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Winter Storm Can't Keep Lakewood Down As

Judge Rules In Favor Of Lakewood's Dog Park



Bill Avis clears not just his walks but all of the walks around him. This is just one example of what makes Lakewood such a nice place to live. Neighbors helping neighbors.

Detroit Theater Closed For Good? Not If The People Of Lakewood Can Help It



by Betsy Voinovich

On the evening of January 30th, after the 7 pm showings of "The Green Hornet" and the Coen Brothers' version of "True Grit," the Detroit Theater closed its doors.

The theater was crowded that night, with people lining up on the sidewalk to get in. Popcorn ran out, the movies ended, and many were reluctant to leave, lingering in the lobby to chat and wonder whether they'd walked to their last neighborhood movie theater.

In the past few weeks, owner, Norman Barr was heard commenting that he wished he'd had this kind of support when the theater was

struggling, maybe he wouldn't have had to close.

This would be a good time to let everyone reading this paper know that if you know of a Lakewood business that is struggling or needs help, or you are the proprietor of such a business, LET US KNOW. This is a community that values and supports its local businesses, whether they've been around forever, like the Detroit Theater, or have recently opened up, like Lakewood Garden Center, or Lakewood Hardware Store.

The Lakewood Observer will publish your story and let people know that you need their support. Our citizens are quick with new ideas, alternative

plans to keep things going, and generous with their time. If Lakewoodites know that one of their neighbors needs help, whether it's a family or a business, or a school, they will be there.

As for the Detroit Theater, the news of its closing hit the Lakewood Observer Observation Deck (the online message board of the paper) on January 20th, ten days before the event was to occur. Since then, among the many ideas discussed, some are emerging as real plans to try and save the theater. Go online and take a look, add your own ideas or get inspired- <http://www.lakewoodobserver.com/forum>

Long live The Detroit. Stay tuned.

by Kent Cicerchi and Karen Karp

On February 1, 2011, Judge Carolyn B. Friedland of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court issued her decision in a lawsuit brought in July, 2007, by the City of Rocky River and four of its residents against the City of Lakewood and the users of the Lakewood Dog Park on a complaint of

excessive barking.

Although the residents of Rocky River's High Parkway neighborhood alleged in the lawsuit that the dog park constitutes a public and private nuisance and testified that the City of Lakewood would not work with them to fix the barking problem, Judge Friedland ruled that there was, in

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Promotions In The Police Department



Pictured (L to R): Chief Malley, Mayor Summers, Captain Anthony Ciresi, Sergeant Duane Brown, Sergeant Kevin Fischer, Sergeant Timothy Schad, Lieutenant Leslie Wilkins, Lieutenant Kevin Kauccheck and Sergeant William Deucher

by Melissa Garrett

On January 31, 2011, Mayor Michael Summers promoted seven Officers of the Lakewood Police Department to positions of great importance to the City of Lakewood. Due to several recent retirements, openings developed in the command staff. After a comprehensive testing process by the Lakewood Civil Service Commission, Mayor Summers

held a promotional ceremony which was attended by over one hundred family members, fellow officers, city employees, and well wishers. Summers noted that "Lakewood's citizens will be well served by these dedicated, experienced, and competent Police Officers. They will provide effective leadership to our Police force, and thereby, our community".

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Students Talk With Lt. Demro in Iraq



Check out Hannah Salo's story on page 10.

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 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

Wednesday, February 9

Lakewood High School Big Band Jazz Festival

7:30 PM, Civic Auditorium, 14100 Franklin Blvd.
Featuring the LHS Jazz Workshop, LHS Jazz Band, and special guests under the direction of Ken Mehalko. Admission for the concert is \$3 Adults, \$2 for Senior Citizens, and \$1 for Students. Preschoolers Free! Selections featured will be C Jam Blues, Fascinating Rhythm, Gravy Waltz and Country Road among others.

Thursday, February 10

Startup Lakewood’s Ideation Session

6:00 - 9:00 PM, bela dubby, 13321 Madison Ave.
Have an idea for a new product, business, or even a marketing campaign? Startup Lakewood’s Ideation Sessions are focused brainstorm sessions where entrepreneurially-minded Lakewood residents/stakeholders can openly discuss their ideas with Startup Lakewood’s Director of Ideation, special guests, and other soon-to-be entrepreneurs. Ideation Sessions take place in the highly creative cafes that Lakewood boasts, where there will be coffee, snacks, and whiteboards available to participants.

Understanding Your Credit

7:00 - 8:00 PM, Harding Middle School, 16601 Madison Ave.
Learn which two cards can lower your credit score. Learn why there is a right way and a wrong way to pay off collections. Learn which 5 factors influence your scores the most and what are the fastest ways to drive your scores upward. Learn the three C’s of credit and why they are important. Every attendee will receive a copy of their credit report. There is \$15 Material Fee. Registration is required. Contact the Lakewood Recreation Department at 529-4081 or www.lakewoodrecreation.com.

Friday, February 11

Personal Career Coaching On Fridays

1:00 - 4:00 PM, Lakewood Public Library, Main Branch
As part of the Job Seeker Tuesdays in February, professionals from Cuyahoga Community College Career Development and Transition Services, will be offering personal career coaching on Fridays in February. Appointments are Required. Call 216-529-6868, or email lakewoodfamilycollab@gmail.com. See ad on Page 8.

Swing Dance at the Lakewood Masonic Temple

8:00 PM - 12:00 AM, Lakewood Masonic Temple, 15300 Detroit Ave.
Night of live swing music and swing dancing. We have an easy jitterbug lesson for beginners from 8-9 and dancing to The Mojo Big Band is from 9 until midnight. Only \$10 per person and no need to bring a partner or have any previous dance experience. We rotate partners during the lesson. Arrive at the dance in time to take the lesson so that you have the chance to meet as many people as possible. If you have any questions please call or email me at 216-374-1927 or info@GetHepSwing.com.

Saturday, February 12

Earned Income Tax Credit Clinic

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue
Trained volunteers will help you, at no charge, apply for the money you have earned. In order to qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, your earned income and adjusted gross income (AGI) must meet income eligible requirements. Clinics will be held at the Lakewood Public Library on January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9. Appointment times on these dates will be 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM. To register call at (216) 226-8275 x 127.

Grand Opening: Minutes-Matter Training Center

1:00 - 4:00 PM, 13002 Madison Ave
Free: Heartsaver CPR/AED Course (open to the public) from 1:30-2:30 pm. Reservation recommended. Come meet the Minutes-Matter Team! We are committed to training every ‘lay-rescuer’ to healthcare professional in the city and beyond! We believe that every man, woman and child above the age of 4 years should be trained in the basics of CPR/AED on some level. To that end, we are here to give everyone the opportunity, to gain the knowledge, to ‘save a life’ should they be called upon, to do so. Please: “Get Trained” Today ! You never know when someone might need you!!
www.minutesmatter.professor.com.

Cleveland Craft Coalition’s Valentine Show

1:00 - 5:00 PM, Bela Dubby, 13321 Madison Ave.
Valentine’s Day is quickly approaching, and the Cleveland Craft Coalition is gearing up for our first big show of 2011. We have many exciting artists lined up, some old

favorites and some brand new faces. Show your Valentine you care and pick them up something Handmade with Love. We will also be collecting donations for the Domestic Violence Center of Cleveland. Thanks for supporting the local art scene!

Tuesday, February 15

Job Seeker Tuesdays In February Series

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Lakewood Public Library, Main Branch
Networking...Get With It. Learn how to “Use the Grapevine” to get your message out - to get referrals and gain insight into your target market.Workshops & Coaching are free. See ad on Page 8 for more details.

Parenting for the New Year and Beyond Seminar

6 - 7:30 PM, Horace Mann Elementary School, West Clifton
A comprehensive application to increase a parent’s understanding of child development, improve parenting skills, help balance a parent’s responsibilities; at home, at work, in the community, find ways to nurture the parent along with the child, and lastly help build a supportive network. The goal is to reduce stress and increase the joys of parenting. Presented by Barb O’Patry LPCC. A light meal and childcare will be provided and it’s all FREE. Please call to reserve a space (216)529.5018.

LO Outreach & Development Community Conversations

7 - 9 PM, Beck Cafe, Detroit Ave.
A chance to sit down with other engaged citizens and talk about ideas, challenges, community issues, etc. And the coffee is on us! These Community Conversations will give us all a chance to sit down informally with community leaders and bend their ears for a while. There will also be time set aside to focus on you- the contributors and what you need from us as a writer, photographer or editor.

Wednesday, February 16

The Voices of Our Youth

7:00 - 8:30 PM, Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Ave. See Page 4.

Saturday, February 19

Want to become a certified Babysitter

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Lakewood YMCA
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Eat Well Lakewood

1:00 - 4:00 PM, Lakewood High School, 14100 Franklin Ave. See Page 14.

Eaters of Lakewood dine at Eddy & Iggy’s

5:00 - 9:00 PM, Eddy & Iggy’s, 17900 Detroit Ave.
Do you need a night out? Each month EOL picks a local restaurant to dine at. Everyone in attendance fills out a survey. Interested? If you have any questions you can contact us at eatersoflakewood@gmail.com or visit www.eatersoflakewood.com

Regional Premiere! Jerry Springer: The Opera

8:00 PM, Studio Theater, Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Ave. See Page 21.

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Lakewood News

Lakewood Celebrates Diversity At Potluck Dinner

by Greg Mahoney

On January 27th 2011, the Lakewood community gathered for the annual Diversity Potluck at the Lakewood Park Women's Club Pavilion. The Potluck is sponsored and organized by the City of Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission, a 13 member advisory board appointed by the Mayor and City Council to serve as a liaison in terms of community relation issues in Lakewood. The Potluck serves as a collaborative avenue for attendees to express their creative ways of sharing his or her favorite ethnic dish or dessert while being provided an opportunity to build fellowship with neighbors and other members of the community. A large array of dishes from many different cultures made for a delicious dinner, and made it easy to settle into interesting conversations with new neighbors and friends.

A portion of the food, including wonderful desserts, was provided through the generous donations of various Lakewood individuals and businesses. Businesses whose special efforts made the Potluck a total success include: The Root Café, Elmwood Bakery, Nunzio's, Guys Pizza, Papa Johns, Hungry Howie's and Dewey's Pizza.



To commence the evening's activities, fellow Lakewood Observer, Gary Rice, provided a Native American blessing with his sacred cedar flute.

April Stoltz, Co-chair of the Community Relations Advisory Commission was pleased with the night's turn-out. "The Lakewood Diversity Potluck is an excellent opportunity for all of our friends and neighbors to come together to break bread and to empower community building," she said.

The Community Relations Advisory Commission would like to invite the community to the upcoming Lakewood "Youth Conversation" that will be held on February 16th, 2011 from 7- 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at Lakewood City Hall, 12650 Detroit Ave.

The "Youth Conversation" will feature a panel of current students from Lakewood High School who will

share their experiences, and answer audience questions about what being a member of the youth community in Lakewood is all about.

Nadhal Eadah is a member of the Community Relations Advisory Commission and one of the organizers of the Youth Conversation. He thinks that citizens will learn a lot if they attend this event. "It's a good opportunity for the students to voice their concerns, desires and likes about living in Lakewood," he said. "The Youth Conversation' is an opportunity to give our policy-makers and the public at-large a chance to hear first-hand what changes Lakewood Youth feel should be made."

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The State of Lakewood's Youth:

Teens To Discuss Life In Lakewood, February 16th

by Nadhal Eadeh

On a recent blustery January day, a group of eight Lakewood High School (LHS) students met to prepare for a community discussion about what it's like to be a teenager growing up in Lakewood. The "Youth Conversation" will take place February 16th from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Lakewood City Hall Auditorium.

Hosted by the Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission, the "Youth Conversation" will provide an opportunity for city leaders and residents to listen to our youth describe both the positives and the negatives of their experiences of being teenagers in Lakewood.

The students who volunteered to lead the discussion are an eclectic mix of Lakewood teens spanning ethnic, racial, and economic differences. Despite these distinctions, their shared vision is of teenagers who want to make a positive impact on their community. The purpose of the preparatory session was to get everybody thinking and talking. Joe Lobo, LHS teacher and co-chair of the "Youth Conversation" asked, "How do you respond to the phrase, 'There's nothing to do for teenagers in Lakewood?'"

Silence permeates the room for a few seconds, the quizzical looks dissipate and one of the students jumps to answer. "All there is for teenagers to do in Lakewood is to eat and gain weight," states Jamil Thomas, an outspoken LHS junior. "They haven't given us much to do, we don't have recreation centers and not everyone can afford the YMCA." Other students in the room nod their heads in agreement. One student argues that she likes going to the different restaurants on the Detroit Avenue strip. Thomas, like a few other teens in the room, disagrees and thinks the city should offer teens more alternatives.

The debate becomes quite heated; the arguments persist and the possibilities seem endless. The exchanges are raw and real. The conclusion for some teens present was a feeling of limited opportunity-- the city offered little to do for them. Other students argued that one had to seek out the opportu-



Mohammed Khaleel and Grant Graves speak with Lakewood resident Malik Moore, who is Branch Director of Downtown YMCA/ Director of Community Youth Services.

nities, and that they were there to be found, if you knew where to look. All of the students agreed, teen problems in Lakewood are very real and students have a lot of different solutions to offer

There are plenty of things to do says LHS senior Grant Graves. "You have to explore what Lakewood has to offer and once you find what you're passionate about, you have to get involved." An avid athlete, Graves' life in Lakewood has been defined by his sporting experiences and his good relationships with supporting adults. "Sports play a major role in my life," Graves continued, "Being on different teams and participating in different athletic events has helped make me the person that I am today." Graves was born in Lakewood and has seen the many opportunities Lakewood has to offer.

While Graves is a lifelong resident, Mohammed Khaleel has only been here since 2007 and has his own reasons for being grateful to be in Lakewood. In March of 2003, the U.S. military invaded Iraq vowing to oust the Saddam Hussein-led government. At that time, Mohammed Khaleel was a 10-year-old child walking the streets of Baghdad. His family was in hiding when the first few bombs dropped.

"It was a traumatic experience," states Khaleel, now an LHS senior. "I'm grateful to be alive." Khaleel's childhood was smeared by stains of war. When he speaks he emits passion that electrifies the room. After living under the heavy uncertainties of a war torn region, Khaleel and his family arrived in Lakewood in 2007 after a brief stint as refugees of war in neighboring Syria.

Khaleel is not alone as an immigrant in a new city. Lakewood's history is immersed in waves of immigrant groups. The most recent trend brought Palestinians to Lakewood in the early 1980's. Albanians arrived during the next wave in the 1990's. From an early age their children were educated through the local school system. Although it may have been difficult at first for the different cultures to adapt, eventually their children became Rangers.

"Lakewood was a very welcoming community when I arrived," Khaleel says. He credits the school system for giving him endless opportunities. "It's a great school that we have," he said. Like Graves, Khaleel feels that students have to go out and seek inclusion in high school groups. Like many teens, Khaleel is involved in athletics and different student clubs throughout the high school. Still says Khaleel, the opportunities outside of school are more limited. Khaleel argues that the town itself is not very welcoming to teens. "For the most part, I feel like the adults have a bad image of us. Like

we're going to cause problems everywhere we go. We need something to do outside of school," he says. "Outdoor recreational activities give us something to do."

"Teens get in trouble when they're sitting around with their friends, bored," states Thomas. Indeed, in the era of social media and the rise of technology, children and teens on average are spending 7 and a half to 8 hours a day in front of a computer screen, telephone, television, or other technological device. This, as many have argued, has caused a spike in childhood obesity. According to the Center for Disease Control, childhood obesity has more than tripled in the past 30 years. Amongst the 12-19 year old age group, obesity has increased from 5.0% to 18.1%.

The diseases associated with childhood obesity are endless; the social and psychological problems are debilitating. Local economic development focused on building low cost food joints seems to have made the problem worse, says Khaleel. "A lot of the positive activities that we have are very limited, we can do more in recreational stuff, giving teens more places to burn off energy. There isn't much to do for teens besides eating."

Jamil Thomas and his friends usually go outside of the city for fun. He says most of his peers want to hang out in spots where they are not targeted for loitering. "We definitely need more constructive activities that don't force us to go outside of the city."

The teens participating in this event are hopeful that their advice to city leaders will be welcomed with open minds and open ears.

And they did offer solutions. Thomas, Graves, and Khaleel all feel that collaboration must exist between both school and city government. They articulated their vision of a city that includes a recreation center. They asked about the possibility of opening up the two vacant schools for teen centers and open gyms. LHS students involved in the "Youth Conversation" see themselves as part of something larger than the high school, they are becoming more actively involved in the city's rich tradition of community service.

On February 16th, they will have a momentous opportunity to present their views to community members; they encourage you to share this moment with them.

No Refuse Collection On Presidents' Day

by Melissa Garrett

Due to the Presidents' Day holiday, there will be no refuse or recycling collected on Monday, February 21, 2011. Residents whose refuse is normally collected on Monday will have collection on Tuesday. Residents whose refuse is normally collected on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday should have their refuse and recyclables available for collection on their regular day, and it will be collected either on that day or the day after. Residents whose refuse is normally collected on Friday will have collection on Friday.

Residents are reminded that refuse and recycling should not be placed on the curb or tree lawn until after 6:00 p.m. on the night before your collection day and should be available for collection by 6:30 a.m. on the collection day.

In addition, all Lakewood City offices and the Lakewood Municipal Court will be closed for the holiday.

For further information, contact the Lakewood Division of Refuse & Recycling at (216) 252-4322.

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Youth Forum Important To Lakewood Teenagers

by Grant Graves, Senior LHS

Wednesday, February 16th, will showcase a forum about Lakewood youth from the viewpoint of the youth themselves. Seven Lakewood High School students will be partaking in a group discussion about pressing issues for teens in Lakewood.

We will address issues such as race, recreation and the perceptions of the city. This forum will allow the youth to speak directly with community members on how we can all work together to make Lakewood a harmonious place for both adults and young people.

This event is very important to us, the youth, for several reasons. It will finally give us the chance to talk directly with adults about problems youth face when growing up in Lakewood. We will be keying in on what we love about Lakewood and what Lakewood is doing correctly, but also on what steps to take to improve our community. Many conflicts between youth and the community stem from a lack of communication. Through this forum we will be able to clear up any misconceptions between teenagers and Lakewood institutions and find solutions to abolish the communica-



Students participating in the Youth Forum compare notes with Nadhal Eadeh from the Community Relations Advisory Commission at the Diversity Potluck dinner.

tion barrier. Our community is very unique. Lakewood has an enormous amount of diversity, whether it is race or religion or beliefs, Lakewood has a situation unlike that of other communities. While this makes our city great, it can also create problems. This forum will allow the community to talk to youth about misconceptions and let us voice our views on the different cultures in

our area. We will also be discussing what Lakewood offers recreationally. The seven of us will look into what teenagers have to do in Lakewood. Teenagers are constantly searching for a place to convene and interact and through this forum we are hoping to create an environment that offers this. We will look into what kind of trouble stems from boredom and what recreation can do to dras-

tically cut down on this issue. The goal of this forum is not to only discuss these issues but to spur further conversation. We hope this will serve as a launching point for more discussion and change. Working together, this community and its youth can create an environment that is accommodating to every culture and group. We hope you can join us on the 16th for what we hope will be a very productive and change-provoking forum.

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Lakewood Public Library Events

All Events and Programs Are Free And Open To The Public

Compiled by Martha Wood

Saturday, February 12

THE LAKEWOOD PUBLIC CINEMA: The Fisher King (1991)
Directed by Terry Gilliam Rated R
Can a Holy Grail fix a broken man? Jeff Bridges plays a self-absorbed jerk who half-heartedly seeks redemption when he lends a hand to a homeless Robin Williams—a man whose life he may have destroyed many years ago. Williams has his head stuck in mythical, medieval times and is obviously crazy, but New York City provides the obstacles and challenges for much questing. With love and laughter and evocations of Ethel Merman, there is hope beyond hope for all. Romantic in every sense of the word, this is a film to see with someone you cherish.
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, February 13

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: Love: A Musical Celebration
Gary Pildner plays happy, sweet songs about love on the Library’s Steinway. All the greats, from Cole Porter to Irving Berlin, Rodgers and Hammerstein and more will have their say on the greatest subject of all.
This special program will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the First Floor Multipurpose Room.

Wednesday, February 16

MEET THE AUTHOR:JOHN GORMAN
The Buzzard: Inside the Glory Days of WMMS and Cleveland Rock Radio
Go behind the scenes at the Buzzard during the heyday of Cleveland rock and roll radio. John Gorman was there and he has the stories, the photos and even some videos to prove it! This multimedia presentation is an expansion of his wild and rocky memoir. You’ll feel like you were there with the larger-than-life superstars of the ‘70s and ‘80s—the DJs, the musicians and even a certain cartoon buzzard who we’re pretty sure doesn’t actually exist. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Saturday, February 19

FIVE STAR FILMS: Green Dolphin Street (1947)
Directed by Victor Saville Not Rated
A Navy deserter becomes enthralled with two sisters, Lana Turner and Donna Reed. He favors the quiet one and the feeling is mutual, but her vivacious sister is also smitten. To avoid court martial, he escapes to the South Seas and plans to send for his intended. But one drunken blunder changes all their lives forever.
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, February 20

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: Home in Ohio
Hal Walker grew up in Kent, Ohio, blowing his harmonica along the banks of the Cuyahoga River. Today, he is a musical explorer celebrating community, diversity and the creative process on a variety of unique instruments.
2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, February 22

Thai Yoga Massage
It’s like having yoga done to you. This massage technique harmonizes the physical, energetic and emotional bodies for a truly holistic experience. Dr. Allison Norris demonstrates.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

BOOK GROUPS:

Thursday, February 10
BOOKED FOR MURDER BOOK CLUB: New York City
The Leavenworth Case by Anna Katharine Green Long before Sherlock Holmes, there was Ebenezer Gryce. America’s first detective series was also one of the first mysteries written by a woman. Wealthy merchant Horatio Leavenworth is murdered in his 5th Avenue mansion, and his beloved nieces are the prime suspects. The determined yet humble Gryce works tirelessly to solve this case, despite surprises at every turn.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Tuesday, February 15

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

LEARNING LAB CLASSES:

Reservations for computer instruction classes begin the first of each month.
To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127. We ask that all students come to class with a working knowledge of the mouse. If you need help, visit the Technology Center and ask the staff to set you up on our Mouse Training Program. It’s fun, easy and essential to becoming computer literate. All classes take place in the Main Library Learning Lab on the 2nd floor.
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Saturday, February 12: WORD PROCESSING BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 17: JOB HUNTING WORKSHOP 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 19: WEB SEARCHING BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 26: E-MAIL BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.

CHILDRENS & YOUTH SERVICES:
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

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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., in Main Library Children’s and Youth Services and at the Madison Branch

NAMELESS BOOK CLUB: For students in third, fourth, and fifth grades
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Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room
Fifth grade: February 23

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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.
Winter Season: January 13 - February 17 (“Open Mike” final on February 24)Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

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Tuesdays, January 11 – February 15 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room
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Preliminary Round: February 8
Final Round: February 15
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

WEEKEND PROGRAMS:

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Make the Library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. Our staff will provide materials and ideas for families wishing to continue reading and storytelling at home. The programs are free and there is no need to register in advance.
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Saturday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00p.m.
Sunday: 2:00 p.m.
Madison Branch: Friday 10:30 a.m.
Main: February 11, 12, 13: Friends are Special
February 18, 19, 20: In the 100 Acre Woods

Lakewood Public Library

Barbie's Library Survival Adventure

by Andrew Harant

This past fall, middle school participants in Lakewood Public Library's Role Playing Game had the chance to learn some valuable survival skills. They built emergency shelters, practiced basic knot-tying, learned about edible plants and used compasses to take part in a scavenger hunt.

Every week they also had a chance to tell "Barbie's story." Two teams were given a wilderness scenario, and they wrote stories about the survival challenges Barbie faced while stranded. Her prospects for getting out alive were always narrow! Please enjoy this collective bit of fiction from Survival (Library Edition), "Barbie's Great Adventure."

Barbie's Great Adventure

Barbie, the intrepid survivalist blogger, is once again in a jam! She is typing on her blog and sending tweets while sitting on the rail of a cruise ship.

Nailpolishgoddess911: I am on the most awesome yacht in the world! Traveling all across the Specific Ocean!

Npg911: Oh no! I've fallen overboard. Why is there a magically deformed unicorn in the ocean? [Barbie has just encountered a narwhal].

As she washes up to an illegal poacher boat, she pulls out her phone and tweets for help. She then demands food from the poachers and is handed several Snickers bars. She practically falls into her rescue boat while catching a candy bar.

For her next adventure, Barbie charts a bus to tour the barren desert. When the bus breaks down, she makes an ill-fated decision to run off in pursuit of a rare flower. Unfortunately, she stumbles over an oasis and hits her head on a tree, inducing hallucinations that make her believe she is an Arabian

Prince. She then uses her flashlight in a spiritual rain dance to summon the "eyeliner goddess." In her state of lost, confused delirium, she hugs a cactus that happens to look suspiciously like Ken. Then, abandoning all remaining reason, she beats the cactus with fruit cake she was carrying in her bag. Still angry at the cactus for stinging her, she gives it one last blow. It splits open and releases its juices, she drinks the sweet nectar until the trackers in her high heels alert the search party that comes to air-vac her to the nearest hospital. **SAVED!!**

Barbie returned to her home in the Great Lakes region, imagining that she would take some much-deserved rest from her survival blog. Now nearly bald with stress, she went to Clifton Beach. Just as she laid down on her pink towel with her umbrella and put on her pink bikini, it begins to snow! She becomes disoriented by the sudden change of temperature, so when she consults her scouting guide, she believes it says you should hit yourself over the head with a compass. Then, thinking it is her hair dryer, she pokes a giant pelican in the eye, as if turning it on. She thinks it doesn't work and stuffs it in her backpack. The angry pelican starts flying and carries Barbie over Lake Erie. She manages to post a facebook update that she has seen Bessie, the mythical sea creature of Lake Erie. This receives 27 "likes" and many comments, including the Coast Guard who come to save her!

Lakewood Public Library's next role-playing adventure for students in grades 5-8 will happen on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., March 16 through May 4. Please call the Library's Children's and Youth Services Department at (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 for more information.



Middle school participants in Lakewood Public Library's role-playing games.

Hal Walker, Musician And Musical Explorer, Is Right At "Home In Ohio"

by Joan Rubenking

Need to lift your spirits as the northern Ohio winter lingers? Join us at Lakewood Public Library on Sunday, February 20, at 2 p.m., for an hour with the entertaining, eclectic sounds of the innovative Hal Walker. Walker grew up in Kent, blowing his harmonica along the banks of the Cuyahoga River. Today he is a singer and songwriter, a true musical explorer. Walker is a multi-instrumentalist, composing on the guitar, piano, harmonica, khaen, jew's harp and concertina. His songs celebrate community, diversity, and the creative process.

"Home in Ohio" is the title of Walker's fourth and latest CD, and its songs all illuminate our great state with a warm glow. Scene Magazine says that "the title track could be the state song," and that while some songs "are hypnotic visions of harmony and diversity," others concern "blue collar dreams, rust-belt beauty and your neighbor." Walker's clear baritone voice and emotional delivery promise enjoyment to his audiences.

Walker prides himself on his work in education, as well he should. He is on the

roster of artists in the Ohio Arts Council Arts Learning program, and also presents programs for Young Audiences of Northeastern Ohio. He has collaborated with Cleveland's Groundworks Dance Theater and was commissioned last year to create a choir piece for Case Western Reserve University. Walker has toured with the Mad River Theater Company of West Liberty, Ohio. Close to his home, Walker is the resident musician for the Kent State University's Wick Poetry Department, the director and resident composer for the Summit Children's Choir, and is the music director for the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Kent.

Hal Walker is a positive and engaging performer, drawing his audience into his music like a true troubadour. Listeners of all ages are encouraged to attend this performance, and soak up the warmth on a chilly Sunday afternoon in Lakewood. On February 20th, those who join us at Lakewood Public Library will leave feeling better for it! This event is generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library.

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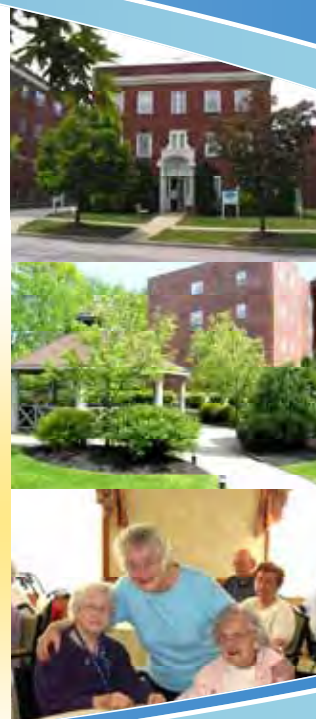
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Lakewood Cares

Matthew's Lending Library Celebrates 20 Years Of Service

by Carolyn Leitch

Matthew's Lending Library, 15528 Madison Ave., was established by Kevin and Vicki McCarthy as a living tribute to the memory of their son, Matthew James McCarthy. Because his brain was not fully

developed, their son Matthew, born September 29, 1981, experienced numerous disabilities. During his short life, Matthew lived with bravery, courage and grace and proved to be an inspiration to all who knew him. Matthew made a difference in

the lives of those he touched and continues to impact lives through his namesake library, which serves children and young adults with disabilities throughout Northeast Ohio.

Through their experiences with Matthew, Kevin and Vicki learned how expensive therapy equipment can be and how much is not covered by health insurance. Supportive bath chairs, which enable safe bathing, often cost more than \$400. Switch toys, which can be operated by a touch of the hand, cost more than \$100. Positioning chairs and standers cost nearly \$2,000. This equipment is essential for the cognitive, social and physical development of children with special needs. Matthew's Lending Library serves a network of families who are able to borrow and exchange adaptive therapy equipment such as wheelchairs, strollers, bath chairs, capability switch toys and even specially designed tricycles. In addition, the organization works

to establish community awareness about the numerous daily challenges faced by children and young adults with special needs and consults with communities to help establish adapted, integrated playgrounds.

Matthew's Lending Library provides these services through the help of grants and generous donations. On Friday, February 25th, 2011, Matthew's Lending Library is celebrating 20 years of dedicated service with a Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction at Brennan's Banquet and Catering Center. The celebration features dinner, an open bar, reverse raffle, silent auction, music, dancing and a \$1000 grand prize. Tickets are \$50 per person for a dinner, open bar and big board raffle ticket. Please consider joining the fun and supporting this local organization by calling Vicki McCarthy at (216) 226-3669 or emailing her at MLendingli@aol.com for tickets or more information.

On Kiwanis - Happy Anniversary

by John Mumma

We've been hearing recently about the upcoming celebration this year of the centennial of the chartering of Lakewood as a city and the 100th anniversary of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. This year the Kiwanis Club of Lakewood will also be celebrating its 90th year of service to the children and citizens of our community.

The very first Kiwanis Club was chartered in Detroit, Michigan in January 1915, and the second club was Cleveland, Ohio which celebrated its 95th birthday in November 2010. Lakewood Kiwanis was sponsored by Cleveland in 1921, one of the many clubs that were initiated by the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland, including the first club outside of North America in Vienna, Austria in 1965.

Today Kiwanis International has grown to more than 8400 clubs in 96 nations. There are about 606,000 active members in the Kiwanis family,

representing nearly every culture on every continent, all seeking to improve people's lives. This year the annual international convention will be held in July 2011, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Traditionally Lakewood Kiwanis has weekly lunch meetings featuring speakers on Tuesday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and recently added a once a month Tuesday evening meeting at different venues.

These evening meetings are less structured and more social in character. Our regular meetings are located at the Masonic Temple at 15300 Detroit Ave.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of members of every age who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. We sincerely invite anyone interested in "Saving the Children of the World" to join us.

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Judge Rules In Favor Of Lakewood’s Dog Park

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fact, no nuisance problem to be fixed.

Despite the fact that many residents of Rocky River and Lakewood alike considered the legal action that spanned more than three years to be “frivolous” and “a waste of taxpayers’ money,” Lakewood and the Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park met with their Rocky River neighbors on numerous occasions in an attempt to negotiate a settlement that would address the plaintiffs’ concerns.

In order to meet their burden of proof, the City of Rocky River and the four resident co-plaintiffs in the case needed to establish at trial that barking from the dog park rose to the level of nuisance according to one or more distinct legal theories. If successful, they would have been entitled to injunctive relief, potentially closing the dog park.

Public nuisance under a statutory theory

The City of Lakewood has an ordinance which forbids a person to “harbor” an animal that habitually howls, yelps, barks or creates unreasonably loud or disturbing noise. The Court noted that the City does not harbor – lodge or feed – dogs at the park and that dogs do not remain there indefinitely. Further, a violation of this ordinance would constitute a public nuisance only if it occurred on residential or commercial property. The Court found, however, that the dog park sits on an unzoned parcel (neither residential nor commercial), was specifically created by an act of city council, and is merely a, “fenced-in area where owners may exercise their dogs off leash to play and socialize with other dogs.” Therefore, the Court ruled, the operation of the dog park does not violate Lakewood’s own animal nuisance ordinances.

Public nuisance under common law

With respect to Rocky River’s allegation that the dog park is a public nuisance under common law, the Court cited precedent which holds that “conduct does not become a public nuisance merely because it interferes with a large number of people.” The Court recognized that, although the dog park may be “disruptive, annoy-

ing and irritating” to some residents of High Parkway, there are also many River residents who enjoy the park and in fact testified at trial on Lakewood’s behalf. The Court even questioned whether the City of Rocky River had any legal standing to be a part of the lawsuit in the first place.

Private nuisance

The Court acknowledged that a private nuisance is difficult to define. However, citing case law, the Court stated that a finding of private nuisance depends on whether the use and enjoyment of land is unreasonable under the circumstances, that is, “what persons of ordinary tastes and sensibilities would regard as an inconvenience or interference materially affecting their physical comfort.” This determination is a matter of degree and is left to the “good sense and sound discretion” of the trial court.

The High Parkway residents referred to cars and motorcycles in the MetroParks, Interstate traffic, loud low-flying jets, passing trains, service trucks, back-up warning alarms, chainsaws and other noises heard in the MetroPark Valley as “ambient sound” and acceptable “background noise.” In contrast, they claimed that dog barking was intolerable and that it alone prevented them from enjoying their backyards as they once did.

The Court “painstakingly listened to not only the [nine] clips played at trial” that “were intended to represent the worst of the worst,” but also to all 140 clips that one of the co-plaintiffs had recorded. The Judge stated that she could discern all of the so-called ambient sounds and background noises, as well as barking dogs, on these audio and video recordings. She found them to be “truly unremarkable, as they do not depict the frequency of the barking throughout the fourteen hours per day that the dog park is open to the public. Nevertheless [the Judge observed that] the clips do depict what [the plaintiff] wanted to them to depict.”

However, the Judge continued, “what one considers an ‘ambient sound’ and ‘background noise’ in comparison to what one considers annoying, disturbing, and irritating sound is highly subjective; and dif-

ferentiating between the two is quite arbitrary.” Point in fact: a High Parkway neighbor testified for Lakewood that the barking was not bothersome. When cross-examined by Michael O’Shea, legal counsel for Rocky River, she was mystified to learn that her own husband had signed a petition circulated by the High Parkway residents. “The fact that two people who live in the same house had differing opinions about the dog park demonstrates the subjective and arbitrariness of this whole ordeal,” noted Judge Friedland. Further, “many of the witnesses conceded at trial that they still partake in some of the activities that they claimed have become unbearable to endure” because of the dog park.

After weighing the testimony, Judge Friedland concluded that the evidence did not support a finding that the dog park was a private nuisance.

Because the plaintiffs failed to establish that the barking was a nuisance under any of the legal theories they argued at trial, the Court ultimately rendered judgment in favor of the City of Lakewood. Not surprisingly, those who frequent the Lakewood Dog Park are elated with the long-awaited ruling by the Court. When asked for their thoughts about the Judge’s decision, recent visitors at the park had this to say:

“Long time coming and such a waste of time! The park has gone to the dogs (in a good way). It’s like a big dog family here.” -Mike Daley (Brody, Siberian Husky)

“I thought this result was inevitable.” -Anne Dorley (Seamus, Border Collie)

“I received eight voice-mail messages before I even heard the news. I’m thrilled that people and their dogs will still get to socialize.” -Kelly Bjelopera (Otis, Boxer mix)

“I walked into work and someone immediately said, ‘I heard your doggie park is saved.’” -Jenna Gibbons (Cobie, German Shepherd mix)

“A victory for puppies everywhere! And who doesn’t love puppies?” -Jeff Tobin (Agnes, Rottweiler mix)

“It’s a good reason to hold a fundraiser to celebrate! And Rocky River taxpayers have said it: Enough is enough!” -Tom Turner (Buddy, Lab mix)

“Woo-hoo! My babies need this park. It’s so important not only to the dogs, but also to the people.” -Mikki Rhoades (Vinnie & Sasha, Rottweiler mixes)

“The dog park has become a routine for my dog. And I’ve learned so

much about different breeds and have received friendly advice from other dog owners about how to raise my dog and keep her healthy.” -Jessica Walker (Annie, Jack Russell/Beagle mix)

“I drive 25 miles every day from Olmsted Township to come to this dog park. It’s a shame there aren’t more of them.” -Dave Starcher (Bailey, Yellow Lab mix)

“This is the best place on the planet to instantly make friends for dogs and people.” -Cherie Brennan (Shamus, Golden Doodle)

“I am so happy the dog park can stay. My two boys love going there so much, and not only do they enjoy playing with the other dogs, I really enjoy talking to all the people there. All three of us look forward to many more years of enjoyment!” -Lynne Schroeder (Ignaczi, Chocolate Lab; Stefan Lab/Collie mix)

“For their help, confidence, unflagging enthusiasm, expertise, talents and contributions, we want to thank former Mayor Ed FitzGerald, Mayor Mike Summers, Law Director Nora Hurley, Assistant Law Director Scott Claussen, the members of Lakewood City Council, Marilyn Mulligan, Jake McGee, Joe Vedda of Phil Vedda & Sons Printing, Inc., members of the Save the Dog Park Committee and the Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, on behalf of all our furry companions.” -Karen Karp (Dudley, Poodle/Bichon mix) and Kent Cicerchi (Max, Black Lab/Irish Wolfhound mix)

Karen Karp, of Lakewood, and Kent Cicerchi, of Brooklyn, have served as co-chairs of the Save the Dog Park Committee and Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc., the volunteer organization that maintains the dog park.

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Kid's Corner

Harding Students Learn More About Iraq And Life Through Skype And Lt. Ryan Demro

by Hannah Salo, 6th Grade Harding

On Monday, January 31st, Mr. Spooner's class at Harding Middle School had a Skype conversation with Ryan Demro, a Lieutenant in the United States Army in Iraq.

This all came about when my class had a Skype with an author, Adam Rex. Mr. Spooner was wondering if anyone in my class wanted to Skype with someone for a learning experience. I know Ryan Demro, so I decided to see if he could Skype with us. He actually could so we got to talk to him for two whole periods!

At first he talked about all of his service in Lakewood and in the Army. Afterwards, my class and part of Mrs. Ladwig's class had some questions for him. Since I was the person with the idea of this in the first place, I got to ask him the first question. My question was, "What attracted you to politics?" Some other questions included asking his opinion about the religion in Iraq and what interests him in the army. But, for each question, even if they were really close, he had a different perspective for each of his answers.

At the end of our Skype with him, my class had a little discussion about our feelings about the Skype. It seemed like everyone thought something about either his political or army life was interesting. I found it interest-



Hannah Salo started off the questions to Lt. Ryan Patrick Demro. Hannah has known Lt. Demro her whole life as he is a friend of the family.

ing that he would go out of his comfort zone to go into politics and then into the US Army. We had guests also, Jim O'Bryan and Betsy Voinovich from the Lakewood Observer. They also joined in on our conversation about the Skype.

My friend Melina Lawrence and I interviewed some students about their feelings on the Skype with Lieutenant Demro.

Question: Do you think Lieutenant Demro is doing the right thing, being in the Army?

Answer from Andy Bishop: Yes, I think that even though he was really good in the council in Lakewood, he is

still helping in a very good way in the Army in Iraq.

Question: What were your feelings about Lieutenant Demro's decisions?

Answer from Donovan Williams: They (his decisions) were good. I like them, because he was involved in our country and politics.

Question: What did you think about Skyping with Lieutenant Demro?

Answer from Jenna Thomas: I felt it was a good experience and that he helped me understand the process of running for Mayor and the religious practices in Iraq. Also, how the Army has helped.

Question: Do you think he made the right decision running for Mayor?

Answer from Artemis: Yes, because if it's something you don't like, you have the determination to make a change.

This whole experience was great, Skyping with Lieutenant Demro, and interviewing people for their feelings on the Skype.



Lt. Demro speaking with three classes of students gathered together in Mr. Spooner's classroom.

Eodromaeus:

The Fossil Find of 2011



Paul Sereno with Jane Eodromaeus, a 4 foot long, 10 to 15 pound Triassic dinosaur.

by Sophie Barry

5th Grade Home Schooler

It seems as though whenever a new dinosaur is discovered it's almost always unique. Whether it's bucktoothed, feathered, stocky, tiny, or humpbacked they are all unique, but one run of the mill reptile could be one of the greatest palentological finds since Sue the T- rex.

Meet plain Jane Eodromaeus, a

4 foot long, 10 to 15 pound Triassic dinosaur. The reason Paul Sereno is so excited about plain Jane is because Eodromaeus could be the ancestor of all dinosaurs. Paul Sereno is a paleontologist at the University of Chicago and is also the man who discovered Eodromaeus in Ischigualatso, Argentina.

Eodromaeus is also closely related to Eoraptor and T-rex. So as you can see Eodromaeus deserves the title as Fossil Find of 2011.

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Grief Support Group Haven For LHS Students

by Christine Gordillo

At Lakewood High School, there’s an extracurricular group or club for just about anyone, from donut eaters to poetry readers to jazz saxophonists to name a few. However, there is one new group that is much more serious in tone and is there to fill a need for an exclusive group of students – those who have lost a loved one close to them.

LHS guidance counselor Lyndie

Schuckert has formed a Grief Support Group for students seeking help coping with their loss, and after only a few meetings, she already sees the benefit of these students coming together.

“They have been very open and respectful to each other and have even started to support each other,” Schuckert said, even though most of them did not know each other before joining the group.

Schuckert started the group because as a member of the Western Cuyahoga County School Counselors Crisis Team - a group that deploys to county schools when a crisis arises, such as a death of a student – she saw the need for this type of counseling in the schools. At LHS, six students are participating in the group and each has lost a loved one in their immediate family.

In the first couple sessions, Schuckert was conscious of trying to ease her group members into the support group concept. “We are treading lightly in the beginning because it is such a sensitive topic,” she said.

One of the first topics Schuckert

covered dealt with the terminology associated with describing one’s emotional state. By talking to the students about Elizabeth Kubler-Ross’s stages of the grief cycle and the vocabulary that goes along with that, Schuckert said students begin to understand that their reactions to grief can be very common among people who have experienced grief. Another approach has been to have the students do a lot of artwork to help express what they are feeling.

Schuckert hopes to hold a total of 8 or 9 sessions by the end of spring. And no matter how the sessions unfold from here on, it’s clear that any additional support these young people have received is a help.

Kindergarten Parent Info Night On February 23

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood City Schools will be hosting a Kindergarten Parent Information night for parents of preschoolers interested in learning about the district’s kindergarten program. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 23, at 7 p.m. at Emerson Elementary School’s Cafetorium. Emerson is located at 13439 Clifton Blvd.

Mark Gleichauf, the district’s Director of Teaching & Learning K-12, will host the evening and review what is addressed in the curriculum, how a typical kindergartener’s day unfolds, what the registration process is, how to determine which school a child will attend and what parents can expect from a Lakewood City Schools education. A school nurse will also be in attendance to address any concerns and give a rundown of immunizations required.

Following the formal presentation, parents will be welcome to ask questions about this important milestone in a child and parent’s life. For more information, visit the district web site at www.lakewoodcityschools.org or call 216-529-4074.

Regular School Board Meetings Are Coming To Your Neighborhood Schools

by Matthew John Markling, Lakewood School Board President

Please join the Lakewood City School District Board of Education at our upcoming regular school board meetings.

In an effort to get out into the Community even more and more, the 2011 Lakewood School Board is holding our regular school board meetings in our neighborhood schools as much as possible. Our current 2011 regular school board meeting locations are as follows:

All Meetings Start Promptly At 7:00 PM

February 22: Roosevelt Elementary Auditorium, 14237 Athens Ave.

March 7: Harrison Elementary Music Room #125, 2080 Quail Ave.

March 21: Lincoln Elementary New Gym, 15615 Clifton Blvd.

April 4: Garfield Middle School Cafetorium, 13114 Detroit Ave.

April 18: Grant Elementary Auditorium, 1470 Victoria Ave.

May 2: Hayes Elementary Cafetorium, 16401 Delaware Ave.

May 16: Harding Middle School Music Room #156, 16601 Madison Ave.

June 6: Emerson Elementary Gymnasium, 13439 Clifton Blvd.

June 20: Lakewood High School Art Atrium, 14100 Franklin Blvd.

The Administration is still working on coordinating locations for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

LHS 2.0



Students in Lakewood High School’s 2.0 pilot project show off their new Hewlett-Packard mini netbooks that they recently received as part of the 1:1 computing initiative that is a major component of the LHS 2.0 project. The laptops were made possible by a federal stimulus grant that the high school received aimed at helping teachers integrate real-world technology tools and applications into their curriculums.

Grant Student Starr’s Art Shines Bright



Ara Starr’s award-winning drawing.

by Christine Gordillo

Grant 3rd grader Ara Starr is in an exclusive group of artists whose work is now on display at the Lakewood Public Library Main Branch between now and February 16. Ara is one of only 30 artists ranging in grades from kindergarten through 12th grade who were named winners in the 2010 Earth Coalition Art, Poetry & Essay Contest. The 30 artists come from eight counties in Northeast Ohio.

The winners were announced at EarthFest at the Cleveland Zoo last April and the winning art pieces have been traveling around to area libraries, so that the communities of the 30 winners are able to see the works.

Contestants were asked to share their thoughts on conservation through drawings, paintings, photography, essays or poetry. Ara’s piece, a drawing with mixes of crayons, markers and pastels, depicts how she would save energy by hanging clothes to dry outside in the sunshine on a clothes line. Her drawing is currently on display at the Main Library on the second floor. Another piece of Ara’s art also was recently honored in the PTA Reflections contest as her work was one of 24 pieces chosen to move on to the

state-level competition of Reflections.

The Earth Day Coalition is now accepting submissions for the 2011 contest. Themes are local food, energy efficiency, conservation and climate change solutions. Deadline is March 25, 2011. For more information, visit the coalition’s web site at www.earth-daycoalition.org.

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Lakewood PTA's

by Judith Szentkiralyi

Once again, Lakewood's students have shown us their creativity and talent as they participated in the PTA Reflections Program. "Reflections" is an annual art contest sponsored by the National PTA. The program, which has been running for over 40 years, offers Lakewood students from preschool through grade 12 the opportunity to create a piece of art around a particular theme in one of six categories: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, and visual arts (which includes, but is not limited to, artforms such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage). The theme for the 2010-11 program was "Together We Can..." Entries were collected and judged blindly at the unit, council, state and finally national PTA level, with 24 pieces advancing at each step.

The Lakewood PTA takes an active role in promoting the PTA Reflections Program throughout its nine eligible units: Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA), Roosevelt Elementary PTA, Horace Mann Elementary PTA, Harrison Elementary PTA, Grant Elementary PTA, Lincoln Elementary PTA, Garfield Middle School PTA, Harding Middle School PTA, and Lakewood High School PTA. This year Lakewood had a total of 283 entries at the unit (school) level with the largest number of entries from Garfield Middle

School (69) and Harrison Elementary School (46). All pieces were judged blindly using a 5-point ranking system in the areas of artistic merit, creativity, and attention to theme, with the top 24 pieces from each unit advancing to the council (district) level. This year, 171 pieces advanced to the Lakewood PTA council, where they were again judged blindly by a panel of nine independent, expert judges using the same ranking system, and narrowed down to 24 to advance to the Ohio state level competition. Those entries arrived in Columbus by January 19th for judging at the state level, in hopes of finally advancing to the National PTA level.

In order to celebrate the creativity and talent of its participants, the Lakewood Council PTA hosted an annual Awards Ceremony, Art Opening, and Ice Cream Social. This year the 157 unit-level winning artists were recognized at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium on Wednesday, January 26th from 7-9 pm. City leaders and prominent individuals from around the city of Lakewood were there to offer their congratulations as well. At that time participants discovered which entries had been chosen to represent Lakewood at the State PTA Level of competition. The 171 entries were all displayed in the Civic lobby, and artists and their families could view them while enjoying ice cream after the ceremony.

This year's unit PTA winners are:

Early Childhood PTA

Greyson Buckingham	Visual Arts
Sophie Buckingham	Visual Arts (2)
Lukas George	Visual Arts
Turner Gilliland	Visual Arts (2)
Nevan Markling	Visual Arts
Ben Stokes	Visual Arts

Grant Elementary

Julia Wozniakowski	Film
Peyton Leaf	Literature
Emma Pagsuyoin	Literature
Abigail Allio	Visual Arts
Bryce Binion	Visual Arts
Erin Black	Visual Arts
Casey Funk	Visual Arts
Quin Funk	Visual Arts
Raymond Ramirez	Visual Arts
Tyler Stallbaum	Visual Arts
Ara Starr	Visual Arts
Samantha Stone	Visual Arts
Eden Sutliff	Visual Arts
Zach Vuyancih	Visual Arts
Nola Williams -Riseng	Visual Arts
Lalia Williams-Riseng	Visual Arts
Farah El-Ashram	Photography (2)
Julia Kompier	Photography
Annabelle Sorge	Photography
Madalynne Sorge	Photography
Turner Sorge	Photography
Sam Stallbaum	Photography
Olivia Vuyancih	Photography

Harrison Elementary

Jeon Brown	Literature
Sebastian Collins	Literature
Lidia Logan	Literature
Alesondra McKissick	Literature
Leo Morgan	Literature
Andrea Oltean	Literature
Jennifer Vlasaty	Literature
Sien Clark	Visual Arts
Elizabeth Deditch	Visual Arts
Jessica Haklaj	Visual Arts
Lorelai Hanes	Visual Arts
Aubrey Hess	Visual Arts
Nolan Hess	Visual Arts
Kamryn Hess	Visual Arts
Jacob Laboy	Visual Arts
Helen Nazario	Visual Arts
Aidan Peck	Visual Arts
Dominic Peck	Visual Arts
Carolyn Shinn	Visual Arts
Matthew Shinn	Visual Arts
Alicia Smith	Visual Arts
Bradley Vealey	Visual Arts
Angus Wille	Visual Arts
Pete Wille	Visual Atts

Horace Mann Elementary

Amya Ruiz	Film
Maya George	Literature
Sophia Parker	Literature
Angie Amato	Visual Arts
Hannah Cogar	Visual Arts
Khuzi Gausi	Visual Arts
Maya George	Visual Arts
Grace Hoppe	Visual Arts
La Shaya Jones	Visual Arts
Austin Koch	Visual Arts



Reflections 2011

Angela Lewis	Visual Arts	Serena Bellino	Visual Arts	Harding Middle	
Erin McHugh	Visual Arts	Chad Drake-Miller	Visual Arts	Adnan Abdic	Literature
Cecilia Miller	Visual Arts	Rachael Fox	Visual Arts	Garrett Bodnar	Literature
Alexandra Neal	Visual Arts	Abigale Pickering	Visual Arts	Francesca Bodnar	Literature (2)
Isabella Nieves	Visual Arts	Blandine Salukombo	Visual Arts	George Bodran	Literature
Sophia Parker	Visual Arts (2)	Claire Schuppel	Visual Arts	Brandon Gue	Literature
Sara Severino	Visual Arts	Julia Westlake	Visual Arts	Nicholas Johnson	Literature
Crown Steiner	Visual Arts	Christina Westlake	Visual Arts	Nicholas Kantura	Literature
Margaret Sweeney	Visual Arts			Lauren Klann	Literature
Liam Weddell	Visual Arts	Garfield Middle		Melina Lawrence	Literature
Chloe Westrick	Visual Arts	Ian Wilt	Film	Skyler Lawson	Literature
Lila Wright	Visual Arts	Chase Carpenter	Literature	Elena Mulready	Literature
Sarah Yonkers	Visual Arts	Jacob Duncan	Literature	Julia Neff	Literature
		Christina Kamkutis	Literature	Emma Yonkers	Literature
Lincoln Elementary		Halle Krebs	Literature	Connor Cimino	Photography
Carter Gamez	Film	Nabelh Manaa	Literature	Emily Renaudin	Photography
Nina Zanghi	Literature	Donny McCrae	Literature	Claire Black	Visual Arts
Mariana Stockman	Music	Shannon Osborne	Literature	Zoë Budzar	Visual Arts
Kevin Cush	Photography	Aaliyah Ramos	Literature	Hanna Chodzin	Visual Arts
Caitlin Cimino	Visual Arts	Adam Scheel	Literature	Liam Gamez	Visual Arts
Kitty Crino	Visual Arts	Evan Suttell	Literature	Ruthie Henrickson	Visual Arts
Grace Kraidich	Visual Arts	Gabrielle Wine	Literature	Sophia Nanni	Visual Arts
Sarah Krost	Visual Arts	George Young	Literature	Emily Pearlman	Visual Arts
Gina Marjanovic	Visual Arts	William Butler	Photography	Gunnar Stockman	Visual Arts
Fitzpatrick Metzger	Visual Arts	Margaret Soneson	Photography		
Owen O'Donnell	Visual Arts	Caitlin Zingale	Photography	Lakewood High	
Nava Ramazanali	Visual Arts	Rhianna Zuby	Photography	Nora Varcho	Film
Adeline Smoot	Visual Arts	James Bosworth	Visual Arts	Irina Vatamanu	Film
Mariana Stockman	Visual Arts	Elan Dimacchia	Visual Arts	Samiha Abusharekh	Literature
Eva Wynn	Visual Arts	Sarah Matthesen	Visual Arts	Samantha Cross	Literature
Nina Zanghi	Visual Arts	Sarah Nolan	Visual Arts	Grace Lazos	Literature
		Amelia Richarson	Visual Arts	McCall Gorbach-Foster	Music
Roosevelt Elementary		Muayad Shahin	Visual Arts	Samantha Cross	Photography
Max Gilliland	Literature	Grace Werner	Visual Arts	Grace Hinsler-Burke	Photography
Noah Hill	Literature			Hannah Kiraly	Photography (2)
Sophia Kamkutis	Literature			Amber Kraidich	Photography (2)
Anne Litherland	Literature			Ella Mravec	Photography

The names in bold represent the 24 students whose pieces advanced to the Ohio PTA competition. We wish them luck!

In its over 40 year history, the PTA Reflections Program has encouraged many students to explore and celebrate their artistic talents, and receive positive recognition for their efforts.

A special thanks goes to It's A Party, 14526 Detroit Rd. for donating balloons and decorating for the ceremony, to the Lakewood Observer for the printing of the ceremony programs, and to the many judges who helped broaden the artistic opportunities for the students of Lakewood.

Watch for participation opportunities for next year, in the fall and start thinking about next year's theme, "Diversity Means..."

View the 2010 gallery of winners: http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/program_gallery

For photos of the children in groups please go to the Lakewood Observer Photo Gallery <http://lakewoodobserver.com/photoblogs>. Or click on galleries in the "Reflections 2011" story on the front page.



Wellness Watch

Eat Well Lakewood: Eating For Good Measure

by Rachel Anzalone

Think you don't have the time or money to measure up to your new year's resolution for working on your health? On Saturday, February 19th you can learn how to eat well on a budget, quickly, and safely at Eat Well Lakewood: Eating for Good Measure, presented by Live Well Lakewood. The event will be held in Lakewood High

School's East Cafeteria, located at 14100 Franklin Avenue.

Drop by the Free Vendor's Fair from 1:00- 4:00PM where you can browse displays, pick up tips on nutrition, and receive a free glucose screening. Gift baskets from Lakewood businesses will be raffled as well as a Garden Makeover from John Gilbride of Premier Landscaping in Lakewood.



Mike Frolich from Buckeye Beer Engine will be back this year with delicious Black Bean Burgers!

Live Well Lakewood Wellness Tip

by Rachel Anzalone

Give your Immune System a Boost

Cold and flu season are upon us! Here are some tips to keep your immune system in optimal working order this winter.

- Eat a diet rich in fresh, raw fruits & veggies, nuts seeds, grains and foods high in fiber.
- Avoid processed foods, sugar and soda.
- Add extra Garlic to your diet and be sure you're getting plenty of Essential Fatty Acids from sources such as fish or flax seed oil.
- Eat leafy greens which are rich in iron, magnesium, calcium & trace minerals.
- Get extra Vitamin C from whole food sources such as fruits, veggies or whole food supplements.
- Get daily exercise and fresh air.
- Add herbal Echinacea which boosts the immune system and enhances lymphatic function.
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quickly. He'll introduce you to the delicious nutritional powerhouse, quinoa.

Last year's demos were hugely popular so early registration is recommended. Seating is limited and there is a \$5 fee for two of the demos, with \$1 of each registration going to Lakewood Christian Service Center. Register online at www.LiveWellLakewood.org or call 216-529-7695.

Live Well Lakewood, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting healthy, active living in Lakewood, is proud to present Eat Well Lakewood. Thanks to Lakewood City Schools for providing the venue. Do your health a favor--don't miss this event!

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For the latest about **Eat Well Lakewood**, go to **LiveWellLakewood.org** or call **216.529.7695**.

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Stretch Of The Month: Elongate And Don't Forget To Breathe...

by Gloria Brooker

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1. Lie supine (on your back) knees pulled to the chest.
2. Arms stretched out to sides palms up.

3. Allow knees to fall to the right side while your eyes go left.
4. Take three deep breaths in through the nose out through the mouth.

Then take this to the other side. And don't forget to breathe.....
A former dance major at the Ohio State University, Gloria Brooker, ACSM CPT has been teaching Pilates and other movement techniques for a decade.



Gloria shows proper form for this stretch.

Sugar Attack

by Allison Norris

What is the common ingredient amongst these foods?
Donuts, french fries, soda, margarine, ice cream, processed cereals, potato chips, pretzels, store-bought cookies.

SUGAR.
A Study in April 2010 published by the Journal of American Medical Association found that daily sugar intake increased your risk of heart disease by altering the Total Cholesterol composition. When Sugar is present in the body it is: burned for energy, stored for energy, and then all the remaining is stored as fat for long term energy use. The problem begins because the average American diet rarely takes a break from sugar consumption. Thus more fat is produced than consumed and with the fat sticking around, literally to our arteries, we are at risk for heart attacks, clogged arteries, strokes, and eventually cardiac failure.

So what do we do?
1. Eat-
Eating a diet low in white sugar is a great start. Unfortunately it is not always enough. It is also important to be cautious about the over consumption of these sources of sugar as well: fruit, beverages, grains, and all pre-packaged or processed foods. In addition, make sure you are getting enough good fats from cod liver, flax seed, olive, coconut, and tuna oils; avocados; and lean proteins. Lastly, lots of vegetables-try eating from the rainbow of colors in the grocery store.

2. Exercise-
A study out of University of Michigan states that exercise is just as effective at lowering blood sugar as two different diabetes medications. High Blood Sugar levels can lead to Diabetes which is a large risk factor in heart disease. So get moving and cut your risk factor down!
3. Educate-
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by Dr Meg Gerba Perry

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 - ½ tsp salt

Heat oil over medium-high heat in a large sauce pan with a well fitting lid. Add onion and sauté until softened. Add mushrooms and barley and sauté five minutes more. Mix in broth or water, and salt. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce to low heat. Simmer about 60 to 70 minutes until all liquid has been absorbed, and barley is tender. Season to taste with additional salt as needed and black pepper to taste.



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Loving Lakewood

Lion And Blue - A Love Story

by Paula Reed

According to my 18 and 20-year-old nieces, no trip to Lakewood is complete without a visit to lion and blue. I admit to passing by the store for years before venturing in with my Birkenstock-loving friend, Jane, whose daughters introduced her to the store. I was amazed at the wide array of items artfully displayed, and it became one of my favorite places to shop for distinctive gifts.

The name was a mystery, though, so I asked the owners about its origin. What they told me was a love story. Lion and blue, the shop, takes its name from Lion and Blue, the book, a beautifully illustrated children's book with a grown-up theme—an allegory about the love between a lion and a blue butterfly. The shop itself grew out of the owners' love story, and celebrates its 15th anniversary a week before Valentine's Day.

Rewind to 1993. Tina Zenisek was preparing, after eight years in business, to close her shop in the Old Arcade and move to Oregon. She sent a closing announcement to her customers, and was overwhelmed by the outpouring of disappointment she received. She was already questioning her decision to close when chance took her to deliver a ring to a nearby store for sizing. Jeweler apprentice Michael Dolatowski had noticed Tina—particularly her laugh—when she'd been in the store before, but this time he had the opportunity to meet her. A month and several dates later, Tina gave Michael a copy of lion and blue for Valentine's Day; she kept her store in the

Old Arcade for two more years; and married Michael in July of 1995.

A few months later, Tina and Michael met a friend at Arabica in Lakewood, loved the feeling of the downtown, and noticed an available space—the former Preston's Jewelers.

On February 6, 1996, they opened lion and blue in that spot. Because they wanted to live in the community their business was in, they then bought a house in Lakewood, to which they have added Calvin, 11 and Esther, 8.

Tina makes most of the buying decisions, choosing beautiful, Fair Trade items that highlight artisans from around the world. The store offers a peaceful shopping experience and welcoming atmosphere to shoppers of all ages. Tina derives her satisfaction from bringing joy to people's lives and hearing their stories—like the young woman who met her fiancé while wearing the dress she bought at lion and blue. She enjoys watching her adolescent customers grow into adults, now buying the soft Robeez shoes she stocks for their children.

The best-kept secret at lion and blue is Michael's role. He is an amazingly talented artist who works in all metals making custom jewelry, including the wedding rings worn by Julie Hutchison and Bobby Breitenstein, owners of Root Café. And as part of yet another love story, when on January 14th former Lakewood Observer editor Dan Slife married former lion and blue employee Natalie Shiekh, the rings they exchanged were crafted for them by Michael Dolatowski, with love.



Best known for his fabulous Christmas ornaments, and for decorating the White House Christmas trees for decades, Bill Hixson stands in front of one small part of his massive display of Valentine cards dating back to the 1800s!

Reminisce With Your Valentine At Hixson's Antique Valentine Display

by Shannon Strachan

Did you know that expressing one's sentiments on Valentine's Day did not always involve love?

Be sure to visit Hixson's to see the vintage, antique and collectible valentines from the 1850's – 1950's. On display you will find cards depicting original artwork from Cleveland's own Juvia Jonson who produced valentines for resale throughout the U.S. and for the Tuck Card Company.

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The "penny dreadfuls" were insulting valentines, popular from the early 1800's through the 1940's. This is a unique exhibit with thousands of cards on display now until February 19th.

Of course while you are there, you will also find unique gift items on display and maybe something for your special sweetheart. Hixson's is located at 14125 Detroit Avenue and is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 – 6 p.m. and will also be open on Sunday February 13th – a great day to visit with your Valentines!



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Bill Knittel
Lakewood's Poet Laureate



Five Guys Opens Rear Entrance

by *Cristal Green*

Five Guys Burgers and Fries has been a part of Lakewood for the last year. You can always count on a friendly greeting from a smiling crew member when you enter the store located at 15012 Detroit Avenue. Now, for the convenience of our customers we have opened a rear entrance which can be accessed from the public parking lot located between Gladys and Cook. The rear entrance has been enhanced with additional lighting and a security camera for everyone's safety. This entrance will be open seven days a week between the hours of 11:00am and 8:00pm. After 8:00pm it is requested that cus-



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Julienne Davis sent in this photo of her dog Emma for this issue. Thanks! It also makes us think of the other dogs out there needing adoption. Maybe your special person would like a great animal friend instead of chocolate. Go to AllDogsHeaven.org or CCLAS.info today, and see what dogs they have up for adoption. Make a great friend for life!

H&R Block Loves Lakewood

by *Dianne Rhodes*

Back in 1987, H&R Block opened its office in the Lakewood West Building offering quality tax service to the Lakewood residents. Throughout these years, our offices were at many different locations from the Lakewood West Building to the Marshall Building(the corner of Warren and Detroit) to our two current offices on Detroit Avenue.

The location at Warren and Detroit made such an impact on our clients, that even years later, many clients still remember the location. Some even tried to get their taxes done there even after H&R Block moved out.

In talking to our seasoned tax professionals about our past locations, many smiles came to their faces as they remembered stories from the different locations. Stories like having to go to the second floor in the Marshall Building to use the washroom or reopening the office after hours on April 15th when the panicked client realized he hadn't filed his taxes.

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Perspective

Control-Alt-Delete

by Bret Callentine

As the year started anew, I feared that not much had changed. Unemployment remains high, federal spending even higher, and politicians continue to squabble over thousand-page bills that seem to drive down the economy almost as fast as their own approval ratings. There is no shortage of issues and topics that get my blood boiling and frustrate me to no end. But as I sit here, I find myself strangely reluctant to write.

There's a fresh new calendar hanging on the fridge, yet, here I am, sitting at my keyboard, staring at the same old issues burning up the news. And despite hearing glorious cries for civility and teamwork from our elected officials, I see the same old business as usual in Washington--fear-mongering and scare tactics are standard operating procedure and spin doctors and statistical magicians run the show.

For a country that supposedly voted for "hope" and "change" in 2008, it seems like we've yet to take delivery on that promise. No one has "drained the swamp" and now more than ever I am beginning to question if this is truly a government "of the people, by the people and for the people". I even question whether or

not it's worth my time and effort to continue to complain.

Our government is working about as well as a ten-year-old computer. Bugged down with spam, viruses, errors, useless files and corrupted data, we barely have enough working memory to play solitaire. Somewhere along the line, we took the machine we bought to handle e-mail, do our homework and maybe even file our taxes, and packed it so full of games, photos and questionable software that it can no longer handle a single download without teetering on the brink of the "blue screen of death".

We've clicked "Accept" on so many options, seduced by new apps, that we opened up whole new worlds of waste in pop-up ads, phishing scams, and malware. As our attention wanes from the need of a word processor to the want of a platform for our entertainment, the system gets overloaded and soon fails to do anything effectively.

When things get bad enough, sometimes the only option is to dump everything and start over with just the operating disk.

Our Constitution is that disk. And the Federalist Papers are perhaps the closest thing to a user's manual that we, as a nation, have.

And there is a reason that it doesn't spend any time talking about bailout programs, Social Security, housing prices or bridges to nowhere.

I believe that the time has come to quit trying to pack another "Farmville" onto our already overloaded hard drive. Before spending all that time defragmenting the drive, maybe we should first ask if this is even the right system to play World of Warcraft on. And maybe before we complain that the YouTube videos won't play very fast, we should think about whether or not we still need that Esperanto language tutorial.

Americans are furious that their taxes are too high; that their health care is too expensive; that their borders aren't safe; that their homes are being repossessed and jobs are leaving the country, but we really only need to go back to the beginning to find out why. We purchased a system that was only built to handle the basics. Through the generations, we've tried to add on all the newest programs and well-intentioned applications. But we became so obsessed with what we wanted to get out of the system that we began to disregard the limits of what the system could provide. We failed to purge the programs that

were no longer of use. We ignored the processes that were wasting limited resources. And we became eerily complacent with slower speeds and inefficient operations, all in a rush to install the next big thing.

Our expectations have become wantonly unrealistic. It's a simple fact--the government cannot give to one person what it first doesn't get from another. Be it goods or services, the only thing the government can do is be the middle-man, regardless of whether they are securing freedom or building a bridge, that government subsidy had to come out of somebody else's pocket. It's time we stop looking to our government for things we'd have a hard time asking for from our neighbors.

The people of this nation do have needs: freedom and security. After that, there's a long list of wants and desires, any of which can be accommodated, but none of which should be treated as a right.

If we establish our priorities and justify our course of action through a passionate dependence on the democratic process, we can do great things. But every action comes with consequences, and every program comes at a cost. And we cannot play too many games, on a platform built for work.



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Pulse Of The City

The City Of Lakewood...

100 Historic Years As A Refuge For The World

by Gary Rice

Sometimes, I wonder whether we truly appreciate what we have in this city of ours. For at least a millennium now, and probably for well before then, this area that today we know as Lakewood has been a destination and a haven for all sorts of people. As Lakewood is now beginning its 100th year as an official "city," let's look back in time for a moment at what's been going on historically around here.

Go back 1000 years or so, and you'd find that this was a favorite home for quite a number of woodland-era Native Americans of various tribes. Even before then, mound builders roamed all over this place, constructing a number of intricate, waist-high mounds in the area. (Many of them have either been destroyed by "progress" or lie hidden in or near the woodlands of the Emerald Canyon. A fine example of this type of structure can be seen on top of the incline right behind the Rocky River Nature Center.) With our relatively mild lakeside winters, and with fertile land, ample running water, and an abundance of fish and wildlife, this area that we now know as Lakewood has served as a virtual Garden of Eden for the human race.

When the European arrived, it did not take long for them to realize the value of this land referred to by some Native Americans as "Oyo." Over a two-hundred and fifty year period, this was a land first of refuge, and then of turmoil as eastern Native Americans fled the onslaught of the colonists, only to run straight into the western tribes already inhabiting this area. Bitter wars ensued between the "Cat-Nation" Eries from this area and the Iroquois people of western Pennsylvania. Eastern Delawares and southern Shawnee all competed for the increasingly strained resources available. When the guns of the Europeans arrived, the limitations of game became acute. When French, English, and later American interests collided, the Native Americans chose up sides, and then (under leaders like Blue Jacket and Tecumseh) fought for what they believed to be their land and heritage.

Unfortunately for those Native Americans, many of them chose the British side in both the American Revolution and the War of 1812. Thus, at the close of hostilities, the American government was not inclined to grant Ohio Native Americans any great favors. In fact, in 1830, the U.S. government, under the leadership of President Andrew Jackson, passed the Indian Removal Act, forcing all tribes to move out of Ohio and the rest of most of the eastern United States to points west of the Mississippi. It was in 1846 when the Wyandots of Upper Sandusky finally ended up being the last Native American tribe to involuntarily leave this state for the West...cast out of this "Garden of Eden," so to speak.

Note: I've spent a few paragraphs here concerning the Native Americans principally because our history books



photo by Gary Rice

Lakewood's Historic Birdtown District, with beautiful churches, homes, and a sparkling new Harrison School

tend to gloss over the horrible 27 year period (1776-1803) of "ethnic cleansing" that transpired in this area in those troubled years between our country's being established up to the time when Ohio became a state. Books often try to perpetuate the myth that Ohio was relatively free of any Native American presence by the time this area started to be settled by the Euro-Americans. Obviously, my own feelings run deeply on this topic, and I would encourage those interested to pursue more research in this often-ignored time frame in our nation's history.

By the 1830's, the Ohio land was becoming fairly well settled by farmers and business people. Still, it was rural enough that slaves escaping from the deep South came up through the Rocky River valley and, sometimes, even straight through Lakewood itself, right down to Lake Erie where waiting boats would ferry them off to Canada and freedom in the dead of night. Local residents reportedly participated in aiding the escape of a number of those slaves.

A few years later, the wealthy of Cleveland would also find the property around the mouth of Rocky River to be attractive, as the future Clifton Park began to be developed into a resort area. A special train track was even constructed to bring "society" people out to the park area from Cleveland.

Vast orchards and fruit farms brought great scientific minds to this area--like Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland, whose personal agricultural "Garden of Eden" occupied the present-day grounds of Lakewood High School. Many more people came here to work the fruit and farm fields, as well. Gas wells sprouted up in this area after petrochemicals became necessities of American life. At one time, there were reportedly hundreds of active gas wells operating in Rockport township, of which Lakewood forms the eastern part. As the gas well business ratcheted down, Lakewood became a "streetcar suburb," attracting hundreds of Cleveland city workers to live along Detroit and Madison Avenues. The economics of living near public transportation was an attractive reason for people to locate in what was then known as the "Hamlet of Lakewood." The area now

known as "Birdtown" was developed with a strong sense of eastern European identity. Many of those people found work in nearby factories.

Many other people were also attracted to Lakewood for economic reasons. At the turn of the twentieth century, Lakewood was already developing numerous industries, particularly along its eastern border with Cleveland. Both industrialists and workers lived within a few city blocks of each other, as the factories produced everything from bicycles and automobiles to munitions for war. Many people from southern and eastern Appalachia also came here for the work available.

In the latter part of the twentieth century, a great many new refugees from the world's conflicts made their way to Lakewood. Hungarians from the 1956 revolt came, as did many Lebanese and later Palestinians. Albanians and Bosnians came along still later, as well as others who arrived from eastern Europe when the Iron Curtain fell and a resulting turmoil enveloped the lands of their birth. Immigrants from Somalia and other African nations have also sought refuge and a peaceful life within Lakewood's borders. All have been made welcome here through community-planned cultural activities and our many local events. The strong universal support for Lakewood's public schools have insured that future children of these families will grow and share in the American Dream.

So here we are, celebrating Lake-

wood's 100th anniversary as an incorporated city. We've been a historic magnet for many races, religions, and economic levels. Even today, Lakewood continues to attract people who are seeking a peaceful, socially accepting, diverse, and culturally eclectic community that they can grow and thrive in. All economic levels of Lakewood society continue to live within blocks of each other, and continue to enjoy and share in the great and unique city that we've developed here.

It's no accident that so many of the idealized planned communities that have sprouted up around the country strive to recreate Lakewood's front-porch Victorian neighborhoods and classic storefront atmosphere. While others attempt to recreate that ambience, Lakewood's never lost it. Add to those assets our moderate climate, proximity to the Metroparks and Lake Erie, great schools, outstanding hospital, and state-of-the-art library, and Lakewood would seem well-positioned to face the future.

In fact, I would guess that people continue to move here for much the same reasons they did a thousand years ago. I really do believe that the pulse of this city has never beat with more vibrancy than it does today. This great place of ours called Lakewood continues to be a magnet of refuge and safety for the world.



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Jerry Springer: The Opera

Beck Center Premieres Award-Winning Musical

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts presents the regional premiere of the award-winning musical, Jerry Springer: The Opera, in the Studio Theater, February 18 through March 27, 2011. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays. There are no matinee performances for this production.

Strippers, cheating spouses, tap-dancing Ku Klux Klan members. Just another episode of America's favorite lurid TV talk show, The Jerry Springer Show. Come see what happens when Jerry and his show end up in Satan's world in this musical that London's The Sunday Times calls "a shocking, irresistibly funny masterpiece."

Jerry Springer: The Opera, winner of London's Best New Musical in the West End award and three Olivier Awards, features Matthew Wright, who returns to the Beck Center in the title role. The production also includes Equity actor Darryl Lewis as Montel and Jesus.

This production is not recommended for children and contains material that may offend some people.

"While we pride ourselves on the

eclectic mix that we offer at the Beck Center, we are truly excited to showcase pieces that local audiences have not gotten a chance to see, and Jerry Springer The Opera is no exception," says Director Scott Spence. "It comes with a high pedigree and is stimulating, provocative, and entertaining all in one package. We embrace the conversations that are beginning to happen surrounding this astounding new musical and cannot wait to share it with Northeast Ohio audiences."

The performance on Friday, February 25 will include a post-show talkback session discussing the impact of art on our society and the cultural debate surrounding the show. The panel, moderated by Thomas Mulready of Cool Cleveland, will feature Scott Spence and other cultural experts.

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

or more. Tickets for Preview Night go on sale at 10 a.m. on February 17. This show is in our smaller, more intimate Studio Theater so seating is limited.

For tickets, call the Beck Center box office at 216.521.2540, ext. 10, or purchase seats online at www.beckcenter.org. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

Beck Center's production of Jerry

Springer: The Opera is sponsored by Cox Communications, the Ohio Arts Council, and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

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

Cats On Holiday Celebrate 15 Year Anniversary



Denis DeVito, head Cat at a recent Lakewood Arts Festival belting out a tune.

by Margaret Brinich

Cats On Holiday, the roots/rock/zydeco band from Cleveland, is celebrating their 15th anniversary this year. The band has evolved from a couple of ex-new wavers just getting together to jam to one of Cleveland's hardest working bands, typically performing 100 gigs a year. Driven by the original compositions of Denis DeVito, the COH sound, which they call "Swamp Pop", is a high-energy romp which takes the listener from the shores of Lake Erie to the bayou of Louisiana.

The band has released three full length recordings of mostly DeVito's original songs. They have appeared on NPR's "Whad'ya Know?" radio show as well as local programs, "Around Noon," "Fox 8 in the morning" and WNCX's Bill Lewis show. The Cats perform regularly at the Beachland Ballroom, the House of Blues, Cain Park, Lock 3 Live and festivals such as Ingenuity, Hessler Street Fair, Wade Oval Wednesdays, Kent State Folk Festival, Burning Riverfest and many others.

Performing as often as The Cats have for fifteen years, they have had the privilege to work with many wonderful musicians. Some very talented Cleve-

land drummers such as Rod Reisman (Devo, The Numbers Band and The Prayer Warriors), Rich Ellis (California Speedbag), Thomas Mulready, Jason Giaco, Dave Zima and Don Krueger (Eric Carmen) have laid down the beat over the years. The Cats have also had help from Kristine Jares (violin) and Bill Lestock (mandolin and fiddle), bass players Chris Vance, Brian Wildman, Dallas Coffey, Casey Allen, Steve Hudock, Scott Swanson and Chuck Ellis and a number of vocalists including The Prayer Warriors, Vickey Chew and Avril McNally.

The band presently consists of Denis DeVito on guitar, button-box and vocals, Rick Christyson on lead guitar and vocals, the finest rhythm section to date of Dillon DeVito on bass (who, incidentally, was 4 years old when COH started playing), the always energetic Kevin Price on drums and vocals and Zen master Jeff Bowen on congas and percussion. The band will celebrate their Cleveland history Friday, February 18th, at Brother's Lounge and will be joined by many of the wonderful musicians that have been part of the Cats On Holiday history. They hope to see you all there!

Lakewood Artist Has Intuition



Photo by Diana Curran

by Julia Shutt

I like describing intuition as understanding without apparent effort. It's the ability to let go of logical thought and trust your gut. I know an artist who trusts her instinctive sense of perception. The result is photography worth seeing.

"Evidence of Intuition" is the title of Diana Curran's photography show which opens Feb 11th in the "Sullivan Family Gallery" at Bayarts, in Bay Village. Diana's work, in both color and black and white digital photography, reveals an innate sense of insight. Diana's images of nature and people are purely the result of trusting and observing the moment.

Gaze at dynamic botanicals that draw the observer to breathe deeply and smile, centered like the Buddha himself.

Her portraits are compelling, though

the details of the face are never her focus. These are candid portraits because the subject is caught unaware. Graphic architectural images are often united with reflective surfaces and they appear as virtual collage pieces. This gifted artist is a master at refining her images through perfecting the editing process.

For Diana it is all a matter of tapping into instinct. It's in letting go and not focusing on the outcome that her intuition is nurtured. Diana Curran's perceptive photography is inspiring, and reveals evidence of the amazing beauty that's in all things.

Diana Curran is a resident of Lakewood. Her website is: www.dcurranphoto.com

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Lakewood Living

Vintage Lakewood Corner: Murman Grocery Store

by Rhonda Loje

The Lakewood Historical Society, in conjunction with the Lakewood Observer, is reaching out to all of Lakewood, present and past, whether you live here now or used to call Lakewood home, to help us remember Lakewood's history in photos. Each month, we will post a different photo of Lakewood's past along with the story that goes with it, to help everyone remember what Lakewood was, and get a feel for how the past informs the times we are living through now.

This picture was submitted by Tim Murman, who graduated from Lakewood High School, and still lives in Lakewood. The picture he posted originally to our Facebook Site and now featured in our second "Vintage Lakewood Corner" is of his grandfather and his brothers' first grocery



Members of the Murman family standing outside their grocery store on Madison Avenue.

store at 14997 Madison Avenue. Today in that location is a barber shop, called the Lakewood Barber Shop.

Check out the telephone num-

ber in the top left corner, right above the sign that says, "Parade of Progress." Remember AC? That was was the "Academy" phone exchange which

eventually became 221 and 226.

Murman eventually moved to several other locations in Lakewood. We will post additional photos next issue.

What stories do your pictures have to tell?

If you would like to see your pictures of Lakewood's past in the Vintage Lakewood Corner, submit them to the Vintage Lakewood Facebook page (at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/edit/?id=303047936066&sk=basic#%21/pages/Vintage-Lakewood-Ohio/303047936066>), or to the Lakewood Observer online, by signing into the Member Center at www.lakewoodobserver.com and clicking on the Vintage Lakewood category. If you have actual photos and don't want to scan them into a computer, send them to Rhonda Loje, care of The Lakewood Observer at 14900 Detroit, Suite 205, Lakewood, and remember to send a self-addressed stamped envelope, so your photos can be scanned and returned to you.

The Lakewood Historical Society will choose a picture for each month's Vintage Lakewood Corner and publish it in the paper, along with posting it to the Vintage Lakewood Facebook page, and the Lakewood Observer's Observation Deck-- where you can see posts without signing up-- so the whole city can share in the fun and discussion, in whichever format you prefer.

Come join us in celebrating Lakewood's history.

The Leave The Lights Up Campaign Is A Success

by Joe Gombarcik

It seems like Lakewood's version of the national Leave the Lights Up Campaign is a success! Congratulations to the residents and the city for making Lakewood a little brighter by keeping their holiday lights up a little longer, beyond the "official" deadline of holiday designations. The lit snowflakes on poles, the colorful lights around a tree in the front yard, or a simple light display hanging from a porch -- they are all defeating the winter chill in their small way.

While some citizens naturally tend to discard the remnants of past holidays for new trends, other commendable souls still faithfully keep the colorful outdoor lights glowing on trees and porches. It really makes a

difference, to residents as well as visitors to our city. It is a way of extending the reason for the season just a little longer.

These displays make for a happier, more welcome and memorable cityscape. While the reason for not taking them down may lie simply in freezing temperatures delaying tear-downs, the effect is still striking and proves the Christmas spirit can still exist throughout the winter months.

In fact, there are a few residents who have always traditionally believed in keeping their lights up: these few have a reputation that has been noticed (one in particular lives diagonally across from Lakewood High and never fails to brighten up the area with a holiday recognition). Indeed, the town seems a little friendlier while looking much better in the bland, evening winter snows of the doldrum months.

The Leave the Lights Up Campaign is a grassroots movement gaining momentum not just in Greater Cleveland, but across the nation. Seasonal decorations are not just a symbolic statement but a call for community, a show of pride in the city, and the outward manifestation of a peaceful home. It seems everywhere you look, there are citizens leaving up their holiday decorations increasingly longer every year, possibly in protest to the tree-on-the-curb-the-next-day set.

And, of course, many today just modify their lighting landscape to accommodate the next holiday. Even now, some houses sport red and pink Valentine lighting.

So, even when temperatures

begin to rise and the temptation exists to take down your lights, resist! Keep them up just a little longer. A well-lit neighborhood side street is safer and more accommodating, as restaurants with evening patios lit by Christmas lights have known for years.

There are people who notice, and a city that quietly acknowledges your contributions. Perhaps the Light Up Lakewood group should take note of this.



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Lakewood Living

***Meet The Author:* John Gorman Brings Memories Of The Buzzard To Lakewood Public Library**

by Lisa Calfee

When John Gorman arrived at WMMS in the summer of 1973, the free-form rock station was about to go country. Management had lost hope and thought a change of format might resuscitate the dying station. Gorman had less than a year to prove that an innovative FM rock station could survive in a depressed city where few people even owned FM radios. Let's



just say things worked out.

WMMS became a powerhouse, Cleveland became known as the Rock-n-Roll Capital of the World and people selling FM radios were tickled pink. On Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m., former music director turned author John Gorman will take you behind the scenes of the station and backstage with Rock -n-Roll royalty in a multimedia presentation of his popular book, *The Buzzard: Inside the Glory Days of WMMS and Cleveland Rock Radio* at the Lakewood Public Library in the Main Auditorium as part of our Meet The Author series.

WMMS became a phenomenon in the 70's and 80's by rejecting the Top 40 radio station formula. The focus was on new music, new trends and promoting concerts. For many listeners, the Buzzard was the first place they heard Bruce Springsteen, Rush, Southside Johnny, Michael Stanley or Roxy Music. Something different was always happening

over at WMMS 101 FM.

The energy spread through the city. Rock concerts sprung up nearly every day of the week at places like the Agora and the Coliseum. Record labels couldn't keep up with the Cleveland demand for new albums that were made popular because WMMS was playing them. DJ's "Kid Leo", "Matt the Cat" and Len "Boom Boom" Goldberg became household names. And the Buzzard, that iconic bird created by Gorman, was worn proudly on T-shirts, stuck firmly on bumpers and drawn meticulously on school notebooks by Clevelanders who wanted the world to know that they rocked with

the Buzzard.

John Gorman saw it all, inside and close-up. Don't miss the chance to hear him share his memories with us at the Lakewood Public Library on Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Auditorium. Copies of Gorman's book, *The Buzzard: Inside the Glory Days of WMMS and Cleveland Rock Radio* will be available for sale and signing. This installment of *Meet The Author* is generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Friends of Lakewood Public Library. So as always, this event is free and open to the public!

Promotions in the Police Department

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Promoted to serve in these vital leadership positions were:

Captain Anthony Ciresi – Captain Ciresi is a 31 year veteran having previously served as the Lieutenant in the Narcotics/Vice Unit. Captain Ciresi will be assigned as the Commander of the Investigative Division.

Lieutenant Leslie Wilkins – Lieutenant Wilkins is a 22 year veteran of the Lakewood Police Department having previously served as a Patrol Sergeant. Lieutenant Wilkins will be assigned to the Patrol Division and in charge of the night shift.

Lieutenant Kevin Kaucheck – Lieutenant Kaucheck is a 21 year veteran having served as a night shift Patrol Sergeant. Lieutenant Kaucheck will be assigned to the Investigative Division in charge of the Narcotics/Vice Unit.

Sergeant Timothy Schad – Sergeant Schad is 15 year veteran of the Lakewood Police Department having most recently served as a K-9 Officer with K-9 Arco. Sergeant Schad will be assigned to the Patrol Division on the night shift.

Sergeant Kevin Fischer – Sergeant Fischer is an 11 year veteran of

the department having most recently served as the Neighborhood Officer for Ward 3. Sergeant Fischer will be assigned to the Patrol Division on the night shift.

Sergeant William Deucher – Sergeant Deucher is an 11 year veteran of the Lakewood Police Department most recently assigned as an Investigator on the night shift. Sergeant Deucher will be assigned to the Patrol Division on the night shift.

Sergeant Duane Brown – Sergeant Brown is a 14 year veteran of the department most recently assigned to the night shift as a Field Training Officer. Sergeant Brown will be assigned to the Patrol Division on the night shift.

“The number of supervisors we have promoted is a significant event for the Lakewood Police Department”, commented Chief Timothy J. Malley. “Each and every officer has excelled in their commitment to the citizens of Lakewood and the Lakewood Police Department and I look forward to working with each of them in their new assignments. The Lakewood Police Department is well situated with these promotions to offer superior and stable leadership in the years to come.”

Fundraiser Scheduled For Non-Profit Preschool In Lakewood

by Deanna Rasch

Parkview Playschool, Inc., a non-profit cooperative preschool in Lakewood, has scheduled its annual Adult Night Out Fundraiser for Saturday, February 19th at Around The Corner in Lakewood.

“We have a variety of activities planned for our fundraiser,” said fundraising chair Heather Hinojosa. “In addition to a 50/50 raffle, we will be holding a silent auction for some wonderful items, such as a four-pack of park-hopper passes to Walt Disney World, a Little Tykes Cozy Coupe, gift certificates for a cleaning service, tickets to “Legacy of Light” at Playhouse Square, and tickets for the Lake County Captains, Lake Erie Monsters and Lake Erie Crushers. We also have an American Girl doll, Kanani, that will be up for auction.”

The fundraiser runs from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM and the \$20 ticket includes draft beer, pizza and wings.

Parkview has been operating continuously since 1958, and the school relocated from Fairview Park to Lakewood in June of 2010. The preschool strives to provide quality education for three- and four-year-olds. "As a non-profit preschool, the majority of our funding comes from fundraisers," said Parkview's Director, Patti Finau. "Without the support of parents the community, our school could not survive."

Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. Please contact Patti Finau at 216-228-0996 for more information.

The advertisement for Neubert Painting features a central image of a modern living room with a yellow sofa, a coffee table, and a chandelier. To the right of the central image is a graphic of a paintbrush with a wooden handle and a blue bristle head. The text "Neubert" is in large red letters, and "PAINTING" is in white letters on a blue background. Below this, the tagline "Quality Painting. That's All We Do!" is written in a blue serif font. The central image is flanked by the words "Interior" on the left and "Exterior" on the right. At the bottom, the phone number "216-529-0360" is displayed in bold black text, followed by the website "www.neubertpainting.com" and the address "12108 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107".

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The logo for Donnelly Heating & Cooling features the letters 'W', 'E', and 'D' in a stylized font, each enclosed in a square frame. The 'W' is red, the 'E' is yellow, and the 'D' is blue. To the right of the 'D' is the word 'ONNELLY' in blue. Below this, the words 'Heating & Cooling' are written in a large, bold, black serif font. To the right of the logo, the text 'Serving Lakewood Since 1922' is written in a black serif font. Below this, the text 'Sales Service Installation' is written in a black serif font. To the right of this text, a vertical line separates it from the text 'Call us today 216-521-7000 24 Hour Emergency Service'. The phone number is in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. The text '24 Hour' and 'Emergency Service' are in a black serif font.



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