC worked through this process they held eight public meetings over two months with testimony from those trying to receive some of the funding.

This year it is estimated that Lakewood will receive \$2.2 million dollars in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$98,000 dollars in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds

and there are yet to be any estimates as to how much the City will receive in HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Although the amount of HOME funds is still unknown, the CAC has approved those funds to be used for programs Lakewood currently already has in place. Among those programs are Lakewood's first time home buyer program and a number of programs to help low to moderate-income families afford housing. They also approved of the recommendation of the ESG funds for programs to help prevent families from becoming homeless, and those who already have.


Mr. Nowlin finished his remarks telling Council that the members of the CAC would be more than happy to discuss their recommendation with Council if they had any questions. Councilman Butler thanked Mr. Nowlin for his work and told him that Council would contact him and the CAC before they scheduled the committee meeting to discuss their findings. With that Council referred the CAC findings to the Committee of the Whole.

Next, Finance Director Jennifer Pae asked council to consider a resolution that would maintain Lakewood's property tax rate at 17.4 mills for the 2011 tax year. The Budget Commission approved of the resolution and requires its return by November 1. With the

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# Lakewood Public Library Events

All Events and Programs Are Free And Open To The Public

**Sunday, October 24**

**SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: Kristine Jackson Roots and Blues**  
The original howling, moaning spirit of the blues lives on in this exceptional performer who’s short on years, but big on heart. She’ll mix it up with searing vocals, hot guitar and an angel’s trumpet.  
**2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

**Monday, October 25**

**Financing Your Very Small Business**  
What options do you have when your startup is unable to secure traditional financing? Representatives from the WECO Fund invite you to participate in a workshop that covers everything from business plans to tax returns. You may be the right candidate for a microloan.  
**7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

**Wednesday, October 27**

**LAKEWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY: American DaVinci: Viktor Schreckengost**  
A key figure in the first era of modern design, Viktor Schreckengost’s paintings, sculpture, pottery, and industrial designs are now being exhibited at more than 100 museums around the United States. Throughout his working career, Schreckengost strove to apply a creative philosophy that artistically linked dramatic form with an object’s function. Curator Craig Bara offers a compelling, comprehensive argument why this Ohio native should be considered our American Da Vinci.  
**7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

**Wednesday, November 3**

**LAKEWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**  
**Recently Historic: Houses from the 1930s – 1950s**  
From the Minimal Traditionals and Cape Cods of the 1930s to postwar Ranches and Split-Levels, learn about the kinds of homes most recently deemed historic. Kerry Adams, a Senior Historic Preservation Specialist from the Cleveland Restoration Society, will place these homes in the context of their times, examine defining characteristics and help you plan sensitive rehabilitation work.  
**7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

**BOOK SALES:**

**Thursday, October 21**  
**FRIENDS FALL BOOK SALE PREVIEW**  
**6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Join the Friends and receive entrance to their special, members-only preview sales.**  
**Friends Book Sale Area on lower level**

**Saturday, October 23**  
**FRIENDS FALL BOOK SALE**  
**9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Friends Book Sale Area on lower level**

**BOOK GROUPS:**

**Tuesday, October 19**  
**KNIT & LIT BOOK CLUB**  
Lynda Tuennerman hosts a social club for multitaskers—a combination book club and stitchery group. She’s looking for readers who can enjoy intense discussion of modern classics while relaxing with their latest stitching project. Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. At each meeting, the group decides what will be read next. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 or visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/bookclubs](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/bookclubs) to learn more. Tonight’s book discussion is about Mister Pip by Lloyd Jones:  
**7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room**

**Thursday, November 11**  
**BOOKED FOR MURDER BOOK CLUB: New York City**  
**All the Flowers are Dying by Lawrence Block**  
Matt Scudder, a former cop turned private eye, investigates the grisly death of his wife’s best friend. The murder weapon is a unique letter opener sold exclusively at the art store owned by his wife, meaning that she and the murderer were face to face. To make matters worse, a deranged killer seems to be after Scudder and his wife.  
**7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Thursday, November 11, 2010**  
**AN EVENING WITH LISA BLACK**  
benefiting the Lakewood Public Library Foundation  
**6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 PM)**  
**Lake Erie Screw Building**  
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Tickets can be purchased in person at Lakewood Public Library locations, and at <http://www.lkwdpl.org/foundation/events/lisablack/>

**LEARNING LAB CLASSES:**

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

**UPCOMING OCTOBER CLASSES:**

**Saturday, October 16:**  
**WEB SEARCHING BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, October 23:**  
**E-MAIL BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.**

**LEAF COMMUNITY 2010**

Every Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. on the Main Library’s Front Porch through the Harvest.

**CHILDRENS & YOUTH SERVICES**  
**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:**

**HOMEWORK ER:** For students in kindergarten through eighth grade  
Need a little extra help with your homework or just want a cool place to work? Come to the Homework Room for help and resources. No need to register. \*Home-work ER will be closed for school holidays and vacations.\*  
**Tuesday, September 7 – Thursday, May 26**  
**Monday – Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., in Main Library Children’s and Youth Services**  
**Monday – Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Madison Branch**

**IT’S PUZZLING!**

Ready to challenge your brain after school? Check out the Library’s puzzle station. A variety of puzzles will be available, and correctly completed puzzles will be entered into a monthly prize drawing.  
**Tuesday, September 7 – Friday, May 27**  
**Monday – Friday, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
Main Library Children’s and Youth Services and at the Madison Branch

**AUTHORS BOOK CLUB:** For students in first and second grade  
First and second graders meet after school to explore a featured author through stories, discussions, activities and/or crafts. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.  
**Wednesday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room**

**STROKES OF GENIUS:** For students in second through fourth grade  
Hear stories and participate in art activities showcasing renowned artists and their works from various eras. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.  
**Tuesdays, November 2 – December 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room**

**WRITE TIME: For students in sixth to twelfth grade**  
This is a weekly drop-in writing circle. Bring something you’re working on, or just come ready to write—be it short stories or a chapter of your new book. This may be the most inspiring hour of your week. No need to register.  
Fall Season: September 16 – December 2 (“Open Mike” final on December 9)  
**Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room**

**NAMELESS BOOK CLUB:** For students in third, fourth, and fifth grades  
Meet monthly after school for lively discussions of novels and fun activities. We provide the books and participants provide the name of the club. All students are required to bring a Library card so they can check out the fun. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.  
**Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room**  
**Third grade: November 3, Fourth grade: October 27, Fifth grade: October 20**

**LAKEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY SPELLING BEE:** For students in fourth through eighth grade  
Back by popular demand! Can you spell c-a-c-o-p-h-o-n-y? If you can or want to try, then be a part of the spelling bee. Grab your dictionary and get ready to “bee” the best speller in Lakewood. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.  
**Preliminary round: Tuesday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room**  
**Competitor Meet and Greet: Tuesday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room**  
**Spelling Bee Championship: Friday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.**

# Lakewood Library

## It's Time For Teens!

by Stephanie Schuerger

Attention Teens! Not only does the Lakewood Public Library have an ever-expanding section of books for you to peruse on the north end of our New Books Room, but we have a plethora of programming taking place between now and the New Year! All programs are drop-in, so there is no need to register. Just pay attention to the location of the events, and show up! Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for 6th through 12th graders.

Back by popular demand, the Teen writing club, Write Time, meets weekly on Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room. You are encouraged to bring something you are working on, or just come ready to write! Compose short stories, poems, or the chapter of your new book. Writing prompts are available if you are stuck. There will be an Open Mike Day on December 9th for you to share your work with friends.

Halloween is right around the corner, and that means it is time for the creepy, scary, and eerie. Come to the library on Thursday, October 28th at 7:30 p.m. for Fright Night! Plan to get spooked by local stories of horror, ghosts, ghouls and haunted places. You never know what terror awaits you around the corner in Cleveland and all over Ohio. Warning: not for the faint of heart!

Would you like to work with your creative side? Are you free the 1st Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8 o'clock p.m.? Then you are welcome to join us

for Crafty U! This is a drop-in monthly arts-and-crafts time based on elements of your favorite books and those that might be new to you. These are not your usual scissors-and-paste crafts. You can have a literary and social experience while you get your hands dirty! Stop by on November 2nd to create a decorative T-shirt at T-Shirt Time! You bring your own white T-shirt and the library staff will help you create a new artistic design. Guaranteed to be messy! Then on December 7th, drop in to make a beaded creation at Beading Bonanza--be it a bookmark, necklace, bracelet, or keychain! Just think, this could be for yourself and/or a gift for someone else. After the New Year, plan on crafts like bandana bags and suncatchers!

Calling all movie buffs ages 13 to 18: hang out watching a great movie, pay attention to the details, keep track of a bingo card, and win fabulous prizes at Movie Bingo Nights! Popcorn will be provided for snacking. Bring your friends! Each movie will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Get ready for the new Harry Potter movie by reviewing the last one: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Rated PG) on Friday, November 12th. Then plan on coming back in January for Sherlock Holmes, and join us in February for 10 Things I Hate About You. More details to come. Please call (216) 226-8275 x140 if you have questions. Can't wait to see you at the library!

## Join Us For The Kulture Kids!

by Kathryn Tatnall

On Saturday October 23rd Family Music and More is thrilled to host the Kulture Kids. Artistic director, Robin Pease will be performing "Recuerdo Ser Simpatico/ Remember to be Nice", a delightful tale from Costa Rica in which the Talkative Turtle learns an important lesson about friendship and the value of listening. Robin is a performer and teacher of dance, drama, and music. She holds a Master of Fine Arts from Case Western Reserve University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from The Boston Conservatory.

The Kulture Kids was born in 1999 when she created a show for her son's elementary school class celebrating her Native American heritage. The response she got from performing that one show let her know there was a desire to raise the awareness of the cultural diversity in Northeast Ohio. Through exciting and innovative participatory programs and workshops the Kulture Kids educate and entertain. The Family Music and More programs are offered on the fourth Saturday of every month September through May. The program will begin at 7pm in the Main Library Multipurpose Room. The program is free and will be fun for the whole family.

## The Call For Art

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announce the finalists.


Those chosen few will have until May to tweak their final design presentations. Each artist will be expected to not only create a stunning piece of art, but to come up with a detailed plan for the construction, transportation and final installation of the piece. The goal is to complete the project by the fall of 2011.

The complete details can be found at [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/callforart](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/callforart).

This project has been generously funded through private donations to the Lakewood Public Library Foundation. No taxpayer funds will be used in either the solicitation of the artists or the creation of the final piece.

For those who aren't familiar with the Library's benefactor, the Lakewood Public Library Foundation was first established in 1994. Its mission is to sustain Lakewood's tradition of free public library service through judicious administration of an endowment fund. Tickets are still available online for An Evening with Lisa Black, their upcoming November 11 fundraiser at the Lake Erie Screw Building. The Foundation also welcomes gifts and bequests that can be invested as part of its endowment. To learn more about the Foundation or how you can make a contribution to the Library's future, visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/foundation](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/foundation).

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Lakewood Schools

# LHS Scholars Comment On Their Success

by *Trudy Hutchinson*

Four Lakewood High School seniors scored in the top one percent of U.S. high school seniors in the National Merit Scholarship competition and earned recognition as National Merit Semi-finalists for 2011. Three other students were named Commended Scholars by the National Merit Foundation. These students are each an example of the excitement of learning that engages a young, active mind. At the same time, they represent the high quality education available at Lakewood Public Schools.

Brian Brink, Michael Pizzo, Kevin

Ritter and Carter Strong are the National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists and Charles Kemp, Anne Latsko and Bethany Zettler are National Merit Commended Scholars from Lakewood High School for the class of 2011. On October 7, a group of these students gathered with Kathleen Baylog, Lakewood High School Gifted Coordinator, and discussed their experience of this honor.

All of the young people in the group attended Lakewood Public Schools in elementary and middle school. Many participated in the Gifted and Talented program and acknowledged the program provided

a sound basis for achievement. Brian Brink credited the Gifted and Talented Program with teaching him how to think and work through a problem. He summed up his early education by saying, "All of my opportunities came from Lakewood Public Schools. They provided good curriculum to help me prepare." When asked whether they have always enjoyed learning, the group voiced a resounding "Yes!"

Introduction to these scholars gives a broad definition of "achievement." Carter Strong carried his viola into the meeting room and describes himself as being without academic

ambition. He says he focuses on the things that interest him and does not adhere to a prescribed academic track. This flexibility has served him well as he has followed an atypical education path since middle school.

Several of the students described themselves as learning for the sake of learning. Kevin Ritter observes that a successful student is not necessarily the student with the most AP (advanced placement) classes. Rather, he defines a successful student as one who takes courses that are of most interest to themselves and to whom extra-curricular activities are just as important as academics.

Anne Latsko emphasizes the rewards of relationships at school. She recalls her decision to forego AP physics in order to take band because of the people in the band. She appears to have had no second thoughts. This theme of students choosing the thing that gives them the most satisfaction was shared by all members of the group as they described a range of interests. The scholars are active in service organizations like H2O, Student Council and National Honor Society. One scholar swims all year around and another tutors younger children in math. Outside of school, their activities include participation in church mission trips and part time employment.

# Grant School Says Thank You To The Rossen Family And "Recess Rocks!"

by *Betsy Voinovich*

For those of you that missed out on this event-of-the-season a couple of weeks ago at Lakewood Park, part of the "Recess ROCKS!" fundraiser was an incentive that the Rossen family's Jordan's Family Foundation offered to Lakewood City Schools, grades K - 8. According to "Recess ROCKS!" presenter, Mr. Corey Rossen, the school with the highest percentage of students in attendance at "Recess ROCKS!" would receive a \$500 donation from Jordan's Family Foundation to be spent on Physical Education equipment or activity-based recess equipment for the winning school.

This makes a lot of sense, says Mr. Rossen, because the concept of "Recess ROCKS!" was to find a way for children to learn about eating healthy,

being active, and having fun. These simple steps, Mr. Rossen stresses, help children fight childhood obesity that can lead to heart disease. Fighting heart disease is JFF's primary objective, including funding research and education of Congenital Heart Diseases.

So the top three schools (by percentage) in attendance were...

1. Grant - 35% - WINNER!
2. Harding - 25%
3. Hayes - 18%

Grant is very thankful for the funds and is, as of now, deciding what to do with the money. When we have figured it out we will send in an article and let everyone know about the school's new equipment.

While everyone at Grant is thrilled to have won the funds, everyone who attended "Recess Rocks!" will agree,

the biggest winner was the city of Lakewood itself.

The kids had a great time playing while they (and their parents) learned about how good it was for their hearts to be running around as much as they were. Not only was it a lot of fun to see the teachers and administrators and school board officials out of their regular roles and volunteering to staff the Dunk Tank, it made everybody realize that Lakewood really is one family when we work and play together.

Special prizes have to go to the principal of Lakewood High School, Dr. Wagner, for being able to keep a rubber duck on top of his head the whole time and for inviting ball throwers to knock the duck off, rather than dunking him (Kinda dangerous but he seemed to have no problem. Some say he could be heard telling successful dunkers that they "would be seeing him in his office on Monday..." but those are only rumors...). Also to Principal Robert Curtin, the principal of Hayes Elementary for wearing his best suit on the Dunk perch and getting it washed live, over and over to the delight of the kids dunking him, and for the courageous brand new principal of Grant, Ms. Ramsey, who got soaked along with the veterans, getting to know lots of children in the city of Lakewood very quickly as they threw balls at her, and spending the rest of the day shivering as she ran around making sure everyone was participating.

A special award has to go to school board Vice President Matt Markling who opened up the dunking event to adults! after all of the children had gotten their chance. A lot of grown-ups discovered that they did indeed have pitching skills, and Mr. Markling hung in there for all of them, even calling people out from the crowd if they were feeling shy. (I got him on my second ball.)

Corey congratulated Grant School, "For all of their hard work and their support of "Recess ROCKS!" but the greatest congratulations need to be shared between the Rossen family, the Jordan Foundation, and the family that is Lakewood, playing, and learning, together.

## Number One With Fans



RANGERS FOOTBALL NUMBER ONE WITH FANS — Lakewood varsity corner-back Tony Boddard celebrates with homecoming fans moments after a thrilling 20-14 Rangers victory over Cuyhoga Falls, Fri., Oct. 15. A 27-yard game-ending touchdown run by Jacob Supinski lifted the Rangers over the Black Tigers.

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# Lakewood Schools

## LHS Musicians Fill Honors Orchestra And Choir Groups

by Christine Gordillo

Fall is the season for the Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) All-State and Regional Orchestra and All-State Honors Choir selections and, once again, Lakewood High can be proud of its high number of musicians selected to perform in these prestigious groups.

Fourteen students from Lakewood were accepted into the Regional Orchestra, with six chosen to participate in the All-State Orchestra, which will perform in Cincinnati at the OMEA's annual conference in January.

From each of OMEA's five regions, only 16 students are chosen for All-State. Lakewood High students captured the most out of any Northeast Ohio school with six. Those chosen for All-State are: Andy Peng (principal violin and concert-master), Carter Strong (principal viola), Al Rodriguez (principal bass), Hannah Gallovic (2nd chair cello), Chelsea Polk (3rd chair cello), and Katie Reading (Harp). Students Abby Wimbiscus (violin), Devon Caskey (viola), Danny Toner (cello), and Moira Horn (cello) were also selected as All-State alternates. Students rounding out the successful group for the Regional Orchestra include Kendall King and Kent Dockus (violin), Bea Aldrich (viola), and Matt Sims (cello). The Northeast Regional Orchestra concert will be held Nov. 7 at 3:30 pm, at Cleveland State University's Waetjen Auditorium.

Lakewood High also will be well-represented in the 2010 All-State Honors Choir. The following Lakewood students who will be participating in choir: Abby Boland, Nicole Dashiell, Maeve Diffenbacher, Luke Lemmeier and senior Kelsey Solarz. More than 700 auditioned for the choir and only 160 were chosen. The choir will perform at the OMEA's Cincinnati conference in January along with the All-State Orchestra.

Late October through December offers plenty of opportunities to hear these talented musicians and vocalists. Concerts dot the calendar nearly each week at the Civic Auditorium. LHS' Mixed Symphonic Choir will join with Mentor High School's choir to present a Fall Choral Symposium Oct. 19 at

7:30 p.m. at the Civic. The Marching Band concert kicks off November with a concert on the 4th. Then on Nov. 13 the LHS Orchestra program will hold its annual Orchestra Marathon fundraiser where students play from 6 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Stop in anytime to see these dedicated musicians! The mid-

dle school orchestras take the stage on Dec. 1 followed by the 9th grade choir and concert band on the 2nd. This is just the start of a full slate of winter concerts in December. Check back in later Observer issues for a full schedule or check out the district's Performing Arts page on its web site for more info.

## Community Members Gather For Schools Update

by Christine Gordillo

At the first of two "Schools: A Community Conversation" sessions on Oct. 12 at Horace Mann Elementary School, Lakewood City Schools Superintendent Joe Madak offered a broad picture of the steady academic progress the district has made in student achievement and then outlined a sobering picture of the district's financial status and how the state's budget issues may negatively impact us over the next few years. He also heard from the community members present how we can all work together to continue to offer our students high quality educational opportunities.

Madak explained to the audience the nuances of the State Report Card system that caused the district's rating to drop from Excellent despite the district's students overall performing better on the state tests than the previous school year. This rating dropped also despite all of the district's buildings being rated Effective or above, including five that were rated Excellent or above. However, three "subgroups" of students as categorized by the state – those of Limited English Proficiency, Students with Disabilities and Asia/Pacific Islanders – did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) benchmarks as required by the federal government in reading and math, the state law dictates that our district could be rated no higher than Continuous Improvement.

Madak shared the district's sense of urgency in finding better ways to help these student subgroups achieve the prog-

ress needed. "We're trying to find out how to pool the talent and resources of our staff to address these needs," he said. One tactic that the district will employ is Teacher Based Teams, which have the goal of increasing communication and collaboration between the English as Second Language teachers, the Intervention Specialists and the classroom teachers in trying to identify instructional strategies to help these students.

In his budget presentation, Madak showed a line graph of the district's cash balance over the next four years that hammered home how critical passage of the May levy was. However, despite the boost from the levy, he cautioned that the district's expenses continue to outstrip its revenues and that more cuts will be necessary to keep the district in stable financial shape. While district officials are doing their best to reign in the budget, matters are complicated by the uncertainty of state funding. Madak explained the myriad of ways the state may look to plug its \$8 billion budget shortfall that could mean significantly less dollars for school districts. Those potential reductions, combined with declining local property tax collections due to foreclosures, delinquencies and reduced property values could add up to millions of dollars in lost revenue for the district.

Despite the financial uncertainty, Madak assured the audience that keeping as many teachers in the classrooms as possible is the district's top priority when it comes to planning for next

year. He also stated that if cuts are made "we will try to minimize any cuts to programs for students."

After Madak's presentation, audience members broke into small groups to discuss what had been presented and offer suggestions on how the district and the community might deal with the challenges ahead. They also prepared individual questions for the superintendent to answer, which he spent about an hour doing once the table discussions were finished. Some of the suggestions that were offered included using more volunteers in school buildings, partnering with local colleges, working more collaboratively with other districts, seeking alternate forms of funding (grants, corporate donations, etc.) and maintaining an ongoing dialogue with the community to educate them of the issues and hear more frequent feedback from citizens.

The meeting closed with Assistant Superintendent Jeff Patterson reminding the audience that despite the challenges ahead for the district, Lakewood City Schools has much going for it: a caring and engaged community, state-of-the-art facilities, technology tools that are the envy of many other districts, talented and dedicated teachers and staff, thriving extracurricular programs and, of course, amazing students. Working together, we can continue to be a district of which we are all very proud.

The last "Community Conversation" session will be Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at Emerson Elementary.



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Out And About

Beck Youth Theater Opens Season With Mark Twain Classic

by Fran Storch

On the 100th anniversary year of Mark Twain’s death, Beck Youth Theater celebrates the life of this great American humorist with their presentation of his classic coming-of-age story Tom Sawyer, October 28 through 31, 2010, on the Mackey Main Stage. Show times are 10 a.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Beck youth bring to life this humorous story about Hannibal, Missouri’s most famous trouble-makers. Along with Tom Sawyer, all your favorite characters are here—Huckleberry Finn, Becky Thatcher, Aunt Polly, and Injun Joe—in this faithful retelling of the adventures of Tom and his gang. Delight in this charming tale about the bonds of friendship and a boy’s journey toward discovering the strength of “doing the right thing.”

Interestingly enough, Austin Bilski, who portrays Johnny Miller, part of Tom’s Pirate Gang, in Beck’s production, is an actual descendant of Mark Twain. He is joined by a cast of 47 talented young actors ages 6 to 18, who are all students from the Beck Center’s Dance, Music, and Theater Departments.

Director Russ Stich adds his unique comedic twist to this pro-

duction as he leads this enthusiastic cast. “The cast is doing an amazing job of finding and portraying the fun and innocence of this true American classic,” says Stich. “It’s great to see them connect with Tom’s simpler time and leave their electronic fueled lives behind for a while.”

Tickets are just \$12 for Adults/ Seniors and \$10 for Children/ Students (18 and under). Special discounted rates are available for groups of 13 or more. For tickets, visit [www.beckcenter.org](http://www.beckcenter.org) or call 216.521.2540 x10.

C.A.S.T., Beck Youth Theater’s parent fundraising group, will host a Halloween party after the Saturday matinee in the Music-Armory building. Festivities include refreshments, games, art activities, and a fortune teller. Tickets are \$5 per person. A limited number of tickets are available. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new keyboard and amp for the Youth Theater Department.

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 Tom Sawyer is presented through special arrangement with Dramatic



Tom tricks his pals into painting the fence in Beck Youth Theater’s production of Tom Sawyer, October 28-31

Publishing Company of Woodstock, IL. The show is sponsored by Cox Communications and Music Is Elementary. The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this production with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. This production is also generously supported by the public through a grant from 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, and gallery exhibits featuring regional artists. For more information about the Beck Center, visit [www.beckcenter.org](http://www.beckcenter.org).

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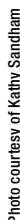


# Broadway At The Beck: Wings

Although the newly renovated studio theatre at the Beck is a versatile and intimate space, the choice to produce *Wings* in a limited venue is a bold one. The story is completely non-linear and tackles the delicate topic of stroke recovery. It is practically a one-woman show, with one of the most challenging roles ever written for a mature actress. The character of Emily Stilson even revisits her early years as an aviatrix, so even a main theme of flight is one that is normally not translated easily to the stage. But with subtle direction and honest performances, every aspect of the production aligns to meet every challenge of the show. Director, Sarah May paints a stage picture of a stark, sterile recovery

Despite the dense material in the play, the production has no dramaturg—the detective of a theatrical production who normally does research on history and factual details of the show. It is

\*Road to Nirvana by Arthur Kopit- This is written response to David Mamet's Speed-the-Plow (also available at Lakewood Public Library). It may remind you of a Hollywood-based story of The Producer's from earlier in Beck's season, but by Arthur Kopit, the playwright of Wings.



*Emily Stilson Taking off: Dorothy Silver as Emily Stilson in Wings, October 8 – November 7, 2010 in the Studio Theater at the Beck Center for the Arts.*

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incredibly obvious why it wasn't necessary—each member of the production team and cast clearly took time to understand aviation, hospital life and therapy and recovery process for strokes. More importantly, these artists went beyond their understanding to convey that to the audience, both through the production itself, and additional lobby materials through partnerships with University Hospitals and the International Wom-



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# Lakewood Cares

## Ministerial Musings: No More

by John Tamilio III

I am disgusted. This is the headline that greeted me when I turned on my computer this morning: “8 Men Arraigned in NYC Anti-Gay Beating Case.” Alleged members of the Latin King Goonies Gang heard that one of their new recruits, a teenage boy, was gay. In the early hours of Friday, October 3, they lured the young man to a vacant apartment and then they “stripped and beat him and sodomized him with a plunger handle until he confessed to having had sex with a man” (AP News). The gang tortured a second teen they believed was a homosexual as well. “They also invited the man the first teen had admitted having sex with to a house, telling him they were having a party...When he arrived, five of them burned, beat and tortured him for hours” (AP News).

I do not know what is more revolting — that three individuals endured such horrific abuse or that others found such joy in inflicting it upon them? What is most upsetting is that such hate crimes do not receive more attention in the media nor do they seem to distress people to the extent that similar crimes, perpetrated against a different group of marginalized folks, do.

I am also upset that such hate is often fueled by the institution for which I work: the Christian church. Of course, not all denominations, churches, or Christians for that matter promote the degradation of those within the LGBT community, but there is a stigma in society that those who are Christians believe that homosexuality is a sin at best and that gays and lesbians are an



“abomination to God” at worst.

It is time to take a stand. It is time to say NO MORE with a loud voice. It is time to let the LGBT community know that such crimes will not be tolerated. It is time for the church to stand hand-in-hand and say that not only is homosexuality not a sin, but that violent crimes committed against gays and lesbians, because of their sexual orientation, is assault against all of humanity.

I say this not just on behalf of the three men recently attacked by the Latin King Goonies Gang, but also on behalf of Tyler Clementi, Matthew Shepard, and countless other known and anonymous victims of bullying and gay bashing.

We will hold a candlelight vigil at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ on Saturday, November 13th at 7:00 pm in honor of the victims of such hate crimes and we will provide the community with information about safe places and resources available for LGBT folks. For more information, contact me at (216) 861-7388 or e-mail me at [john.tamilio@pilgrimalive.org](mailto:john.tamilio@pilgrimalive.org).

Let your voice be heard. Join me in saying, “NO MORE!”

## First All Saints Auction Set For November 6th At Lakewood Catholic Academy

by Paul Nickels

Lakewood Catholic Academy will hold its inaugural All Saints Auction at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 6th, 2010 on the LCA campus. The All Saints Auction marks a new theme, look and time of year for an event that has raised over \$200,000 since 2006 to support LCA’s innovative curriculum, faculty salaries, extraordinary campus, and tuition assistance for nearly one quarter of LCA students.

This year’s special theme will be “Celebrating the Saints of Italy,” and will be reflected in décor, food, and activities reminiscent of the country that blessed the world with St. Francis of Assisi, St. Angela, and many more. Tickets are \$75 per person. Attendees will enjoy exciting silent and live auction items and experiences, a “spirited”

Wine Pull, cocktails, a festive seated dinner inspired by autumn in Italy and much more. The silent auction will begin at 6 p.m., with the dinner and live auction set to begin at 8 p.m.

“LCA was founded by those ‘every day saints’ who dared to dream and gave selflessly so that the dream of a new kind of Catholic elementary education could come true,” said Maureen Arbeznik, LCA Principal. “It is in this spirit that we’ll celebrate on November 6th.”

Visit [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/allsaints](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/allsaints) for a link to more information or to purchase tickets or for the All Saints Auction, or contact Director of Advancement Mary Ann Campbell at 216.521.0559 or by email at [macampbell@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](mailto:macampbell@lakewoodcatholicacademy.com).

## LHS Chemistry Quilt Goes On The Road

by Cynthia DiNardo

When Quilters Legacy of Lakewood Guild presents “A Quilter’s Legacy VII” on Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24, there will be an unusual quilt as part of the show. It’s the Chemistry Quilt made by Lynn Eckert’s chemistry class at Lakewood High last year, an innovative way to learn about the periodic table of elements. The students were assigned an element to research, given a piece of fabric and asked to make a square representing their element. They were free to decorate their piece and distinguish it using their imagination. When all the squares were put together, with the help of Erin Thorpe’s family, the result was a large facsimile of the scientific periodic table.

The Chemistry Quilt has been on display at the Lakewood Board of Education, but will travel on loan to the Umerley Civic Center at 21016 Hilliard Blvd. in Rocky River for the event. The guild sees this as a way to reach out to younger members of the community

and promote interest in quilts in general. They learned about the Chemistry Quilt from an article in the Lakewood Observer in June. Through Ms. Eckert, arrangements were made for the loan.

Quilters Legacy of Lakewood is a non-profit organization to preserve, practice and share the art of quilting; to promote fellowship among quilters; and to promote projects of community service. The guild makes dolls for pediatric hospital patients, comfort quilts for the VA hospital and for cancer victims, quilts and tote bags for Templum House and small quilts (“binkies”) for a project called the Binkie Brigade in which US soldiers give “binkies” to young children in Iraq.

“A Quilter’s Legacy VII” will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 23 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 24. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 9 and under. There will be a quilt raffle, bake sale, vendors, quilts for sale, and a gift basket raffle every half hour.

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# The Great Pumpkin Palooza!

by *Nicholas Aylward*

Calling all Pumpkin Fans and fall enthusiasts! We need help celebrating Lakewood’s 11th annual Pumpkin Palooza. You can join the fun by attending the event, decorating a pumpkin, or both!

Pumpkin Palooza will be held on Saturday, October 30th from 1-4pm. This fall festival overflows with fun in the E. Gym, E. Café and L-Room at Lakewood High School. Get ready to have a great time! Pumpkin Palooza features indoor carnival games, kid’s crafts, a costume parade, three giant inflatable games, a “haunted hallway” and storytelling in a delightfully spooky setting. Most games can be enjoyed for just one ticket, or 25¢! Not to mention Palooza’s Great Pumpkin Patch, filled with over 100 spectacular, decorated pumpkins! Looking at all the pumpkins is free, but for 25¢, you can buy a raffle ticket for your favorite. When the tickets are drawn at 3:00pm, you could go home a winner!

Come hungry and take your pick of delicious pizza by different Lakewood businesses. Then top it off with some fresh home-baked good-

## Get Spooked At “Nightmare On Merl Street”



by *Wes Carney*

The nation in which we live has practiced the holiday of Halloween for over a century. There is no doubt that Halloween is the scariest day of the year. How will you spend this fun holiday? If you’re low on plans for the upcoming spooky holiday, we have an option for you!

Come visit the haunted pathway “Nightmare on Merl Street”! Creatively named after the famous horror movie “Nightmare on Elm Street”, this short pathway represents the love and dedication that a group of teenagers have shown toward the holiday of Halloween. This year’s set-up carries on the scary tradition as it follows up the 2009 pathway, “The Merl Witch Project.”

So why visit our scary set-up? This is no ordinary pathway. All who enter will experience scary sights seen in professional haunted houses and horror movies. Corpses, gore, spiders and more; we have it all! And if you manage to come out alive, you will be treated to rewards of your choice ranging from a traditional Halloween candy to the modern day silly band. Perhaps you will

ies from Palooza’s abundant bake sale. One hundred percent of the proceeds from Pumpkin Palooza will be donated to Lakewood Christian Service Center and Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation, two local charities that help residents and families in need.

Pumpkin decorators wanted! Anyone who would like to decorate a pumpkin for Palooza’s raffle is encouraged to create an entry. Feel free to use real pumpkins, or try the new foam pumpkins available at craft stores. One creative restriction applies – no carved pumpkins please. Excited buyers want to be able to display their pumpkins as long as possible.

This is a great way to show off your artistic talent, or promote a business, church, organization, or non-profit. Bring all decorated pumpkins to the East Cafeteria of Lakewood High School. Please use the entrance under the North Gym overhang at the front of the building. Pumpkin drop off dates and times are as follows: Friday, Oct. 29th 3-5pm and Saturday, Oct. 29th 10am-12:30pm. Contact H2O at 529-4173 or 529-6045 if you have any

be the lucky 100th visitor to pathway who will receive a special candy basket!

All are welcome to visit our pathway. Near or far, young or old, anyone may enter. It is recommended that children under the age of 8 be attended by a parent, but do not worry that this pathway may be too scary for small children. When we have children visit our set-up, we signal to our actors to act accordingly to the age of the viewers.

All who visit our scary pathway support our cause. Each and every visitor will be tallied into an overall count, and the higher that count gets the better. The pathway is free for everyone, but any donations would be welcomed. The donation box will be located near the beginning of the pathway.

So come on down to the scary Lakewood pathway “Nightmare on Merl Street”, located at 13303 Merl Avenue, near Emerson Elementary School and Garfield Middle School. The pathway is open to the public starting at 6:00 pm, Sunday, October 31st and it will close at 9:00 pm. If you manage to come out alive, this will be an experience that you will never forget!

questions.

The Horace Mann Elementary Choir will kick off this year’s event with a special Halloween performance at 1:15 in the E. Gym. There’s

something for everyone at Pumpkin Palooza. Admission is free – donations of canned goods will be gratefully accepted at the door. See you there!



## Halloween Costume Race To Benefit Lakewood Charities

by *Chrissy Kadleck Pursifull*

Burn some ghoulish calories and break in your Halloween costume on Sunday, October 31 at the 6th Annual Great Pumpkin Fun Run & 5K Race at Lakewood Park.

Costumes are strongly encouraged for this popular community event. It kicks off at 8:45 a.m. with a 1-mile Fun Run perfect for little ghosts and goblins who want to show off their running skills and be congratulated with a scary amount of applause when they cross the finish line.

The 5K (3.1-mile) run/walk takes off at 9:15 a.m. and sends participants on a flat course along the city’s beautiful tree-lined streets.

The best part? You’ll be breaking a sweat to further worthy causes. Proceeds from the race benefit three local non-profits: Live Well Lakewood, Joyful Noise, and H2O (Help to Others).

But that’s not all! Awards will be given in the following categories: top overall male and female runners; top three finishers by gender and 10-year age bracket; and best costumes.

“The Fun Run is our largest fundraiser, which raises a significant amount

of money for Lakewood organizations and scholarships for two Lakewood High School seniors,” says Pumpkin Run Co-Chair Missy Toms. “This year is all about Halloween fun! We’ll have spooky treats, fun decorations, painted pumpkins, and much more.”

Entry fees for the 5K run/walk are \$20 for adults (19 years and older) and \$15 for youth (18 years and younger). The 1-mile Fun Run fee is \$12. The first 400 registered participants receive a long-sleeved t-shirt. Registration opens at 7:45 a.m. at the Woman’s Pavilion at Lakewood Park. For more information, call (216) 623-9933 or visit [www.hermescleveland.com](http://www.hermescleveland.com).

The JWCL Fifth Annual Great Pumpkin Fun Run & 5K Race is sponsored by Geiger’s Clothing & Sports, the City of Lakewood, Norris Family Chiropractic, and Dick’s Sporting Goods.

Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood (JWCL), founded in 1962, is a philanthropic membership organization that sponsors annual fundraisers with proceeds benefiting Lakewood organizations and scholarships. For more information, visit us at [www.lakewoodjuniors.org](http://www.lakewoodjuniors.org).





# County Candidates

## Steve Bozsa: Independent County Council Candidate

by Steve Bozsa

1. Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and how you make your living.

My Name is Steve Alexander Bozsa Jr. I was born on April 15th 1968 (Tax Day, who better to watch the budget). I am 42 years old. I am a former Energy Industry Consultant, and former teacher. I am the Independent Candidate for Cuyahoga County Council District #2. Over the past 10 years my Company has worked to bring an annual 160 million dollar positive economic impact to or region. Politics got in the way. Governor Strickland thought his Idea was better but it failed. We retooled our plan and then applied for Stimulus funds but after the 2nd round in the process Lt. Gov-



ernor Fisher said he was not going to work as the administrator of the fund. He put his campaign before the needs of Ohioan's.

2. Describe for us the duties of a member of the County Council.

The duties are officially defined in

the new charter. We vote on the appointments that the Executive makes, and the budget, we are also asked to think big in the way of opportunities for economic growth. The former system allowed the three Commissioners to serve as a combined legislative branch and executive branch. That system did not provide enough accountability.

We serve as a check-and-balance on the power of the County Executive, primarily in financial matters. Citizens of Cuyahoga County know the Council must insist on prudent spending of County funds. After that, we can voice the concerns of our districts to the County administration and carry back to our districts useful information about County services.

County Council?

I want to serve the citizens of Cuyahoga County by reflecting their fiscal priorities for efficient government, their distaste for political corruption, and their support for necessary county services to those who qualify. I would also like to say what I don't want to do or see on Council. I don't want to see a County Council member pitting one part of the County against others. We cannot afford this kind of continued divisive petty bickering or "Old Politics" which I feel has permeated government at the Federal and State levels. The people are sick of it. They are also sick of career politicians who have a great deal of experience in this type of "Old Politics." To me Issue

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## Lynn Graham: Independent County Council Candidate

by Lynn Graham

1. Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and how you make your living.

My name is Lynn Graham and I am 44 years of age. My family and I are long time residents of West Park. I also am a small business owner for nearly 19 years.

2. Describe for us the duties of a member of the County Council.

My duties as a member of County Council will be to significantly improve the County's economic competitiveness. To create change in focusing on effective and accountable leadership, job creation, and sustainability is of utmost importance. I fervently believe that collaboration with the public and private sector will enhance the opportunities of reducing expenditures, increasing our regional and global opportunities. Most importantly,



streamlining and eliminating unnecessary elected offices will significantly create a savings for all taxpayers.

3. Why do you want to serve on County Council?

I want to make County government accountable to the citizens of

Cuyahoga County. As a mother and grandmother I want to ensure the continuation of Health and Human services for all of our children. As a small business owner it is imperative that economic growth and development are priorities to foster the creation of new and innovative employment opportunities. I believe that Cuyahoga County is at the beginning of a renaissance and collectively with other Council Members and the County Executive it can become a reality.

4. What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

I will bring fresh, open minded, forward thinking and accountable representation. I believe in honoring a code of ethics and I intend to live this code every day of my service to the citizens of Cuyahoga County. My loyalty and professionalism are tantamount to ensuring the Public Trust.

5. What will you do in your first weeks? Please describe in detail, to give our readers and idea of what this position will actually be like.

I will implement the recommendations, Initiatives, Directives, missions and values as outlined by the Charter Review Group. I will work on establishing a strategic planning process through collective cooperation with the County Council members and the County Executive.

6. How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?

A measurement of success is always determined by its benefit. The Council is vested with the responsibility of creating change. I will work actively to engage this positive process by directly listening to our citizens, by balancing a budget, providing quality services, and developing cooperative business relationships with complete honesty and transparency.

## Ed McCartney: Independent County Council Candidate

by Edward McCartney

1. Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and how you make your living.

Edward M. McCartney, 51, Lakewood, in between jobs.

2. Describe for us the duties of a member of the County Council.

Although I'm learning about the position, my understanding is that the council is to work with the executive to make ordinances and resolutions to do various things, such as decide how to spend money for services, and consider the advice of boards and the people.

3. Why do you want to serve on County Council?

To have a godly influence for our society, which is presently somewhat secular or ungodly due to some bad United States' Supreme Court opinions, which ought to be checked. Resolutions could be sent to higher

governments, such as to theonomically amend the American constitution, to give us the freedom to act in a scriptural manner in consideration of Leviticus 26 and other scriptures of the King James Version. You may see the following. <http://lakewooditesformccartney.wordpress.com/2009/10/20/theonomic-amendment/>

4. What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

God has blessed me with enough sense to recognise scriptural supremacy. If the society is like a building, although we need roofers and window installers, my place is to work on the foundation so that we can have a sane society that has enough sense to either obey and directly execute (enforce) the scriptures, or to legislate according to the Bible, in consideration of Psalm 11:3 and other scriptures.

5. What will you do in your first weeks? Please describe in detail, to give

our readers and idea of what this position will actually be like.

If the people elect open minded councillors that are reasonable, hopefully I could open discussions about religion and the first (1st) amendment to the American constitution to send a resolution to Ohio's general assembly and the American congress to amend the foederal constitution to rightly subordinate that constitution to the law of God and the rest of the scriptures. I would also like to have open discussions about race, morality, money, history, and any other subject that we need to discuss to solve problems.

6. How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?

When a constituent calls a representative with an idea based on the Bible, (like our state's motto,) and isn't given blather about, the separation of church and state, so called. When a decent modestly attired beautiful young blonde and blue eyed

white woman can walk any where in Cuyahoga county during any time of the day or night without being apprehensive about being savagely raped. When we have peace and righteousness. When the people, employers, and governments place the will of God ahead of money. When the people may openly discuss religion, race, morality, and all subjects without losing their jobs, or being beaten. When the people and their elected office holders realise that religion, morality, and knowledge are essential to good government according to section 7 of article I of Ohio's constitution. When the people live according to the word of God and are happy; for a bad people can get a bad ruler according to I Samuel 8. And when the people and governmental officers realise that the law of the Creator is superior to the laws of creatures. Further information is available at the following web log. <http://districttwo-formmccartney.wordpress.com/>



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## What Is The Cuyahoga County Council?

by Thealexa Becker

The Cuyahoga County Council is a new legislative body that will act as a co-equal branch of the county government consisting of eleven members, each representing a district in the county. Starting in 2012, the term of each member will be four years. For this upcoming election, six of the council seats will have four year terms and the remaining five will have two year terms. This ensures a rotation of seats within the council so that during no election is the entire council replaced.

The salary for each of these council members is \$55,000 per year and the salary can be changed by ordinance, but it will not take effect until the following term. Each council member can additionally ask for reimbursement for any expenses they have while performing their duties of office.

All members of the council must live in the county and are not permitted to hold any other office within the county.

The council will elect a President and Vice President from among their members for one year terms.

All ordinances or resolutions must be read at least three times at three different meetings. It must be passed by a majority vote of the council (seven members). The County Executive is allowed to veto an entire ordinance or resolution or to line-item veto. The Council can object in writing to the veto within ten days and if the Executive does not respond within another ten days, then the ordinance or reso-

lution will be passed anyway. Or eight members of the council can vote to overrule the Executive. Any passed ordinance or resolution must be made public.

The official charter for the Cuyahoga County Council stipulates the legislative powers that are designated to the council, which are generally stated as the “power to introduce, enact, and amend ordinances and resolutions” relating to the county.

Some of the powers of the council include the following:

1. Appointing Clerk of Council and other assistants to the council.
2. Creating additional county departments as necessary to provide county services.
3. Establishing a procedure for making contracts, buying supplies, and employing experts and consultants.
4. Handling the County’s annual tax budget.
5. Dealing with properties within the county as well as other public improvement ventures. This includes coordinating with other political entities to make improvements and create public works projects.
6. Making public improvements in the county.
7. Providing scholarships, grants, loans, and other financial assistance.
8. Creating an ethics code for future use by county workers.

The Council is also allowed to begin investigations into county issues. The Council is still subject to initiative and referendum by the people of Cuyahoga County.

### Steve Bozsa: continued

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6 means out with the old.

#### 4. What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

I am a product of Lakewood’s excellent public schools and a graduate of our County’s fine public university, Cleveland State’s Levin College of Urban Affairs. My lifelong goal has been to combine innovation and public service; as I already commented in the first question. The new County Charter provides that opportunity to participate in the shaping of a new form of county government and to represent my neighbors in County District 2 for a better economic future.

#### 5. What will you do in your first weeks? Please describe in detail, to give our readers and idea of what this position will actually be like.

We will be studying the Charter in greater detail and will establish our own ground rules for handling our collective responsibilities along with the steps the public wants us to take, and for which they elected us. The First Step would be to do a complete financial and operational audit of all county departments, programs (performance evaluation) and budgets. The Second Step is to review all sole source County contracts to ensure that they are nec-

essary and legitimate. Third, Council must pass a balanced budget that will not compromise the quality of county programs or cut the county work force unless they are double-dippers. Fourth, the new County administration should “bank” the savings in the county budget to enable the County to withstand when the State budget cuts hit us in 2 years. That will avoid the County’s having to raise taxes in 2013. There will need to be some compromise, but my spirit of compromise will be driven by courtesy not the abandonment of principle. I will be establishing effective communication channels with the residents of District 2 by phone, email, and the like.


#### 6. How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?

The County’s budget will be honest & balanced. You will either read stories about how effective the collaboration is among County Council members and the County administration, or at least you won’t read stories about criticism,

controversy, and calamity. You will be able to survey the residents of District 2, and they will say, “I know my County Councilman is Steve Bozsa, and he’s doing a great job for all of us in Cuyahoga County. I’m glad we voted for the Charter and for Steve; now we’re on the right track in this County.”

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Lakewood Business

# Holistic Health Cleveland Opens In Lakewood

by Laurie Haskett

The name is new but the parties aren't! In this past year a group of experienced healers have formed Holistic Health Cleveland, a networking group. While each have developed practices based on their individual training and skills, all have one common bond – holistic healing. Polarity Therapy, Reiki, Hypnotherapy, LaStone Therapy, Reflexology- these are just a few of the specialties this group offers in Lakewood. Their offices are located in a spacious former home at 15522 Madison Avenue (on the corner of Arthur and Madison).

The popularity of alternative healing modalities is experiencing tremendous growth, especially over the past five years. Perhaps this is due to the growing mountain of evidence which documents its success, or maybe it's because so many now look for natural ways to heal and reduce pain- without synthetic drugs and surgery. The goal of holistic health is to stimulate the body's natural ability to heal.

The Holistic Health Cleveland group is excited about their new collaboration and plan to be a permanent part of the Lakewood community. Members are: Fran Kerg, Laurie Haskett, Cathie Drumm, Kathryn Richards, Maureen McCarthy, Michele Zychowski &

Nadine (Ddeani) Feighan.

Fran is an intuitive healer who has been studying and practicing energy medicine for fifteen years. She is a Registered Polarity Practitioner and Reiki Master Teacher who also offers EFT, Assemblage Point Realignment, Cranio-Sacral Therapy, and other energy-based modalities. Her work with sound healing employs the use of tuning forks and isochronic recordings. Although all treatments are customized to the individual client's needs, the majority include a combination of several of these modalities as well as her ability to "read" the energy field.

Laurie is a Registered Polarity Practitioner and a Reiki Master who has been working in the field of energetic bodywork for over six years. She is trained and experienced in Reflexology and also practices Assemblage Point Realignment. Laurie also has a special interest in tuning fork therapy.

Cathie is a Certified Hypnotherapist, Registered Polarity Practitioner/Educator and Reiki Master Teacher. She also specializes in Acupressure and hand and foot reflexology. In addition, she has been trained in and practices LaStone Hot/Cold Bodywork and employs Young Living Essential Oils in her sessions.

Kathryn is a Licensed Professional

Counselor and a Registered Polarity Practitioner who also practices clinical Hypnosis, Reiki, Chelation Energy Healing and Elemental Reflexology. Kathryn has trained in energy medicine with Sara Wiehe, Laura Chapman and Rosalyn Bruyere and in shamanic practices with Cynthia Gale, Myron Eshowsky and Angeles Arriens. Kathryn holds a MA in Community Counseling from John Carroll University.

Maureen has been a Licensed Practical Nurse since 1966 and has 22 years of hospital experience. She is a second degree Reiki practitioner and has been a Registered Polarity Practitioner since 2003. She also offers Elemental Reflexology and Reconnective Healing.

Michele is a Holistic Health practitioner, educator and counselor. She specializes in working with adolescents and young adults. She also works with terminally ill adults, helping them to move from fear into peace. She is a Reiki Master and has studied a variety of energy modalities including Earth Energy, Directed Energy and spiritually guided energy treatments. Her background includes many years of working with troubled teens and young adults.

Ddeani has studied meditation and energetic medicine for the past ten years. She is a Reiki Master and a Registered Polarity Practitioner. She

practices Elemental Reflexology and Holistic Counseling. Ddeani specializes in working with adolescents and the elderly. Her background includes work with handicapped children and adults. She also treats the students at Hiram College, seniors at Ennis Court Nursing Facility in Lakewood and she volunteers at the Gathering Place, working with those touched by cancer.

The public is invited to stop in at the Holistic Health Cleveland Open House on Saturday, October 30th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Free holistic health mini-sessions will be available, along with featured talks on:

- The Human Energy Field
- What is Polarity?
- Polarity Exercises
- Reflexology, Reiki & Grounding
- Connecting to the Earth and Essentials in Healing
- Essential Oils

Those interested in attending the Open House are asked to RSVP via email at [HHCCleveland@businessmailbox.com](mailto:HHCCleveland@businessmailbox.com) so the group knows how many to expect.

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# Lakewood Business

## Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Hosts Candidates Share Records, Plans At Election Forum

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce welcomed candidates for Representative to Congress (10th Congressional District), State Senator (23rd State Senate District), State Representative (13th State House District), Cuyahoga County Executive, and Cuyahoga County Council District 2 Representative to a luncheon forum that was held on October 15th at St. Gregory's Byzantine Hall. Nikki Farley, Vice Chair, Legislative & Governmental Affairs Task Force for the Chamber, welcomed Chamber members and guests to the event. Candidates in attendance were Dennis Kucinich (U.S. House), Mike Skindell (OH Senate), Nickie Antonio (OH House), Matt Dolan, David Ellison, Ed FitzGerald, Ken Lanci, Tim McCormack, Don Scipione (County Executive), Steve Bozza, Lynn Graham, Edward McCartney, and



Green Party Candidate David Ellison speaks with Lakewood's Mayor and the Democratic Candidate Edward FitzGerald

John Zappala (County District 2 Representative). Each candidate gave a short two minute introduction of themselves and their respective records. Candidates for the new County Executive and County Council positions were asked to respond to several questions regarding economic development. Each candidate was asked to respond to a different question on topics ranging from regionalism to workforce education to the foreclosure crisis. The challenging questions and the format of the forum gave those in attendance a clear indication of where the candidates stand on important economic development issues and their respective visions for Cuyahoga County's future.



The event was well attended.

### Chamber Business Spotlight: Marguerite I. Harkness, CPA



"How much you earn is your business; how much you keep after taxes, is my business." I help middle-income taxpayers minimize taxes, manage their assets better, make good financial decisions, and avoid bad financial decisions. Ask your CPA for advice BEFORE you make major financial decisions. Marguerite I. Harkness, CPA has been a member of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce since 1991.

**Did You Know?**  
The largest business segment in the City of Lakewood is the hospitality industry.

### Business Bits Close-Up: Neighborhood Art For Every Taste

by Maggie Fraley

One of the great advantages of Lakewood is the number of "Mom & Pop" shops sprinkled throughout our community that provide unique shopping opportunities. A favorite destination is the Artsy Corner on Detroit and Cranford. It houses John Rehner Fine Art & Framing, Sweet Designs Chocolatier and Local Girl Gallery. Co-owner, John Rehner, celebrates 6 years in this location, and answered a few questions for The LO:

How long have you been taking pictures? My interest started since I was 15 yrs old, miles of film ago.

How long have you been a professional photographer? I don't consider myself a "professional" photographer anymore. I used to be, doing commercial work, now I'm more of a fine art photographer concentrating on landscape, floral and abstract images.

What is the most unique product/service you offer? I suppose my work and the work of other photographers is the most unique thing I offer. But I consider my framing and digital printing services pretty unique because of my background. Not a lot of framers have artistic and comprehensive digital knowledge. This translates to giving customers a lot of good options for their framing or digital printing needs.

Your wife is Ines Rehner, the owner of Sweet Designs Chocolatier and co-owner of this building. How did you and Ines meet? Ines was visiting relatives for the summer from NYC where she managed a chocolate store. She got a part time job for a local chocolate store and helped them put their catalog together. I was the photographer shooting the catalog...love at first bite! We've been married 15 wonderful years.

How long has she has she had Sweet Designs? Also, 15 wonderful years,

### Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Upcoming Events

- Thursday, October 21 - 5:30-7pm  
Business After Hours, Holiday Inn Cleveland-Airport
- October 29-November 2  
6th Annual West End Halloween Window Walk
- Friday, November 12  
2nd Annual Holiday Bid & Buy Online Auction begins
- Thursday, November 18 - 11:30-1:30  
Joint Meeting with Rocky River Chamber at Westwood Country Club
- Monday, December 6 - 8:00pm  
2nd Annual Holiday Bid & Buy Online Auction ends
- For more information, go to: [www.lakewoodchamber.org](http://www.lakewoodchamber.org)

hmmm... coincidence??

The other business in your building is Local Girl Gallery owned by Linda Goik. Local Girl is a small gallery with a large selection of original art that also offers classes and hosts events such as book signings, auctions and fundraisers. How did Local Girl join you? Actually, she was a tenant when we bought the building. She's become a well deserved Lakewood institution. Great tenant, great person.

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# On Kiwanis - The Donut Sale

by Gordon Brumm

For the 35th year in a row, Kiwanis will hold its annual donut sale. The sale will be held on Thursday, October 28 at the Masonic Temple, on the corner of Andrews and Detroit. Donuts can be bought there or by ordering via e-mail at: [tseliot2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tseliot2@sbcglobal.net). The donuts will be sold for \$6.50 for a box of one dozen. Locally processed cider is also sold for \$5.00 a gallon.

Work for Kiwanians actually begins the night before. With the help of other community volunteers, including those from Lakewood and

St. Edward Key Clubs and the Keating Center, they prepare for the sale by folding boxes and laying down rolls of paper to cover the tables in the main room. At this time also, the production line is set up under the guidance of Mike Mazella, proprietor of the Donut Scene in Strongsville.

Three key characters in the overall production process are hookers, dippers and shakers. "Hooker", a word which sometimes brings out delayed-adolescent humor, refers to the person who carefully inserts a thin hook into the donut hole as it comes off the production line, and then lays the donut on a tray for transfer into the main room for cooling.

I was a hooker several times, and as such I was able to eat some of the "scrap", that is, globs of dough that had gone through the production line but had been malformed in the process. I don't think I have ever tasted anything so delicious. So my personal and possibly idiosyncratic advice is this: Go to the Masonic Temple and ask for a box of plain donuts just off the line. Then take them to the nearest place of repose and eat them immediately. Then wait for next year.

After cooling, the plain donuts are differentiated into the five varieties. Some remain plain, others become chocolate-covered, vanilla-covered, cinnamon-dusted or sugar-dusted.

Dippers create the chocolate- and

vanilla-covered donuts by dipping plain donuts into vats of sauce.

Shakers create cinnamon- or sugar-dusted donuts by putting plain donuts in a bag containing the appropriate dusting, and shaking until the donuts become encrusted (Rumor, so far unsubstantiated, has it that a rhumba band will be imported to help the shakers with their rhythm – perhaps Xavier Nougat and his Brazil Nuts).

Completed donuts are packed into boxes, ready to go. Standard boxes contain all five varieties (four plain, two each of the four others), but boxes can be readily made to order.

When all the donuts have gone, the clean-up crew gets to work, restoring the pots and pans and all other aspects of the working space to their original pristine condition. They are the real heroes of the donut sale.

Halloween is not just for kids, nor does it have to be merely amusement,



See the Lakewood Observer website Photo Galleries for a photoblog from last year's Donut Sale at: <http://www.lakewoodobserver.com/photoblogs/mel-page/kiwani-donut-cider-sale>

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Lakewood Perspectives

Great Expectations

by Bret Callentine

At the start of each work day, my alarm goes off. Or at least I expect it to, as long as I set it correctly. I turn the knob on the lamp by my bed and expect the light to come on. I turn on the shower and expect the water to flow. I hop into my car and expect the traffic lights to work properly and the roads to be maintained. I expect the police to preserve the peace. I expect the fire department to protect my house. And God forbid something bad happen in the course of my day, I expect that our local hospitals are well staffed and prepared for any emergency.

But is that fair? I pay my taxes and pay my bills, but is that enough to cover the cost of those expectations? That may be what I've been led to believe, but that's just because I expect my representatives to tell me the truth.

But it seems like every election cycle is filled with more talk about dwindling services, raising costs and the need for yet another special tax levy. With the constant threat of layoffs to teachers, police, and firemen, it seems that somewhere down the line, perhaps our expectations may have gotten too high.

But it's 2010, shouldn't everyone have access to a good education, a safe neighborhood and proper medical care? Unfortunately, no. But it's not because we're not capable of providing

those services, it's because as a society we have yet to earn them. When I turn on the lamp, I expect the light to come on. Not because I know the first thing about how to generate electricity, but because I pay someone else to. My expectation is that if I do my part (pay the money that they say covers the cost of production) that they'll do their part (make sure the power runs efficiently, effectively and reliably).

The problem starts when my expectations begin to outweigh my responsibilities. We not only expect the electricity to flow freely, but we want it cheaper, cleaner and 'greener' every year. We expect our teachers to handle more kids in fewer rooms with greater results, but then act indignant when teachers give more homework and request more parent interaction. We expect the post office to get our mail to us faster than ever before, but get offended if they raise the price of stamps by even a few cents. We want our roads smoother and our bridges stronger but demand that the contracts are smaller and the construction is faster.

The problem is that our expectations are quickly being viewed as our entitlements. This government was initially founded with the responsibility to "promote the general welfare", not PROVIDE the general welfare. The founding fathers wanted government to "secure the blessings of liberty", not GUARAN-

TEE the trappings of prosperity.

In 1776, we were relatively happy with a government that would merely "establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, and provide for the common defense," but now, on top of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," we think we have the right to higher education, the best medical care, affordable housing, guaranteed insurance, minimum wages, social security and government relief from every possible personal or public tragedy that comes down the pike. And the biggest expectation of all is that someone who has more money than you do should pay for it.

As big as our problem is with our level of expectations, it's still secondary to our problem of assuming that someone else's money is better off being used to serve our own personal wants and needs. As much as we all want to expand our expectations of what is and isn't a basic liberty, we're fools if we think we can do it by dictating what is and isn't a legitimate salary, income, or net worth.

We expect the benefits of the modern medical profession, but what about those who sacrifice most of their lives learning those skills? Are they wrong for expecting compensation for their work? We want cheaper electricity and gas, but doesn't the utility worker expect a raise in pay as he or she gains more experience on the line or in the plant? How do you react when your boss raises the level of expectations

without also raising the level of pay?

Trying to raise the standard of living of the poor by forcibly limiting the wealth of the rich usually brings the standards of the latter down to the level of the former more than it will ever make the poor rich. After all, when is the last time the Nobel Prize for Medicine went to doctors or researchers from a socialist nation?

I'm not saying we have to resign ourselves to the current level of poverty, homelessness, and unemployment. What I'm suggesting is that we have an over-exaggerated sense of what we think our current level of spending should afford us. We're paying for bologna, and expecting roast beef. More than 25% of this nation doesn't even pay taxes, yet we expect everyone to have healthcare, welfare, and high-speed internet access.

This isn't a plea to pass a new tax levy or to restructure the tax code, it's an appeal to come to terms with the illegitimacy of our current level of expectations. You get what you pay for, and more importantly, you only earn what you work for. And, regardless of what we think we're owed or what we believe we are entitled to, if we don't recommit ourselves to providing the level of services we seek, we shouldn't expect anything other than disappointment.

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## Pulse Of The City

### Lakewood's Cliffs Of Freedom...

# The Last Station Of The Underground Railroad

by Gary Rice

The year 2011 will mark two very special anniversaries. The first will be Lakewood's own birth 100 years ago as an official "city." The second anniversary will mark the 150th year since the beginning of the American Civil War. In a very unique way, Lakewood's own history is closely related to both commemorations.

Silently in the darkness, the quaintly dressed man emerged from behind the huckleberries at the edge of the vast ravine. "It is well," he whispered to the forlorn group behind him, "thee can emerge from the tunnel now. Come follow me, but do so step by step, and carefully. One little slip and thee will take us all off this cliff." From the crawl-tunnel behind him came a tired group of six fugitive slaves dressed in a mixture of dirty calico, gingham, and tattered flannel; each holding onto part of a long thick rope for safety. Only two of the group had anything that might remotely pass for shoes. Slowly, ever so slowly, they began the descent down the side of the ravine and into the Rocky River valley. At the edge of the river, running shallow in the still, humid silence of a warm August evening, the group waited patiently on the smooth river stones. Suddenly, and quite faintly, a lantern's light revealed itself on the opposite bank: twice, and then once. "Yes," whispered the quaintly dressed man, "that is indeed the signal for thee to cross, but do so quickly, but quietly now. Noise travels a great distance over water!" A young ebony-skinned boy of fourteen bit into his lip as he entered the river. Deep lacerations on the soles of his feet stung greatly in the flowing, cool waters. On his back were many older lacerations, whippings from his earlier escape attempts. On his soul were even greater lacerations that could not be seen.

One by one, each crossed the river to the spot where the lantern had last been seen. As the last one arrived on dry ground, the lantern, being only a few feet from the party, opened again barely an inch. By the lantern light, the outline of a lady in a Quaker bonnet and gray dress could be discerned. "Go now to yonder Indian rock," she motioned, "thee will find food, comfort, and blankets there. Thee will rest and have meeting together. Then, thee must climb up this side of the rocks. In a short while, thee will come to other cliffs. These will be the cliffs of freedom, for they stand on the great Lake Erie. We cannot go up this valley to Lake Erie tonight, for the slave catchers are encamped there. Tomorrow night, the boat will come to take thee to Canada. Thee will soon be free!"

The following evening, a small boat arrived at an even smaller inlet near today's Lakewood Park, and six grateful former slaves left the United States over the silent gentle lapping of the darkening mid-summer waters. The Quaker couple on the bank then returned to their carriage and opened wide the wire-caged lantern. With a "Go now, Friend Horsey," they started

off on the long return to their home, with their midnight-black Arabian mare leading the way.

Although the story above may be fictional in its particulars, in general terms, the facts of what happened right here in the Lakewood/Rocky River area speak for themselves—but only if you look closely. Internet and library searches do not have a great deal of information concerning the Underground Railroad in this area, and the principals involved at that time generally kept quiet about their participation, even after the Civil War because the heroic deeds they had performed were, after all, quite illegal in the eyes of our government. Only stories, shadows, rumors and occasional facts emerge for the potential researcher of this sad yet glorious chapter of Lakewood's history. The mouth of Rocky River was one of many places where the former slaves were taken to wait for the boats. Quite often, unfortunately, they were betrayed at the last minute into the arms of the slave catchers. Sometimes, they made their way on foot to the cliffs and inlets along the coastline to wait, as in the story above. Sometimes, according to other sources, they quietly made their way down to the lake through one or more long underground tunnels that began in the cellars of local homes.

The Quakers, by the way, were a group of self-described "peculiar people" who took Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" quite literally. They also felt that the inspiring words found at the front of the Gospel of John, "the true Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (KJV), meant that the light of God was in all of humankind, and therefore all people were equal before God and brothers and sisters in the "Light." During Oliver Cromwell's time in England, the use of the personal "thee" in speech was banned for the more impersonal, formerly plural "you." Quakers refused to abandon the word "thee" because to do so would involve treating people as class-conscious groups, instead of as individual God-filled Children of the Light. Even today, many Quakers continue to use this "plain speech." Quakers refused to fight in wars, swear oaths, or remove their hats in the presence of "superiors." They wore simple clothing and wanted only to bear witness to what they felt was God's work on earth. Hundreds of them died or were imprisoned for their witness. Many, though not all, Quakers opposed slavery.

The Underground Railroad was the name given to the means by which fugitive slaves were brought out of the South and transported to Canada. Though usually neither underground nor a railroad, hundreds of people called Abolitionists helped these former slaves on their way to freedom. Many people of other faiths were also involved with the Railroad. Places like the Pomeroy House in Strongsville and the Hubbard Home in Ashtabula (called "Mother Hubbard's Cupboard") were also reportedly stations on this secret path-

way to Canada. Nearby Oberlin was also said to have been a major center of Underground Railroad activities.

Slavery had never been permitted in Ohio, or for that matter in any of the Northwest Territories. For years, if fugitive slaves made it into Ohio in the 1840's, they were free. In 1857, however, a former slave named Dred Scott had returned from his free home in Indiana to a slave state and had been again made a slave. He petitioned the Supreme Court for his freedom. The Supreme Court, under Chief Justice Roger Taney, shook the entire country by stating that no black, whether slave or free, could ever be a citizen. Furthermore, all states had to recognize slaves as property and enforce their return to their masters, in a reinforcement of an 1850 Fugitive Slave Law. Having never allowed slavery, many Ohioans were furious, and disregarded the decision of the Federal Court. The Underground Railroad then kicked into high gear, as it became clear that Canada was the only option for true freedom for the slaves. Border cities like Detroit were too densely populated to permit many secret slave crossings. That left the crossing of Lake Erie, and brought the area that we know today as Lakewood, into a central role in the Underground Railroad.

As we now have that beautiful walkway down to the water's edge at Lakewood Park, perhaps it would be well to reflect back to that fictional

August night, and perhaps to a great many other such nights on the cliffs around Lakewood, and in the Rocky River lagoon. As you, er, THEE, walk down this historic walkway, think about those rocks as being the last stepping stones to freedom for a people torn from their homes in the heart of Africa, brought to this land in chains, and having to leave it in order to achieve the freedom so many other Americans take for granted. A great many died as well, perhaps on those very rocks around the walkway. In 2006, Dad and I, with the blessing and help of our city, placed a monument at the top of that walkway so that generations from now, people will remember what happened here.

In the past, this chapter of American History has often been hidden from view as an embarrassing affront to our country's image as a beacon of freedom for all, but here in Lakewood, the North Star, that beacon of hope at the end of the Big Dipper Drinking Gourd in the sky... the star that guided those escaped slaves to a new life of freedom...never shone brighter than here in this place.

A special thanks to Vic Silverman, my Lakewood High School Social Studies teacher, for taking us to the Pomeroy House so many years ago, and for igniting within us the spirit of remembrance.

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# Home And Garden

## Search For Grandma’s New Home Aids Cousins In New Lakewood Venture

by Bradley Dubin

Some may think it is strange that two big city brothers and their cousin, ages 29, 30 and 34, purchased an assisted living community in Ohio. But it makes perfect sense that the former investment banker, real estate broker and attorney are now at the helm of Northwesterly Assisted Living Community in the heart of Lakewood.

While our Michigan-based family has successfully owned and operated senior living communities for over 40 years, it wasn’t until our 89-year old grandmother’s health declined that we decided to follow in our grandfather and fathers’ footsteps. Scott and Tony Kantor, and Bradley Dubin, quit their high-profile jobs and created Bloomfield Senior Living to focus exclusively on independent living, assisted living and Alzheimer’s and dementia care.

When it became evident that our grandmother needed daily living assistance, our closely-knit family confronted the dilemma of where she should live and began hunting for the perfect assisted living community. It had to provide the special assistance she needed and the individuality, independence and privacy she still desired. It had to be more than an institutionally disguised, dime-a-dozen, profit-driven business chanting disingenuous slogans “we care for America’s seniors.” We were searching, with a sharp eye, for her new home, a lifestyle, and a place that could deliver the socialization, personal attention and platinum care she deserved.

Building upon our family’s values, principals, reputation and three genera-

tions of experience, while taking into account the frustrations associated with our personal search, the trio recognized a shift in the industry and set out on a mission to create the perfect assisted living community by redefining senior care with a more modern, less expensive, lifestyle approach to health care.

Northwesterly was one of our first acquisitions this year. We also acquired two properties in Indiana and two in South Carolina. Since January, Bloomfield has acquired 5 senior living communities, 306 collective units, for nearly \$11 million from bankrupt senior housing giant, Sunwest Management, Inc. With our family’s conservative ideology and long-standing philosophy of not being over-levered, Bloomfield paid all cash for Northwesterly and the South Carolina properties and conservatively financed the Indiana properties. Our philosophy of operating Northwesterly with no debt provides residents and their families comfort that we will be around both now and in the future.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of people ages 65 and older is expected to more than double from 39 million today to 87 million by 2030. This is a result of the surge in births worldwide post World War II, the Baby Boom Generation. Since aging Boomers will live longer today than ever before, many seniors entering their retirement years will require some level of care. In fact, the number of people who will require assistance with activities of daily living is projected to increase by 51% over the next 20 years. Whether resulting from

gradual deterioration that customarily accompanies the aging process, a need for social interaction with their contemporaries, or another dramatic triggering event such as the death of a spouse, a fall in the home or a medical crisis, chances are that many of you will confront the daunting task of making difficult choices regarding your parent or grandparent.

NBC brought these issues to the forefront when it aired the pilot episode, “the Good Son,” of its sophisticated and widely acclaimed, Emmy-Award winning sitcom Fraser. Fraser and his brother, Niles, are seen scrutinizing brochures while debating whether or not to put their father, who could no longer live alone, in a senior living residence.

Studying brochures is only the first step in preparing to find the perfect fit for your loved one. In recognizing the repercussions if mom, dad, grandma or grandpa, winds up in the wrong place, I am sure we all wish that we could simply give the Magic 8-Ball a childhood shake and be presented the answer “without a doubt” when asking whether they will be happy. As much as we would like to simply rely upon a novelty toy, the only fool proof way to ensure that you are making the right decision is to trust your intuition and conduct due diligence.

While preparing to become the new owners of Northwesterly, we began assembling our own due diligence - the yellow post-it notes that had been plastered everywhere from our bedside tables to office desks, the frayed napkins covered with chicken scratch and random newspaper clippings, magazine articles and blogs that had been graffitied with our neon yellow highlighters. While searching for grandma’s perfect new home, we had unknowingly come up with innovative ways to establish

Northwesterly as the perfect community and a place our grandmother would be proud to call home.

Our unique vision of redefining assisted living is the ideal combination of exceptionally developed programming, customized care, personalized supportive services, a diverse menu of wellness/exercise programs, professional expertise and care by design. Transforming our ideas to realities, we are near completion of an exciting \$1 million remodel of the Northwesterly, which includes a new dining room, additional private dining areas for family gatherings and parties, a community bistro, a new pub/ice cream parlor, updated retreat, media, game and activity rooms, a brand new beauty salon and chapel and modern furnishings throughout. Our residents will also enjoy the renovations from the comfort of their own newly remodeled suites. Separating ourselves from the prior corporate ownership, we are intimately involved in operations, will be adding new services and amenities and as a long term holder that doesn’t have partners, will continue to re-invest back into the community with philosophy of holding and managing our properties for generations making it more about the care and less about short term investor returns.

This is not a story, however, about one family, one grandmother or one assisted living community. This story is about thousands of families, thousands of grandmothers and thousands of assisted living communities. While our journey took us from finding the perfect fit for grandma to running Northwesterly in a manner that would make her proud, your journey to find the perfect home away from home for your loved one will be equally successful with careful planning. In next week’s article, we will share tips for finding the perfect senior living residence for your loved one.

## Foreclosure Issues

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short amount of time allowed before the resolution needs to be received, Council decided to suspend the rule requiring three readings and pass the motion on its first reading.

Having reached the end of the agenda items, Council opened the floor to members of the public to make comments. Among these members of the public was Coletta Gram, a long time Lakewood citizen and a regular at the Council meetings. Mrs. Gram complained about instances where she has encountered drivers who were distracted by their cell phones while driving. She asked that Council consider passing a law making it illegal for people in Lakewood to use their phones while driving. She pointed out that nearby localities have taken some action on this matter already. Council responded by saying that they have considered the issue, but tabled it since

the state has looked at it as well. They said they did not want to pass a law making it illegal and spend the money for the signage at each entrance to the city letting people know about the new law as they enter, just to have the state pass one and making the money unnecessarily spent. That being said, Council did say that they would seriously discuss the topic again and see if there are some changes they can make.

With that, a fairly short and straight to the point meeting ended at 8:41 P.M. when Council President Kevin Butler adjourned it.

Council meetings are held every first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall Auditorium. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held on November 1, 2010. For a copy of the agenda or for any other information regarding the Lakewood City Council, you can find it at [onelakewood.com/citygovern\\_council.html](http://onelakewood.com/citygovern_council.html).

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Home And Garden

Appleseed Or Kirtland?

# A Historian's View Of "Early Settler"

by Amy Kloss

Who is on the front of The Lakewood Civic Auditorium? Although the sculpture by renowned artist Viktor Schreckengost portrays a man in an orchard planting a small tree, the man is not Johnny Appleseed. Or is he?

Craig Bara, Historian/Archivist with American DaVinci LLC, will discuss the controversy surrounding "Early Settler," as the sculpture is known, on October 27 at 7 p.m. in the Lakewood Public Library's Auditorium.

Opened in 1955 with a community celebration attended by 2,000 citizens, the Civic Auditorium cost \$1.2 million and was considered the crown jewel of the major construction projects going on in Lakewood at the time. Schreckengost had worked previously with the architects, and they selected him to design a sculpture to grace the front of the Auditorium.

Sketches from the artist's archives that Bara will show during his presentation clearly indicate that Schreckengost was thinking of Johnny Appleseed when he began. However, the artist himself and Lakewood civic leaders were wary of portraying someone as eccentric as Johnny Appleseed on an educational building.

"He was kind of a hippie, wandering around planting trees," says Bara. Born in 1774 as John Chapman, Johnny Appleseed traveled among the pioneers in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois preaching the gospel of the Swedenborgian Church and planting nurseries, which he would then leave in the care of a neighbor who would later sell the trees. According to legend, Appleseed dressed in old, used clothing and never wore shoes. He cared deeply about animals and insects and lived the ideals of charity and piety. He remained a wanderer his entire life.

Rather than have such a radical portrayed in the 17 foot high terracotta sculpture on the front of the high school, a committee of Lakewood civic leaders decided to select Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland as the prototype of the man depicted in "Early Settler." Kirtland was an internationally known doctor, naturalist, teacher, writer, judge, legislator, geologist, and horticulturist who owned and lived for 40 years on the land where Lakewood High School now stands. In an effort to mold the meaning of the piece into something theoretical rather than practical, the committee proposed that the sculpture portray the planting of ideas within the auditorium, not the actual planting of trees by a wandering folk hero.

According to a Lakewood Post arti-

cle from 1954, "The Civic Auditorium is for the purpose of extending learning and spreading ideas. The Early Settler who is planting a seedling portrays the planting of ideas within the auditorium. It is also a reminder of the ideas of early settlers who established homes, tilled the soil, improved the species, and created a community with churches, schools and government."

Whoever the sculpture depicts, it was a hit, receiving two first prizes for outstanding sculpture and architecture in 1954. Bara plans to play portions of an interview with the artist Viktor Schreckengost discussing his work, including the installation of the sculpture. It was important to Schreckengost that the 30 foot wide piece, weighing about 30 tons, was truly three dimensional, not flat against the building.

Schreckengost himself is something of a local hero. Born in 1906 in Sebring, Ohio, Schreckengost is known as the American DaVinci for his pioneering work in industrial design, as well as the hundreds of watercolors, sculptures, decorative ceramics and works of public art now on display throughout the country. Famous for the Jazz Bowl he created for Eleanor Roosevelt, Schreckengost chose to live and work most of his life in Ohio rather than seek greater fame in a larger city. In addition to his huge artistic output, Schreckengost also created the first industrial design program in the nation at the Cleveland Institute of Art. In fact, according to Bara, "Teaching was the number one thing in his life." Schreckengost received the National Medal of Arts in 1906. He died in 2008 at the age of 101.

Join Craig Bara for his multimedia

presentation on Wednesday, October 27 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium at 15425 Detroit Avenue to learn more about this fascinating artist and

the legacy he left behind in Lakewood and the nation. All programs are free and open to the public.

## Vintage Varieties An Eclectic Sale

by Paula Reed

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 23rd, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., because you won't want to miss Vintage Varieties, an new adventure for the Lakewood Historical Society. This petite, eclectic sale will be held at the Skate House, behind the Oldest Stone House Museum at Lakewood Park, 14710 Lake Avenue.

We have received many donations of framed art work and mirrors, lamps, light fixtures and rugs, so this sale will emphasize home decor items and small pieces of furniture.

There are child-sized chairs; antique chairs (including a beautiful platform rocker) and occasional tables; shelves and brackets; clocks; really cool enamel-topped kitchen tables, one with four chairs; pedestals and stands. There are shelf pieces; fireplace tools and andirons; some warm winter comforters and blankets. You'll also find a few pieces of architectural salvage, and a veritable library of magazines related to



Textiles Maven Sandy Millman displays a few of the items for the sale.

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The Back Page

From Peach Pits To Pumpkin Seeds

by Frances Killea

A few hopeful customers still ask their favorite vendors: “Do you have any peaches?” The jewels of the summer harvest, though, are gone from local farmer’s markets, having given way to autumn crops. Acorn squash, decorative gourds, indian corn, pie pumpkins, and apples with wildly unfamiliar names grace the displays where Redhavens blushed what seems not so long ago. When the dreamers are met with the explanation that peaches are weeks out of season, their disappointment is obvious- and some retreat empty handed, walking away from the prizes September and October have to offer.

The intoxicating allure of soft summer fruit lies partly in its fleeting season. The taste and beauty of a raspberry are exceptional, to be sure, but what makes it irresistible is the fact that it appears for so short a time. It’s an ephemeral shade of red that smudges an otherwise verdant summer bounty. Similarly, peaches linger only so long upon vendors’ tables, rare fruit that has just a cameo role in the greater scheme of storage crops and ubiquitous leafy greens. The first fruit that people ask about when markets begin in earnest is also the last, as seasonal markets wrap up. No doubt its attractiveness is linked in part to the way its debut and last appearance put summer into parentheses.

Changing seasons and waning days do mean the disappearance of soft summer fruit, but after the rush of those market favorites, some people seem to overlook the potential of fall harvests. Amble through local farmer’s markets and you may be rewarded with a dozen varieties of apple: one is best for applesauce, one stands out best in pies- and everyone has their favorite to eat from hand. You may take home broccoli, squash, carrots, potatoes, kale, concord grapes, and pumpkins- some for carving, and some for cooking. If you’ve never cooked a pumpkin before, only ever relying upon the store-bought, rust-colored cans of puree for soups and pies- now’s the time to learn!

Peach pits and berry stains are the residue of summer drugs. The local food scene, however, is hardly dry, even though the offerings have changed. Farmers still boast fruits and vegetables to the October market-goer. Breads and pastries sold by local bakers now take on quintessential autumn flavors, and some new vendors are showing up with strictly wintry goods- lamb’s wool blankets and holiday wreaths are just a couple to look for. Quaint jars of grape jam and apple butter stack up on tables where boxes of berries used to be- and if you’re desperate for one last lick of summer, you may still find it in a pint of red raspberry preserves.



photo by Frances Killea

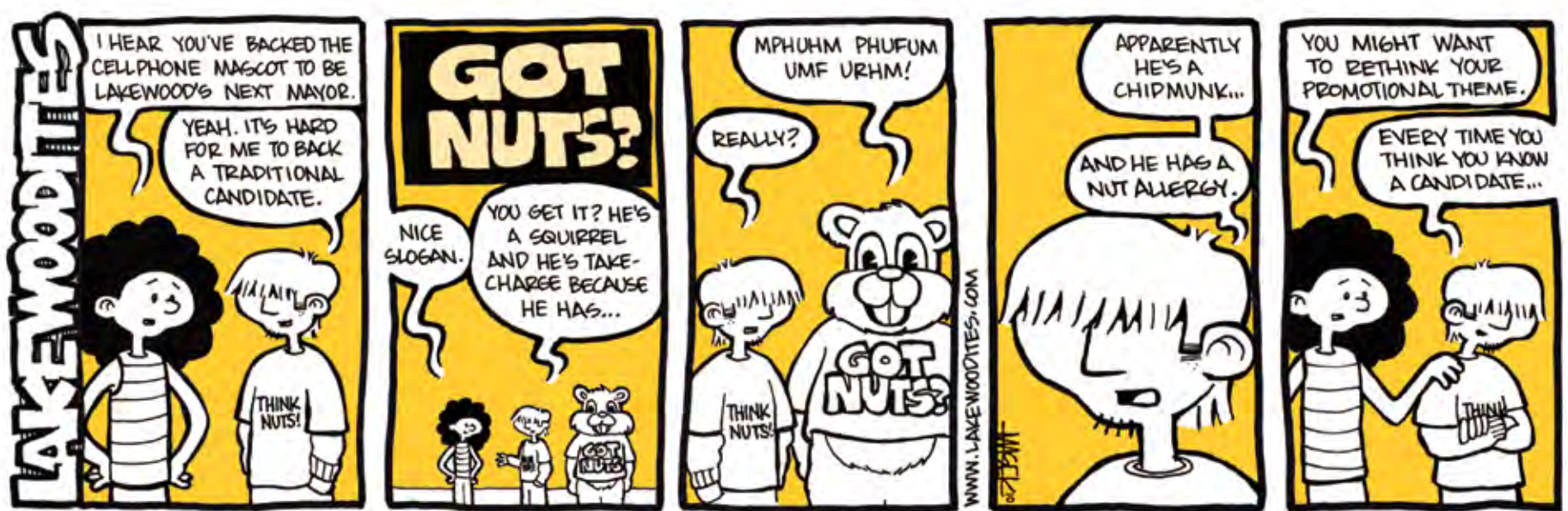
Pumpkin Spice Cookies

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| 1 cup coconut oil  | 4 1/2 cup flour                 |
| 1 cup pumpkin puree  | 1 tbsp baking soda              |
| 1 cup brown sugar  | 1 tsp salt                      |
| 1/2 cup white sugar  | 2 tsp cinnamon                  |
| 1 tsp vanilla extract  | 1 tsp ginger                    |
| 1/4 cup flax egg replacer (2 tbsp ground flaxseed with 2 tbsp water) | 1/2 tsp nutmeg                  |
|  | pinch of cloves and/or cardamom |

Using a stand mixer or an electric hand mixer, blend softened coconut oil, pumpkin puree, and sugars in a large bowl. Add vanilla extract and flax-egg, blending until the batter is smooth.


Mix flour, baking soda, salt, and spices in a bowl, and slowly beat or stir the dry ingredients into the wet mix. If desired, fold in a cup of walnuts or chocolate chips.

Bake generous tablespoonfuls of batter at 325 degrees for about 13 minutes, or until the cookies look set and the edges begin to brown- cook time varies from oven to oven, and depends upon the size of your cookie.





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