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## Lakewood - Best Suburb Yet Again In 2011

by Margaret Brinich

Every year, Cleveland area residents and businesses anxiously await the results of Scene Magazine's Best Of list. The eclectic categories encompass retail, restaurants, arts and nightlife, sports and recreation, and of course, the much coveted, "Best Suburb." Then it should come as no surprise that in addition to being named "Best Suburb," it seems we're best at almost everything else. Most romantic restaurant,

best pizza, best middle eastern food, best hardware store, best chocolate, best sporting goods store, best local theater and director, and best health food store just to name a few.

As the list illustrates, Lakewood's appeal draws from its diverse offerings and diverse population. Scene describes the vibrant life found in Lakewood as, "An energy derived from residents young and old who share a determination to celebrate their city's

countless virtues. Nowhere in Northeast Ohio do so many cultures mesh so harmoniously as they do in Lakewood." Just as the the young and old residents coexist, so do the businesses, e.g. the bustling Deagan's as "Best New Restaurant" thrives right down the street from the Lakewood classic, Pier W as "Best Restaurant for Romance."

And we're close to a lot of the other winners, like Edge-

water Park- best park and best swimming.

From The Scene Best Of list:

Best Suburb: Lakewood

Best Playground for Kids: Lakewood Park

Best Entrepreneur: Matt Fish of Melt

Best Jewelry maker: Erika Originals, Erika Laine Hansen of Lakewood

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## Lakewood's Old House Fair Helps Residents

by Mel Page

The Lakewood Old House Fair will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harding Middle School (at Hilliard & Madison). Admission is free.

No more blindly searching through yellow page listings or scouring the overwhelming Northeast Ohio home improvement shows for the goods and services that best cater to older houses. Owning a Lakewood home or space is a labor of love for most individuals. You can spend lots of time and energy sorting through information and seeking out businesses that best serve older homes. Sometimes residents can do the work



themselves. Sometimes we need to pay professionals to do it. Either way, the expertise and guidance of local professionals and resources is necessary and valuable in order to give our century homes a sound start for their next 100 years.

Whether you are putting sweat equity into your home or

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## Speaking Of Old Houses Need \$1,000 To Paint Yours?

by Jim O'Bryan

When Hilary Schickler, Housing Outreach Coordinator for LakewoodAlive, first told me the City was raising the amount of monetary assistance they could give to low to moderate income families to help with the painting of their homes from \$200 to \$1,000 I was both amazed and interested.

In the past, the \$200 was barely worth the effort, and in an era where everything costs more and you get less, to hear Lakewood raised it to up to \$1,000 was something we all should look at. After all, it is not cheap to paint a house, and it is something we all have to do sooner or later. For me, it is continued on page 13

## LOBC Fundraiser Is A Full House



This past Saturday, Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee had a fundraiser at Around the Corner, and it was a standing room only event! The large crowd showed up to support getting more hoops up around town. Kudos to LOBC and Around the Corner whose Warehouse Room is a great place for parties!

## Kristine Pagsuyoin Announces Run For School Board

by Kristine Pagsuyoin

If it is true that the success of a society can be judged by how education is valued by its citizens then I feel strongly about the future of Lakewood and the continued success of our schools. Time and time again the Lakewood community demonstrates how deeply we care about education by coming together to rally around our schools and kids whenever the need arises. My family and I live in Lakewood not only because we love the city, but also because we value education. It is remarkable that a family can find a city that offers so much while maintaining an excellent school district. It is with my passion, love of community, and belief in public education that I announce my candidacy for the Lakewood Board of Education.

Many experiences have led me down the path towards running for a position on the school board - leaving corporate training to obtain a graduate degree in education, working as a teacher in large urban school districts, and volunteering and dedicating my time to community projects that help kids and families. Yet, probably the most important experience preparing me to serve on the school board is that of being a mom.

As many parents can tell you having kids changes everything! When my kids enrolled in Lakewood Schools I made a commitment to attend



school board meetings, serve on school committees, and volunteer in the classroom. As an educator, resident, and parent I am extremely proud of the work the teachers and administrators in our district put forth every day to help our children succeed.

Serving the community is equally as important to me as working in the field of education. Over the last decade it has been fulfilling to work on projects aimed at helping Lakewood's families and kids. Engaging them is a key element in building a stronger Lakewood community. Currently, I serve on the leadership team of the Lakewood Family Collaborative, which brings organizations and individuals dedicated to helping kids and families together to network

and maximize our precious resources and programs. In addition, I am a proud member of the PTA which supported me as one of the co-founders of the "Brake-4-Kids" & Speed Awareness Initiative as well as many other projects. I served on the Coordinating Council for the Phase III Facilities Committee and on the Youth Master Plan Education Committee. Although I have dedicated myself to raising a family, I continue to teach part-time at Cuyahoga Community College and operate a small business.

There are many philosophies about what makes an effective school board member or school board; I would like to share some of my thoughts

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# Calendar Page

**Thursday, April 7**  
**Lakewood Intergenerational Spring Fling Dance**  
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Garfield Middle School Cafeteria, 13114 Detroit Ave. See Page 22.  
**Cleveland Clinic 9th Annual Minority Men s Health Fair**  
5:30 - 8:30 PM, Cleveland Clinic Main Campus, Glickman Tower, 9500 Euclid Avenue (Building Q), Cleveland. Includes free health screenings for prostate cancer, hypertension and diabetes, as well as seminars and information on topics including stroke prevention, smoking cessation, health and nutrition, exercise and wellness, organ donation, sports health, reproductive health, pain management and colorectal cancer. The fair has grown each year, providing free health services and information to more than 1,500 attendees in 2010. Free parking in P1 Garage at Euclid & East 93rd.  
**Natural History Museum CEO Speaks at League Event**  
7:00 - 9:00 PM, Trinity Commons at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave. Evalyn Gates, Ph.D., Exec. Director and CEO of The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, is the featured speaker at the League of Women Voters’ “First Thursdays” public meeting . Her talk titled “Portal to the Universe” will explain how museums are a unique portal connecting us all to a deeper understanding of the world in which we live. It is open to the public free of charge, with free parking behind the Cathedral off Prospect Avenue. For more information visit [www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org](http://www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org).

**Friday, April 8**  
**26th Annual Swim for Diabetes**  
7:30 - 9:00 PM, Lakewood High School & Lakewood YMCA  
Raise Funds and Awareness for Diabetes! Lakewood High School: Friday, April 8 from 7:30pm-9:00pm; Saturday, April 9 from 1pm-3pm; Sunday, April 10 from 2pm-3:30pm. Lakewood Family YMCA: Saturday, April 9 from 12pm-4pm; Sunday, April 10 from 12pm-4pm. Individuals of all ages and abilities can participate in this event and have the opportunity to earn great prizes. Participate by swimming laps, walking in or around the water, or just stay dry and make a donation. Register online [www.swimfordiabetes.com](http://www.swimfordiabetes.com). You can also drop by any of the pool sites on the designated days to sign up and participate! Call DAGC at 216- 591-0800 for more information.  
**The Underpants - Steve Martin s adaptation of a play by Carl Sternheim**  
8:00 PM, Mackey Main Stage, Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Avenue  
Runs through April 23rd. Order tickets [www.beckcenter.org](http://www.beckcenter.org) or 521-2540.  
**Monthly Swing Dance at the Lakewood Masonic Temple**  
8:00 - 12:00 PM, Lakewood Masonic Temple, 15300 Detroit Ave.  
Everyone welcome, no partner needed or previous dance experience. Live swing music and swing dancing. Jitterbug lesson for beginners from 8-9 and dancing to The Mojo Big Band is from 9 until midnight. Only \$10 per person. For more info 216-374-1927 or [www.GetHepSwing.com](http://www.GetHepSwing.com).

**Saturday, April 9**  
**Earned Income Tax Credit Clinic**  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Ave.  
**Lakewood Early Childhood PTA Baby Bargain Bonanza**  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Emerson Elementary School (13439 Clifton Blvd., Lakewood)  
A veritable warehouse of gently used items for babies and toddlers. Clothes, toys, furniture, accessories and more! Maternity items for mom, too!  
**Crafty Goodness Grand Opening Celebration**  
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, 15621 Madison Ave.  
Crafty Goodness, a new retail store, nvites all Lakewood residents and everyone from Northeast Ohio to attend. Many exciting activities and special promotions are planned for the day. For more info [www.craftygoodnesscleveland.com](http://www.craftygoodnesscleveland.com).  
**The Centennial Gala: Celebrate 100 Years of Business in Lakewood with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce**  
6:00 - 11:00 PM, Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Ave.  
Join us for an evening of fine food, theater and celebration to help celebrate the Chamber’s 100th birthday at The Centennial Gala. Cocktails and hor d’oeuvres begin at 6pm, followed by the presentation of the Frank L. Thurber Award for Business Excellence at 7:30pm. The evening includes: the Beck’s production of The Underpants, a \$1000 Centennial Heist cash raffle prize sponsored by PNC Bank, a Vintage Ladies Estate diamond & platinum ring raffle prize sponsored by Broestl & Wallis sponsored by Broestl & Wallis Fine Jewelers (proceeds benefit The Lakewood Historical Society), a birthday cake contest, and more!

**Sunday, April 10**  
**Affordable Cowan Pottery Sale**  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Rocky River Public Library,1600 Hampton Road, Rocky River  
The Cowan Pottery Museum Associates (CPMA) will hold a sale of Cowan Pottery. This beautiful pottery is from a large private collection which is being dispersed. Over 300 pieces of Cowan Pottery, ranging in price from \$5.00 to \$50.00, will be sold with proceeds benefiting the CPMA fund. There will be a limit of 10 pieces/sets per

purchaser, and payments can be made with cash or check. Purchasers will receive a free Cowan Pottery Museum Associates membership. Cowan Pottery was produced in Lakewood from 1913-1917 and in Rocky River from 1920 to 1931. It was one of the nation’s leading potteries during the 1920s, and the Cleveland area’s only major pottery. For more info call RR Public Library at 440-895-3763 or visit [www.rrpl.org](http://www.rrpl.org).  
**Monday, April 11**  
**Income Tax Preparation Clinic**  
12 - 3:30 PM, Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave.  
Offered Monday & Tuesdays through April 18th. Hosted by The City of Lakewood-Division of Aging and AARP. To make a reservation, call 216-521-1515.  
**Tuesday, April 12**  
**Lakewood Observer Outreach & Community Conversations**  
7 - 9 PM, Beck Cafe, Detroit Ave.  
**Thursday, April 14**  
**Rain Barrel Workshop**  
6:30 - 8:00 PM, Women’s Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park  
Learn how to harvest rainwater for all your garden needs and to combat storm water pollution in your community by constructing a rain barrel! Hosted by The City of Lakewood and Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. Each participant will construct a rain barrel to take home. The \$60 fee includes instruction and all materials, including a 55-gallon barrel and a downspout diverter. Registration is required. Call or email Rocky River Watershed Coordinator Jared Bartley at 216-524-6580 x14  
**Saturday, April 16**  
**H2O s Breakfast with the Bunny**  
8:30 AM - 1:15 PM, Lakewood Park - Women’s Pavilion. See Page 22 for details.  
**YMCA Lakewood - Healthy Kids Day**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, YMCA Lakewood, 16915 Detroit Ave.  
We are joining more than 900 YMCAs across the nation in hosting FREE events and activities that encourage children to take small steps toward getting active. Attendees will enjoy face painting and a bounce house, plus games, tests of skill, informational booths, giveaways, snacks and more! (216) 521-8400.  
**MLB Hit, Pitch, and Run (Part of YMCA Healthy Kids Day)**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Edwards Park, 16600 Detroit Ave  
By Aquafina Major League Baseball, FREE, 1-day event for boys and girls ages 7-14. PHR is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. Boys and girls compete separately and participants have the opportunity to compete in four levels of competition including Locals, Sectionals, Team Championships and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game.  
**Friends of Lakewood Public Library Spring Book Sale**  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Main Library, 15425 Detroit Ave.  
Visit the library for their regular book sale. Also new, online bookstore at website [www.lkwdpl.org/friends](http://www.lkwdpl.org/friends).  
**Tabletops & Trifles Lakewood Historical Society Sale**  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, The Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit Ave  
Also, runs Friday, April 15, 1PM to 7PM. See Page 23 for details.  
**Annual Lakewood Old House Fair**  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Harding Middle School, Madison Ave. See Front page & inside.  
**Eaters of Lakewood Event at Flying Rib**  
6:00 - 9:00 PM, The Flying Rib, 11926 Madison Ave.  
Check out our Facebook page. If you have any questions you can contact us at [eaterso-flakewood@gmail.com](mailto:eaterso-flakewood@gmail.com). See Page 22 for story.

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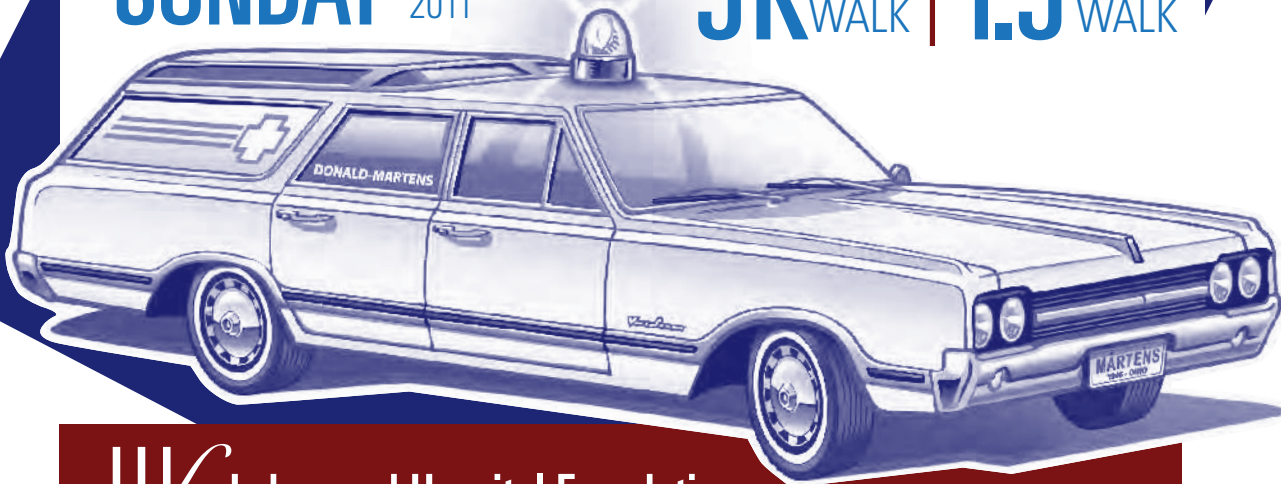
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**9:00am** 5K Run and Walk  
**10:00am** Children's Chase

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# Lakewood City News

## Rocky River To Possibly Build A Sound Barrier Wall By Dog Park

by Christopher Bindel

The March 21, 2011 Council meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M. by Council President Mary Louise Madigan. The first order of business was to excuse the absence of Councilman Ryan Nowlin (At-Large), which Council agreed to. They then recognized Human Services Director Dottie Buckon so she could give her report on the 2010 Census.

Director Buckon's report discussed the work of over 20 individuals and organizations that volunteered their time towards U.S. Census outreach, and making people aware of the importance of everyone being counted. This was the first time a Complete Count Committee was established in Lakewood for the decennial Census and its impact was noticeable. By April of 2010, the mail-in rate of Census forms was 72% and Lakewood exceeded population estimates, by reaching a total population of 52,131 people. The committee's "Every 1 Counts in Lakewood" campaign consisted of at least 10 presentations, dispersal of information at several committee events, outreach to hard to reach populations through community and faith-based organizations, community meals and door-to-door-campaigns.

Director Buckon asked the members of Council to join her and the administration in thanking the hard-working citizens that were a part of the group. Councilwoman Madigan (Ward IV) thanked the members for all their hard work and said that more than a few people were nervous that the numbers would fall below 50,000, and that the committee's efforts not only helped Lakewood stay above that mark, but actually helped it greatly exceed expectations. Councilwoman Monique Smith also wanted to thank director Buckon and the committee for all their work, especially considering recent news about how much funding is going to be cut by the state, she stated it could have been much, much worse if the population fell below 50,000 and Lakewood lost its entitlement status.

Next, Councilman Brian Pow-

ers (At-Large) read a communication from the Finance Committee, which he chairs, regarding bond certificates that were proposed at the last meeting. The three certificates would allow the City to sell bonds to pay for improvement projects in Lakewood. The projects these certificates would cover are street repairs, traffic signal replacement on Detroit Avenue, and improvements to the City's parking garage ventilation. Finance Director, Jennifer Pae, indicated in the Committee meeting it would be best to get the bonds to market so that the City could begin on the projects as early as possible. Therefore, the Committee agreed to recommend suspending the rules requiring three readings before any item can be passed, and that Council adopted all three certificates upon their second reading.

Before voting on the items, Ward IV's new Councilman, David Anderson, directed a question at Director Pae, regarding the certificate for the road repairs and construction. He said that as he understands it, the road construction is part of the City's annual budget, but cannot take place until the bonds are sold. He asked how both of those things can be true. Director Pae said that it was the same as if you took out a mortgage on your home. They sell these bonds to finance the cost of the construction. They start off by selling a one year bond and after those bonds go to market and are sold the funds are put in to the capital improvements budget for the repairs of the roads. After the City has used the funds they roll the bonds over for a few years until they can sell them for longer term bonds at a better rate so they can pay them off over time. As the streets are estimated to have an 18 year life span that gives them some time to pay them off.

Councilman Anderson then asked Director Pae why, if the cost of the six streets that are slated to be done is only estimated at just under \$850,000 dollars,

is the certificate for \$1,238,000 dollars? Director Pae said that the City projects what it can afford in terms of debt and when they came up with the projections they estimated the City could afford about \$2 million dollars. The City breaks that debt up to cover projects the City needs done. In this case there was some money that was going to be allocated towards improvements at the refuse building but the City received a grant that could be used to cover those repairs and therefore they shifted the funds that were going to be spent on that towards roads. Another reason there is a difference in cost is due to the fact that with gas prices rising the way they are, the City cannot estimate how much that will effect construction cost. They have the engineering estimates, but do not know what the fuel cost will be. Lastly, the ordinance includes the names of six streets that need to be done and the city knows it can afford. However, it also includes "various streets" which allows the city to use any remaining funds after those six streets are done, to repair or replace any other streets that might need it as well.

With Councilman Anderson satisfied with Director Pae's explanations, Council voted on the ordinances and passed all three.

Councilwoman Madigan then introduced a resolution that would update the information given to new residents in their Welcoming package to include all updates made in Council, including new members and president. Council suspended the rules and passed the resolution on its first reading.

Next a representative from the Fire Department read a communication from Fire Chief Scott Gillman. The communication asked Council to pass a resolution proclaiming the week of March 21-25 as Severe Weather Awareness week. The week is used to test the city wide emergency alert system and is also used to join the nationwide effort to spread awareness in special populations at high risk including schools, day cares, nursing homes and health care facilities. Council accepted the communication and passed the resolution on its first reading.

Director of Public Works, Joseph Beno, then asked Council to pass a resolution accepting grant funds totaling \$611,000 dollars from NOPEC. The funds will be used for repairs and updates and the Lakewood refuse building on Berea Road. The repairs include a new roof, energy-efficient lighting, solar panels to power the new lighting, minor interior and exterior repairs, and replacement of driveway structural steel members.

Councilwoman Smith asked Director Beno how it was that they decided to use the grant funding for these projects. The first thing Director Beno said was that as of right now, any time it rains, it pretty much rains inside the building, so the roof needed to be redone. He said they have also closed part of the driveway because there are deteriorated structural members underneath that make it unsafe. The reason they are able to use the

NOPEC funds for this project is because it is going towards Lakewood's refuse building which is used for our recycling program. Also the improvements with the solar panel operated interior lights also make it qualify.

Council suspended the rules and passed the resolution on its first reading.

Having reached the end of the agenda items, Council recognized Chase resident, Collette Graham. Mrs. Gram first thanked the Mayor for putting an end to the considerations regarding the Clifton Boulevard project that would have included a median. She then asked about a proposed wall that would be built in the valley by the dog park, as a sound barrier, that she had read about in the Plain Dealer. She wanted to know who was going to pay for it. Mayor Mike Summers responded, telling her that, ironically enough, after Rocky River just lost their lawsuit against Lakewood involving the dog park, they are now undergoing a sewer project involving the pipes that run from the neighborhood that complained about the dog park, down the hill, underneath the dog park itself, and to Lakewood's water treatment plant. Rocky River approached Lakewood and asked as part of the project, could they build a sound barrier wall on Lakewood property. Mayor Summers said that they told Rocky River that if they could come up with a plan using their materials and their funding that would make sense, Lakewood would support it. He said Lakewood would "support it in spirit, support it with advice, support it with our council, but not our money."

Mrs. Graham, pleased with the Mayor's response, thanked Council for their time and took her seat. With no further comments from the public or announcements from members of council or the administration, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

*Council meetings are held every first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall Auditorium. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held on April 18, 2011. For a copy of the agenda or for any other information regarding the Lakewood City Council, you can find it at [onelakewood.com/citygovern\\_council.html](http://onelakewood.com/citygovern_council.html).*

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Lakewood City News

From Steeple And Stained Glass To CVS

by Carol Mason

The site of the Lakewood Lutheran Church holds many cherished memories, especially for a Lakeland resident and her parents. You see, her parents, Louise and Elliot Manke got married in that Church. And so it is when time changes footpaths in the community that residents gather to tend to the memories and ponder the redevelopment from church steeple to pharmacy brick and mortar. So, what will happen to the steeple and the beautiful stained glass and what about the pews? And what about that majestic Old Oak Tree?

Perhaps it was because we were meeting in the Main Library, one of the largest recent redevelopments, and the insurgence of new has become the now. Acceptance that the redevelopment was at hand turned over to concerns of how the redevelopment will impact the neighborhood. Sean McDermott, of Zaremba Group and a resident of Lakewood, presented the site plan. Sean walked through the details of the concept and addressed design and function elements. Like the credits of a movie, there will be no houses removed in construction of the site. Lakeland parents and kids will be able to walk through the CVS site to the Main Library utilizing a sidewalk at the south end of the site without having to walk through a parking lot. There will be a dedicated bike rack near the entrance. Light poles were tested to ensure that light did not spill out from the site into residents' homes. A green sustainable bio-swale will be a feature in the parking lot. There will be a sign at the exit to Lakeland Ave that only Lakeland residents can turn left

Not Another Drug Store...  
... But A Drug Superstore!

by Margaret Brinich

By now, the news that CVS will be moving out of its existing space on the northeast corner of Mars and Detroit is well known. In fact the plans for the new CVS building spanning the length of the block between Arthur and Lakeland (still on Detroit) were already approved at the March Architectural Board of Review hearing. But with the help of Dru Siley in the City's Planning Department, Sean McDermott of Zaremba Group, and Carol Mason and Lynne Hammes-Lakeland Block Club Co-Captains, we hope to shed a little more light on a topic that has sparked numerous discussions, as should be expected when a change of this magnitude is being made.

Those familiar with the Arthur-Lakeland block, know that Lakeland Lutheran Church, as well as several long time Lakewood businesses are situated on that block. Dru was pleased to report that the businesses have all been relocated within the City. As for the planned demolition of the church (a sticking point for many in the community about the project), Dru noted, "Turning a vacant and tax exempt property into a viable commercial project is a benefit to the community." He continued, "The



and conversely for the exit on Arthur. The plan complies with the City's Commercial Retail Code and the 64 space parking lot is conditional use as allowed by City Code. Building materials are of high quality. From Detroit, you will not be able to see the parking lot but you will view active life through the windows. Display windows on the Arthur side will house local photography. Signage and Streetscape fit those of Downtown and approved by the City of Lakewood Architecture Board of Review. The Bus Shelter will remain per RTA.

The primary concern from the Lakeland neighbors was that of the impact from increased traffic. Many neighbors attested that Lakeland already has a problem with speeders and wondered if the entrance and exit on Lakeland could be closed. Sean stated that that would not be possible because there cannot be a mid-block entrance off Detroit due to the City of Lakewood Commercial

Design Guidelines. Ward councilman, Tom Bullock, stated that this traffic concern exists with other streets and he will be working with residents like Lakeland's to develop solutions to these traffic problems. A concern was brought up that the new CVS parking lot could fill up with patrons from the Library as it did in the CVS Mars parking lot leaving no room for CVS shoppers. Several Lakeland residents were concerned with patrons from the bar utilizing the lot after hours and

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- Best Restaurant, Best Sandwich Shop, Best Taste of Cleveland, and Best Local Food Champ: Melt Bar and Grilled
- Best Restaurant for Romance: Pier W
- Best New Restaurant: Deagan's Kitchen and Bar
- Best Pizza: Angelo's Pizza
- Best Middle Eastern: Aladdin's Eatery
- Best Health Food Store: Nature's Bin
- Best Locally Owned Hardware Store: Lakewood Hardware
- Best Chocolate Shop: Malley's
- Best Wine Shop: Rozi's Wine House
- Best Bicycle Shop: Spin Bike Shop
- Best Florist: Brennan's Floral Gift Shop
- Best Tobacco Supply Shop: Cheap Tobacco-- all locations
- Best Discount Store: Marc's-- all locations
- Best Sporting Goods Store: Geiger's
- Best High School Team: St. Edward

creating noise in the wee hours of the morn! Another resident brought up concerns about construction noise during the building and wondered if reasonable morning times could be maintained. Tom Bullock addressed the bar patrons issue stating that he would work with the bar owner to quiet his patrons leaving during the late hours. He would also check the city code as to construction times.

Concerns were brought up about the storefront businesses that will be lost from the development. Good news... many, if not all, are staying in Lakewood and utilizing other storefronts!

And now, the rest of the story.... the church pews have already gone, the beautiful stained glass windows will be removed and faithfully repurposed and the Steeple is being removed and salvaged by the church. Sandstone will be reclaimed. But, the Old Oak Tree after 110 years must come down as it is diseased and dangerous. Perhaps a time capsule will include a piece of its historic wood or a cross section might be memorialized by time dating each ring...who knows what one of our talented Lakewoodites will think of.

- Best Skate Park: Lakewood Park
- Best Local Theater Company: Beck Center for the Arts
- Best Director: Scott Spence
- Best Sports Bar: Winking Liz-ard-- all locations
- Best Beer Selection: Buckeye Beer Engine
- Best Scenic Drive: Cleveland Metroparks-- all of it

- Very Near Lakewood
- Best Park: Edgewater Park
- Best Place to Swim: Edgewater Park
- Best Place to Cure the Munchies: My Friend's Deli
- Best Place to Buy Groceries: Heinens
- Best Vintage Store: Flower Child (115 Clifton)
- Best Gay/Lesbian Bar: Twist (11633 Clifton)
- Best Jukebox: Spitfire Saloon (1539 W 117th)
- Best Cab Company: Westlake Express (19061 Depot St. Rocky River)
- Best Golf Course: Big Met (4811 Valley Parkway, Fairview Park)

Rotary Club Announces Grants

by Lynn Donaldson

Over \$21,000 in grants have been awarded to Lakewood and Rocky River community organizations by the Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River.

An additional \$3,500 will be provided to recognize students who place in the club's annual speech, music and art competition. The students will be recognized at an Awards Ceremony & Reception on Monday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Beck Center.

Beck Center's visual arts program

will receive \$2,500 for club-sponsored scholarships, and \$1,400 will be used to fund the club's continuing commitment to provide a dictionary to every third grader in Lakewood and Rocky River.

Grants were awarded to: Lakewood Community Service Center, Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp., North Coast Health Ministry, Lakewood Meals on Wheels, Rocky River Meals on Wheels, Barton Senior

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# Lakewood Public Library Events

All Events and Programs Are Free And Open To The Public

by Martha Wood

Wednesday, April 6

MEET THE AUTHOR: Neil Zurcher

Tales from the Road: Memoirs from a Lifetime of Ohio Travel, Television, and More

After a million miles and four decades, Neil Zurcher has a lot of great stories to tell. He met Prince Charles in a bathroom, and tripped and fell on President Gerald Ford. He raced on an elephant, piloted a glider, and hung from a trapeze. He survived a hotel fire, a tornado, and countless stunts for the camera. During his “One Tank Trips, he visited every corner of Ohio and beyond and met hundreds of unusual people, making him one of the most popular personalities in Cleveland television. In this book, with his familiar folksy style, Neil shares dozens of his favorite personal stories. Many will cause a chuckle, some will surprise, and all recall an era of television and of Northeast Ohio that was full of color and characters. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Thursday, April 7

MEET THE AUTHOR: Diana Tittle

The Severances: An American Odyssey, from Puritan Massachusetts to Ohio’s Western Reserve, and Beyond

Although the book covers nearly four centuries of this remarkable family’s history, the author’s lavishly illustrated talk will put special emphasis on how the experience of designing and furnishing “homes beautiful” in Cleveland Heights transformed John L. Severance and his sister Elisabeth Severance Prentiss into serious patrons of the arts who endowed the Western Reserve with some of our most distinguished civic buildings. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, April 9

Lakewood Public Cinema:

Amélie (2001) Directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet Rated R

“Only the discoverer of Tutankhamen’s tomb would know how she felt upon finding this treasure hidden by a little boy.” Amélie has a penchant for the small, secret wonders of the world. With an imagination that can’t help but see what others are quick to overlook, she makes a habit of stamping out sorrow and spreading good mischief all over Paris. Then one day she finds the man of her dreams and... runs away? This funny, inventive film seems like it was stolen from some wonderful person’s dreams. French with English subtitles.

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

Sunday, April 10

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: Brian Henke: Sonic Shaman

Brian Henke is a storyteller of very few words—his guitar will actually do most of the talking. Though he is widely known for his intricate, fingerstyle playing, we are drawn to his piercing eyes. They see so much! Hidden stories of the natural world inspire gorgeous, ever-evolving melodies. Relax and be at peace.

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

Monday, April 11

A Generic Approach to Long Term Care

After many years of working in both the personal and commercial sides of the insurance industry, Barry Becker now specializes in long term care. Personal experience taught him the importance of early planning. Now he’s on a mission to educate people about their options and guide them through financial decisions. This is not a sales pitch. It’s a helping hand.

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

Tuesday, April 12

MEET THE AUTHOR: Rob Smith

Join us for the Cleveland debut of Rob Smith’s novel McGowan’s Return.

Davis McGowan is drawn out of retirement and returns to the city of his youth. He takes a temporary position as Interim Pastor of an historic church on Cleveland’s Public Square. This new circumstance draws him back to the parish and into the path of a serial killer.

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

Saturday, April 16

FIVE STAR FILMS: In Brilliant Black & White

Morocco (1930) Directed by Josef von Sternberg Not Rated

A beautiful cabaret singer, Marlene Dietrich, enjoys the good life provided by an older, wealthy suitor, Adolphe Menjou. Destiny marches in as a handsome, young legionnaire, Gary Cooper. They fall for each other. His unit gets the order to move out. In the end, is the material girl capable of choosing love over luxury?

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

Sunday, April 17

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: The Biasella Trio

This sizzling jazz trio is named after the drummer, Paul—a man who demands that players know their instruments well. Backed up by a serious upright bassist

and a guitarist who thinks like a trumpet player, Biasella will treat his audience to uncompromising music determined to rise above the ordinary with challenging rhythms and soaring soul.

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

Wednesday, April 20

Women in History presents Mary Ann Shadd Cary

A woman ahead of her time, Mary Ann Shadd Cary was the first African American woman in North America to edit a weekly newspaper—the Provincial Freeman. Actress Vernice Jackson will bring the noted educator and abolitionist to life in this intimate dramatic presentation.

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

Thursday, April 21

Out of Place: A Film about the Surfers in Cleveland, Ohio (2009)

Directed by Darrin McDonald & Scott Ditzenberger Not Rated

Filmmaker Scott Ditzenberger personally presents his award-winning documentary about the underground community of surfers along the Lake Erie coastline who wait for waves that rarely come. After the show, meet the cast and join in a rousing session of Q & A. DVDs will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

BOOK GROUPS:

Thursday, April 14

BOOKED FOR MURDER: Murder on the Ballarat Train by Kerry Greenwood

Alluring flapper Phryne Fisher and her dependable maid Dot board a train bound for the Australian countryside, but their quiet vacation sours when first class is gassed with chloroform and a crabby old woman goes missing. Phryne must investigate, but not before she makes time with the all-male rowing team in coach.

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

Tuesday, April 19

KNIT AND 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 project. Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. At the close of every meeting, the group decides which book will be read for next time. Visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/bookclubs](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/bookclubs) for a complete list of the books being considered and find out which title you should read to be ready for the next discussion. Tonight’s book discussion is about The Weight of Heaven

by Thrity Umrigar

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

LEARNING LAB CLASSES:

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

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

UPCOMING APRIL CLASSES: (Class sign-ups for April begin on Friday, April 1)

Saturday, April 9: WORD PROCESSING BASICS@3:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 14: JOB HUNTING BASICS @ 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 16: INTERNET BASICS@3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23: WEB SEARCHING BASICS@3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 30: E-MAIL BASICS@3:00 p.m.

CHILDRENS & YOUTH SERVICES:

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

HOMEWORK ER: For students in kindergarten through eighth grade

Need a little extra help with your homework or just want a cool place to work? Come to the Homework Room for help and resources. No need to register. \*Homework ER will be closed for school holidays and vacations.

\*Tuesday, September 7 – Thursday, May 26

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Monday – Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Madison Branch

TEEN HOMEWORK CENTER: For students in sixth to twelfth grade

Looking for a place to work on your homework or class projects? Feel free to come by with friends to work and chat at the same time. Library staff will be present to help answer questions with assignment directions or guide you to appropriate materials for your research.

Ongoing through Thursday, May 26

Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room



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Novel Debut At Lakewood Public Library April 12

by Amy Kloss

A serial killer lurks in the area, and Lakewood detective Darnell Wilson believes he may have the key that links three murders to this one man. Davis McGowan, who has come out of retirement to serve as interim pastor at a church on Public Square, is unaware that he and the killer will cross paths, leading to a brush with death for someone very close to him.

Dying to find out what happens? Join us at the Lakewood Public Library on Tuesday, April 12 as author Rob Smith celebrates the release of his new novel, McGowan's Return. In addition to reading an excerpt, Smith will be signing and selling books in the Library Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.

Poet and novelist Rob Smith grew up in North Olmsted and uses his current home, Ohio's north coast, as the setting for his latest work of fiction. McGowan's Return is Smith's third novel featuring Davis McGowan, a Presbyterian minister from Huron serving as interim pastor at a fictional church on Public Square. With his keen insight into the life of a minister, Smith brings McGowan to life as a complex character. By sprinkling his novel with references to local landmarks and events, Smith brings Cleveland and its environs to life as well.

When Smith began writing his McGowan series, he drew on his own experiences to fictionalize events that were important and sometimes troubling to him. "One of my personal mantras is that 'fiction is the best way to tell the truth,'" says Smith. Having served as a minister for 31 years, Smith knows how pastors are caught between helping people with very personal issues, yet remaining outside the inner circle of friends and family.

Although Smith decided to make McGowan a Presbyterian minister because he knows that life so well, he realized the pitfalls of that decision. "The writer knows how the character will react in any situation, so the stories stay consistent," says Smith. "But having a main character as a minister is not the smartest thing a writer can do." Making a pro-

tagonist a religious leader is risky; some readers will reject the book fearing that it will be overly religious, while others will be disappointed if it is not religious enough. In his McGowan series, Smith has avoided overtly religious themes, choosing instead to concentrate on mysteries and human interest stories.

After he published McGowan's Call in 2007, Smith thought that he would be done with Davis McGowan, but the character continues to call to him with more stories. "McGowan's Return is my third in the series, with a fourth rattling around in my brain," he says.

Smith's short stories have appeared nationally in Writer's Journal and other literary magazines. In 2006, he received the Robert Frost Poetry Award for his poem Catbird. When he is not busy writing, Smith sails the waters of Lake Erie on a sloop that he and his wife are restoring and is refurbishing an 1850's house built by a ship's carpenter turned lighthouse keeper.

Help us celebrate the debut of a local author's work as Rob Smith reads and signs his new novel on Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium at 15425 Detroit Avenue. All programs are free and open to the public.




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# Lakewood Schools

## Emerson Group Teams With City To Boost Bike Safety

*by Christine Gordillo*

A group of Emerson fifth graders has been working hard all year long in an effort to help make Lakewood a better and safer place to ride your bicycle. Along the way, the students learned a lot about bicycle safety, community outreach, teamwork and have even made a few new friends.

Back in the fall, Emerson Media Specialist Katie Bunsey was asked to work with a group of six fifth graders on an enrichment project. Bunsey thought it would be good for the students to do some sort of community outreach project, but wasn't sure what it should be. She wanted to pick a subject that she knew the students would be interested in. The group, which is made up of Victoria Donegan, Jacquelyn Folts, Claire Keum, Abbigayle Morgan, Brodie Shaw and Noah Stadler, boiled it down to something with trains, bikes or walking. When Bunsey heard that the City of Lakewood was embarking on a project to improve the bicycling environment in Lakewood, she knew she had her answer.

After attending one of the community planning meetings conducted by the city's assistant director of planning and development Dru Siley, Bunsey found out that one component lacking in the city's research on biking in Lakewood



The Emerson fifth graders working together with the City of Lakewood to improve biking in Lakewood are: (front row from left) Brodie Shaw, Claire Keum, Abbigayle Morgan; (back row from left) Victoria Donegan, Noah Stadler and Jacquelyn Folts.

was input from school-age kids. Bunsey knew her group could help fill that gap.

"I really wanted them to find a project they would be interested in and something that would help them see that they can have an impact in their community," Bunsey said.

The students composed a survey on biking habits with a particular focus on safety. When the group started brainstorming about how it could contribute to improving biking in Lakewood, the group came up with a focus on trying to

get more kids to wear helmets when biking, so many of the questions dealt with finding out why kids don't wear helmets and what might convince them to put them on more.

The survey was posted on the district web site as well as all the individual schools' web pages. More than 1,500 students responded to the survey.

The students also plan on getting the word out about bicycle and helmet safety by producing a public service announcement or PSA video. Each

student has been assigned an aspect of bicycle safety and has done research on his or her subject to include in the video. One delved into head traumas to illustrate what can happen if you don't wear your helmet and a crash occurs, one researched the biking ordinances in Lakewood and the rules of the road, etc.

The group also plans to tap into expert resources in the community to help it shape the message for the video. The students hope to speak with the bike specialists at Lakewood's Spin bike shop, a neurosurgeon at Lakewood Hospital regarding brain injuries and cycling enthusiasts who regularly bike through Lakewood. The group then hopes to synthesize all the great information it gathers into a compelling PSA video that can be shared with other students and the community.

For the students, the project has taught them how to use 21st century skills such as Internet research and using multi-media tools to convey information. But what might be a bigger lesson is that they have discovered that they have a message that is worth being heard, and that they can make a difference with their peers and in the community.

Summarized group member Noah Stadler, "I like the idea that younger kids can have influence."



Senior Martha Nagbe's mother, Somah, looks on as her daughter signs a letter of intent to play basketball for Notre Dame College next year.

## LHS Nagbe Earns Four Year Ride To Notre Dame College

*by Christine Gordillo*

Lakewood High School senior Martha Nagbe recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Notre Dame College in South Euclid. Nagbe, the Rangers' record holder in steals in a game (18), steals per season (175) and career steals (399), will receive a full scholarship for four years worth more than \$100,000.

Nagbe accomplished all this without having played most of her senior season following a tear of her ACL in July. "Through all her adversity, for her to come back (and earn this scholarship) is truly amazing," said girls varsity basketball coach Nicole Anderson. "There's not a more deserving person."

After the injury, Nagbe spent the next six months doing intensive rehab sessions while maintaining a 3.4 GPA in school.

Over her first three seasons with

the Rangers, Nagbe earned the Northeast Ohio Conference (NOC) Scholar Athlete award, NOC 1st team honors, was Plain Dealer Player of the Week and was the 7-county area leader in steals and her school record of 18 steals in a game is second in the state.

Nagbe is not the only child in her family to make headlines in sports. Her older brother, Darlington, plays soccer professionally for the Portland team in the Major Indoor Soccer League and was named Division I soccer player of the year last year for the national champion University of Akron.

When Nagbe looks back on her Ranger career, she said what she will remember the most is, "Having fun with the girls." And what she is looking forward to the most as she moves on to college? "Just getting to play basketball again."

## Plenty At Stake In LHS Vs. St. Joe's Rugby Showdown

*by Christine Gordillo*

There's more at stake besides bragging rights for two schools only a few miles apart when the Lakewood High girls' rugby team takes on current state champion St. Joseph Academy on Friday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at LHS Stadium. The team that prevails earns the privilege to represent Ohio at the Midwest/National Qualifier tournament later in the season and a chance to move on to the National Tournament later in the year in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"With both teams looking focused and both teams knowing what is at stake and also knowing there is only one obstacle in the road - each other - then throw in the whole public versus private (aspect) and we have a melting pot for one heck of a game," said Lakewood coach Andre Bruwer.

Both teams have started their season off strong. Lakewood won its season

opener by more than 80 points before its opponent called the game early in the second half. The Rangers have nearly all their starting line-up from last year back on the pitch this season.

At St. Joe's the success of the rugby team has spurred an increase in popularity of the sport on campus, so much so that the coach had to make cuts for the first time this year due to so many girls trying out. This year's team is known for its speed and good ball handling skills, according to Coach Bruwer.

With so much on the line for the Lakewood girls, Coach Bruwer is urging the community to come out in force to support the Rangers in their bid to upend the state champs and earn a spot in the important qualifier tournament.

"We would love as much community support as we can get, because you sure know St. Joe's is going to bring a bus load," Bruwer said.



The LHS girls' rugby team takes on defending state champs St. Joe's on April 8 at LHS Stadium.



## Lakewood Schools

# Markling Bestowed “Master Board Member” Lifetime Distinction

by Sheri Buckingham

While the Lakewood Board of Education has had many outstanding members, Lakewood School Board President Matthew John Markling is the first Lakewood board member to be awarded the lifetime distinction of “Master Board Member” by the Ohio School Boards Association (“OSBA”), and Markling obtained OSBA’s highest honor in just his first term.

The OSBA Master Board Member lifetime distinction is presented to a very select group of board members who dedicate themselves to improving their skills and knowledge as board members. This is achieved through attending numerous professional development workshops and activities; demonstrating outstanding leadership on school boards; and actively giving back to the educational community through various local and statewide OSBA activities. Of the more than 3,400 board members in Ohio, Markling is one of only four recognized as a Master Board Member in 2011.

In response to Markling being celebrated as a Master Board Member, OSBA Executive Director Rick Lewis said, “Matt Markling’s efforts dem-

onstrate a true commitment to public education and reflect the importance he attaches to his role as a school board member.”

Lewis added that, “As a professional Matt has dedicated himself to the betterment of our schools through his service as a school attorney. In this capacity, he has served countless school districts and educational service centers across the state with distinction. As a board member he has been selfless in volunteering his service to the Northeast Region leadership of our association. We sincerely appreciate all of his contributions to Ohio’s public schools.”

“The Master Board Member lifetime distinction is especially important to me because the Lakewood City Schools has a legacy of excellent board members,” said Markling.

“I have had the honor and privilege of working alongside seasoned and respected board members such as Chas Geiger, Linda Beebe, Betsy Shaughnessy, and Ed Favre,” said Markling. “I am also proud to have received encouragement from Board Vice President John Kamkutis, as well as guidance from former board members such as



OSBA Northeast Region President Susie Lawson, School Board President Matthew John Markling, Katie Markling, and OSBA President Cathy Johnson (Left to Right)

Deb Sweeney and Mike Summers.”

Edward Favre, a four term school board veteran, said, “In my 14 years as a school board member, I have not worked with, nor am I aware of, a more learned board member than Matt Markling. Education and Education Law is his expertise and he brings his great knowledge to all our discussions. We have all learned from Matt.”

Debra Sweeney, a former school board member and active parent-student advocate, said, “Matt Markling is both well informed and highly enthusiastic about public education.” Sweeney went on to say, “What an amazing opportunity for our community to have its first OSBA Master Board Member. This recognition is building a future school board that will continue to be known for its celebrated performance throughout the State of Ohio. It is a privilege to know Matt, and I look forward to hearing about the future work the board members and he will be doing to enhance public education in the Lakewood City Schools.”

Linda Beebe, a seven term school board veteran, echoed Sweeney’s sentiments and said, “Matt Markling having been chosen for this award brings honor to our school district.”

“During my term on the Lakewood Board of Education, we have developed an excellent school board team with the addition of board member John Kamkutis and the solidification of veteran district-wide administrative leadership through Joe Madak, Jeff Patterson, Kevin Bright, and Rick Berdine,” said Markling. “Our collaborative approach has allowed us to pass a 6.9 mill operating levy in the face of an economic recession, oversee more than \$4 million in financial cuts during a state budget crisis, improve academic performance in each school building through a con-

stant focus on teaching and learning, and maintain the high trust our community places in the Lakewood City Schools.”

Board Vice President John Kamkutis, who was unanimously appointed to fill W. Charles “Chas” Geiger III’s vacant seat and went on to win the seat outright with an impressive 7,000 votes in the November 2009 election, said, “For Matt Markling to achieve OSBA’s highest honor [Master Board Member] in such a short time, clearly exemplifies the passion, dedication, and respect Matt has for being a board member and advocating for the best interest of the Lakewood City Schools.”

In addition to receiving the OSBA Master Board Member Award, Markling was also the recipient of the “OSBA Award of Achievement” for his commitment toward public education and the importance Markling attaches to his role as a school board member. Markling is one of only 81 Ohio school board members who received the OSBA Award of Achievement in 2011. This is the second consecutive year Markling has received this honor. Markling is also the only Lakewood school board member to have ever earned the OSBA Award of Achievement.

“My wife and I call Lakewood home in no small part because our three sons have excellent public schools to attend,” said Markling. “I am proud to play an important role as a board member in ensuring that we maintain an excellent system of public education for all of Lakewood’s children.”

Markling was joined by his wife, Katie Markling, as he received both the OSBA Master Board Member Award and OSBA Award of Achievement at the March 23, 2011 Northeast Region Spring Conference in Smithville, Ohio.

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on this subject. First and foremost, I believe a school board member has the duty to make decisions that are in the best interest of our children and their education. Second, she should be a good listener out in the community. It is important that school board members understand what parents and the community value in education and whenever possible, vote for policies that support those values. Third, effective school board members should remember the reputation of the district is reflected in their behavior or attitude. Members of a school board can better keep that reputation intact by being able to support their decisions and articulate their reasoning.

Ultimately, I am running for the Lakewood Board of Education because I want our district to continue providing an excellent education and to effect positive change when necessary. To that end, I believe that school board members elected this fall will need to be committed to not only working hard for Lakewood Schools, but should also engage our State leaders and let them know public education is crucial and should not be undermined. Although we have challenges in public education, it is an institution that is relevant and needed to provide an excellent education to all. Furthermore, I support teachers and hope that our Lakewood Board of Education will continue to negotiate fairly with teachers so they can continue to be the experts that

they are in our classrooms. As a school board member for Lakewood Schools I would dedicate myself to being fiscally responsible and committed to finding creative solutions to funding issues that might affect programming in our schools. Finally, I will support and provide solutions that will encourage Lakewood Schools to help our most challenged students and help administrators improve education to students with special needs.

Gilbert K. Chesterton, a writer from the earlier part of the 20th century said, “Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.” In Lakewood, we are blessed to have parents and community members who believe education ought to remain a priority. It will be imperative that school board members reach out to families and the community and build relationships that will keep our schools on the right track. No matter what happens at the state level, we have the ability to create an education community which is unique and reflective of Lakewood’s values.

I am looking forward to the months ahead and getting to know Lakewood families and community members better. It will be my pleasure to listen to you and to share my background, ideas, and hopes for Lakewood Schools as a candidate, and with your support, as your representative on the Board of Education. kristine@pagsuyoinforlakewoodschools.com

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## Kid's Corner

### Mr. Spooner's Classroom

## Truth In Journalism Panel Discussion

by Liam Gamez, Sophia Mack, and Sophia Nanni

It was an exciting day in Mr. Spooner's class. On Friday, March 18th, unlike any other day, his morning group was there also. There were people who came in his class to read the book "Nothing but the Truth." The students asked a wide range of questions based on truth in journalism and the panelists' partic-

ular occupations. That is why the people came to the discussion. The people that came to answer our questions were Mr. Gill from Scene Magazine, Mr. O'Bryan and Ms. Voinovich from the Lakewood Observer, Doctor Hammel from Ursuline College, Mr. Mulready from Cool Cleveland.com, and Mrs. Neff and Mr. Neff from the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The first thing they did was intro-

duce themselves. Mr. Mulready is the founder and a reporter for Cool Cleveland.com. Mrs. Neff is an editor for the Plain Dealer. Mr. Neff is a reporter's assistant for the Plain Dealer and graphics. He uploads his material to Cleveland.com. He only puts graphics on stories that need them to illustrate the story being told. Mr. O'Bryan is a publisher and a photographer. Dr. Hammel is a professor in journalism and public relations at Ursuline College but does not consider herself a journalist. Ms. Voinovich is a reporter for the Lakewood Observer. When they were done introducing themselves we moved on to students asking questions.

Many students asked interesting questions. An example of one was

asked to Mr. Mulready, "How was Cool Cleveland.com started?" We thought the answer he gave was pretty interesting when he said, "It started out as a newsletter." He told us that when he met some people who thought Cleveland was boring, he started a Newsletter called Cool Cleveland.com and it got so popular it was turned into a website. A lot of interesting questions are asked over all.

It was one of the most interesting afternoons ever in Mr. Spooner's class! We would all like to thank the people who came to this discussion to teach us about the importance of truth in journalism and also to thank Mr. Spooner for inviting these wonderful and interesting people into our classroom. It gave us a big learning opportunity.

## Avi Skype Discussion

by Jenna Thomas, Emma Yonkers, and Hanna Chodzin

I was counting down the days for our class Skype with Avi, and then the day finally came! It started when Mr. Spooner, our language arts teacher, announced we were going to be reading a book called, "Nothing But the Truth," written by Avi.

Avi is a well-known writer born in New York City. He and his twin sister Emily Wortis were born on December 23, 1937. He has written about 70 books and between us we have read about ten. We love them all! They keep you interested and entertained. So, when we found out we would be Skyping with him, we nearly jumped right out of our seats!

Our assignment as students was to create questions to ask him during a Skype conference we would have with him. Waiting was the hardest part, but when the Skype video conference finally came, we were very nervous to talk to a well known writer-- but after we asked our questions, we felt very comfortable talking to him.

Each of us asked two-part questions and got very thorough responses. All of our questions had different spins on them, and each response Avi gave was different. Not only was asking the



Liam poses a question to Avi via Skype.

questions exciting, but listening to him respond to everyone's questions was also interesting.

An important thing we remember from the Skype, is a very important piece of advice: "You have to read. And then when you are done reading, read some more." Avi said to make sure we include this in our article. He also said to write that he loves talking to students around the world, and giving them tips on how to make their writing better.

Meeting Avi was an experience of a lifetime, and we believe the whole class learned a lot. He explained in great detail his career, and his style of writing. I feel that I learned a lot more about the writing process and his books.

We all had an incredible time and I hope I have many more experiences like this one.



The truth in journalism panel discussion was wide-ranging.

## Toby The Tooth Visits Pack 512

by Jacob Bowen, reporter from Tiger Den, Pack 512

Our den had a visit from my dentist, Dr. Pap and his friend, Toby the Tooth!

Dr. Pap talked to us about foods that are good for your teeth, and foods that are bad for your teeth. It's good to eat meat, vegetables, and milk, but sweets like candy and pop can give you cavities.

We talked about how important it is to brush your teeth and floss them every day.

Then, Dr. Pap's friend, Toby the Tooth came in! He talked about teeth too, and let us brush him with a giant toothbrush! It was fun, and he made us



West Side Family Dental Team and Tiger Den, Pack 512.

laugh! When Dr. Pap and his friends left, he gave us all some new toothbrushes! I can't wait to visit Dr. Pap again at West Side Family Dental.

Next time, I'll make sure there are no more cavities. I think he and Toby will be proud of me!

## Darwin's Fox: The Endangered Canine Of South America

by Sophie Barry 5th grade, homeschooled

The Darwin's Fox is a South American fox with short legs & a dark coat. These foxes' rainforest homes are being destroyed, but the main threat to the Darwin's Fox are feral dogs.

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**Having A Hard Time Making Your House Payment? Neighborhood Housing Services May Be Able To Help**

by Keisha Matthews

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland (NHSGC) is a premiere non-profit housing counseling agency serving Cuyahoga, Lorain, Huron and Erie Counties. Our mission is to provide ongoing programs and services for achieving, preserving and sustaining the American dream of home ownership. We offer several programs that are covered under the umbrella of our organization's mission, including: home buyer education; home repair training and lending; reverse mortgage counseling; and foreclosure prevention counseling.

As a result of the economic crisis that we are facing as a nation, one of our primary goals has been to assist homeowners who are facing foreclosure to explore options that will keep them in their home. So many northeast Ohioans have been faced with serious and unexpected hardships. The financial impact that unemployment, under-employment, illness, divorce/separation or an unexpected home repair has on the stability of a family can be devastating.

Fortunately there are options available and homeowners do not have to weather difficult financial times alone. Our team of qualified housing counselors are trained and ready to provide free and confidential housing counseling to families in need. NHSGC has found that many lenders are willing to consider a homeowner's hardship and offer solutions that are designed to make the monthly mortgage obligation more in line with their current financial situation. There are also State and County programs that may be able to assist qualified homeowners with getting back on track with their mortgage payments.

We here at NHSGC are so excited to be partnering with LakewoodAlive in an effort to better serve the citizens of Lakewood and the surrounding areas. My name is Keisha Matthews and I will be the housing specialist serving Lakewood and the surrounding communities. I am an experienced counselor with three years of practice in this field. I know there are families in the area that are struggling right now and are in desperate need of help. I am honored to have the opportunity to lend



Keisha Matthews

my expertise and serve families in such a meaningful way. When assisting clients I make a point to achieve three primary objectives: 1) Educating and informing homeowners on the options that are available; 2) Empowering homeowners to believe that by taking the necessary steps, this obstacle can be overcome; and 3) Establishing a plan on how to go forward so that homeowners can best achieve their desired goal.

The foreclosure prevention process, while difficult, scary and at times very challenging, is not impossible. There is free help available and homeowners do have options. I look forward to working with the citizens of Lakewood in order to assist them in their efforts to achieve, preserve and sustain the American dream of homeownership.

For more information about our programs and to register as a client please visit our website at [www.nhscleveland.org](http://www.nhscleveland.org). Homeowners that do not have internet access can call our main office at 216-458-4663 to have your registration done over the phone at which time your case will be assigned to me. I am in the LakewoodAlive office on Mondays, but we can make other arrangements to discuss your circumstances to fit your schedule. Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland is here for you, call today.



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Old House Fair

Lakewood’s Old House Fair Helps Residents

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commissioning experts to make those repairs or improvements, there is no doubt you will get something valuable out of this one-of-a-kind Lakewood Old House Fair. All fifty exhibitors are home improvement or home-related and all but a few, are Lakewood area businesses and services. That means for most of them they aren’t only experts on Lakewood housing, but they are your neighbors who also value their Lakewood home and community. Exhibitor areas of expertise include, but are not limited to: general contractors, remodelers, repair, garage builders, kitchen and bath suppliers, electricians, heating and cooling, wood working, roofers, painters, landscapers, interior design, home improvement and maintenance products. To complete the scope of your home related needs and get you going on your way, several City of Lakewood and non-profit resources and organizations will be there to answer

questions and provide guidance. Bring a photo of your house or next home project and take advantage of free advice and consultations from the many experts. Even if you have no home-related needs at this time, you really have to check this local event out for yourself. There are nice door prizes and many booth raffles to have fun with

Spring Is In The Air:

Thinking About Some Home Repair?

by Hilary Schickler

Your home will probably be your biggest investment and despite declining property values across the country, keeping your home in its best condition is the best way to protect that investment. When thinking of home repair, the first thing you will need to consider is if you can really do the job yourself. Unless you are experienced in home repair, often it is better to call in a professional when dealing with major home improvement projects.

and take advantage of. This event is family friendly. Also, Tommy’s Pizza and Chicken, now open on Madison Avenue’s west end, will be offering pizza and other lunch items for sale during lunch hours. Lastly, the Old House Fair is thrilled to announce that the Cleveland Restoration Society will be giving two presentations on exterior painting beginning at 1:30

p.m. See pages 11-14 in this issue for more details on door prizes and raffles, most of the business and non-profit exhibitors expected, and more about the presentations. There are a few nice events going on around town on Saturday, April 16. Make a point to catch a couple of these events and enjoy the benefits of what living in Lakewood has to offer.

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# Old House Fair

## Cleveland Restoration Society Exterior Painting Presentations

by Mel Page

The Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS), in addition to being a valued regular exhibitor at this year's Old House Fair, will be giving two presentations on exterior painting topics beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Old House Fair will take place Saturday, April

16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harding Middle School located at Madison and Hilliard Avenues in Lakewood.

The mission of CRS is to use the powerful tool of historic preservation to revitalize our diverse communities, strengthen the regional economy, and enhance the quality of life in northeast-

ern Ohio. Its vision is that northeastern Ohio reclaims its vitality and prosperity and adds to its beauty through the preservation of its remarkable architectural heritage. The Society has been a valuable partner with many of Cleveland's inner ring suburbs where the majority of the architecture is well over fifty years old.

The City of Lakewood, Lakewood Historical Society, and Lakewood Library have worked hard at connecting CRS resources to Lakewood residents. I know first hand, as my husband and I have received two free technical assistance visits through the renovation process of our 1906 four-square house. We also benefited from the Heritage Home Loan Program that offers low-interest loans and old home contractor and product references. I have also attended educational workshops at the Lakewood Library put on by CRS.

The first presentation will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Painting Your Old Home. You will be guided through the proper steps to identify peeling paint problems with your exterior wood and the preparations that must take place before the final paint application. These additional steps will ensure a long lasting paint job. The next presentation will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Choosing Colors For Your Old Home. This illustrated presentation will review historic color schemes and provide tips on selecting and placing appropriate colors on older homes. There will be time for questions after each talk. You are encouraged to bring photos of your home for Individual consultations throughout the day at the CRS exhibitor booth or after the presentation.

### Need \$1,000 To Paint Your House?

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sooner, as the paint has baked off one side of my house.

So I asked, what are the income requirements? And she said, well, first tenants and owners are eligible, so anyone living in Lakewood qualifies. She then went on to say that a family of five only needs to make less than \$56,000 a year to qualify, and that the qualification scales down to a single person living alone could make as much as \$36,300 and still qualify. That means a whole bunch of Lakewoodites can start lining up for help with their painting problems.

They have also partnered up with two local paint suppliers for additional discounts. Lakewood Hardware, my favorite place to start any buying trip for paint or hardware, Sherwin Williams on Madison, or Home Depot on W117/Berea Road. So you can get help and still spend local! Nice.

To apply, go to the LakewoodAlive website, <http://lakewoodalive.com>, or the Lakewood Observer's Observation Deck <http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum> and click on PAINT HELP in

the Lakewood House Talk area.

To qualify, you must live or own property in Lakewood, be under the income guidelines, apply and be approved prior to painting.

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## Old House Fair

# Why Buy Lakewood?

by Paul Hodge

Ask a Lakewood resident to name their favorite restaurant, cafe, or shop, and they will almost invariably cite a unique local business. Names like Imperial Home Center, Italian Creations, Elmwood Bakery, Carpet Stock Market, and Lakewood Hardware undoubtedly would come up repeatedly. These are family owned and operated businesses that define our sense of place. They maintain core values and a deep commitment to customer service that are at the foundations of their existence. These small business owners come to work prepared to compete with their rivals at corporate chains, online mega-retailers and other formidable competitors.

Over the past thirty years, many small businesses in Lakewood have been replaced by big box stores and chain retail centers, mostly located in adjacent cities. Once-thriving, now abandoned, shops and storefronts up and down Madison and Detroit Avenues have turned into both visual and actual blights on the community.

And the problems perpetuate them-

selves. The financial viability of a retail area is reliant on the success of all of its components. As vacancies increase, the flow of rental income diminishes, as does the ability of owners to maintain the property. As the quality of the properties declines, so do the rental rates that can be charged. And continuing on its downward spiral, the quality of the retail establishments occupying the vacated rental space is very likely to decline.

Of course, we usually choose to do business where we perceive the best value for our time and money. But in an age where we're bombarded with thousands of corporate advertisements daily, perceptions may differ widely from reality. It's as easy to accept themes promoted in those corporate ads as it is to overlook the values independent businesses provide us, both personally and in our communities.

And what are successful small businesses doing to stay competitive, survive, and perhaps grow?

1) Providing exceptional service. To many local businesses, service is the primary way to bring people into the store and to develop a loyal client base.

Each time I enter Lakewood Hardware or Carpet Stock Market, I know a knowledgeable sales associate will help me find exactly what I'm looking for or help find another supplier to serve my needs.

2) Changing perceptions. The best overall value frequently is found at your independent businesses, not the corporate chains. Imperial Home Center for example, sources one of their more popular cabinet lines from the same American-made cabinet manufacturer as one of the big-box lumber suppliers. Imperial designers are seasoned veterans and their mark-ups are consistent. All things being equal, Imperial will provide a very competitive proposal for the exact same kitchen or bathroom as priced by the big-box lumber supplier. Never satisfied with "cookie-cutter" kitchens and baths, Imperial design professionals will methodically work through the process until the client is delivered a unique, functional, and elegant kitchen or bath design.

3) Offering products and services that the big-box stores and corporate chains cannot. The client benefits by having access to quality pre-sale advice, after-sale sup-

port and access to a wider product selection because items can be special ordered and/or customized to meet the particular client desires. Elmwood Bakery and Italian Creations will gladly put together special orders, and have them ready exactly when you need them.

To quote Jeff Milchen of the American Independent Business Alliance (AMIBA), "It's time to consider the real costs to a community that loses its locally-owned business base. Independent local businesses employ an array of supporting services. They hire architects, designers, cabinet shops, signmakers and contractors for construction. Local accountants, insurance brokers, computer consultants, attorneys, advertising agencies help run it."

All this adds up to the multiplier effect that local businesses contribute to their local economies. According to AMIBA (<http://www.amiba.net>), "Multiple studies have shown each dollar spent at local independent businesses, on average, generates at least three times more direct local economic benefit than dollars spent at an absentee-owned chain."

But we all must realize that Lakewood's small business community depends on our patronage. Local owners, typically having invested much of their life savings in their businesses, have a natural interest in the community's long-term health. Community-based businesses are essential to charitable endeavors; their owners frequently serve on local boards and support numerous causes. Many of the remaining local businesses are managed by second and third generations. The commitment to service and adherence to core principles has been passed down and embraced by these honest and hardworking business people. To quote Bill Hodge, founder of Imperial Home Center, a 40-year-old kitchen and bath business in Lakewood, Ohio, "Good enough is never good enough."

*Written by Paul Hodge with permissions from Jeff Milchen, American Independent Business Alliance*

## I Want A New Kitchen, But How Do I Begin?

by Bill Hodge

Most families only remodel one or two kitchens in a lifetime, so plan correctly to make it an enjoyable experience.

Finding the right products and services for your dream kitchen can be a bit overwhelming. Begin by listing your needs and wants, your likes and

dislikes. To make good decisions, you must evaluate your choices.

The next step is to establish a project budget. According to Remodeling Magazine, national averages for a complete kitchen with mid-range selections run from \$21,246 for a minor remodel to \$56,611 for a major remodel. A general rule of thumb is that the total cost, including cabinets, countertops, wall splash, appliances, floor covering, lighting, electrical updates, and all services is approximately 25% of the value of your home after job completion.

Form follows function. To obtain the greatest value for your budget, you must have a plan. This is where a professional kitchen designer is almost a necessity. Imperial Home Center right here in Lakewood has on staff experienced Kitchen and Bath Designers who can show you how to utilize your limited space and maximize its efficiency. The cost for this service is usually absorbed in the total project and is minimal when you weigh the advantages.

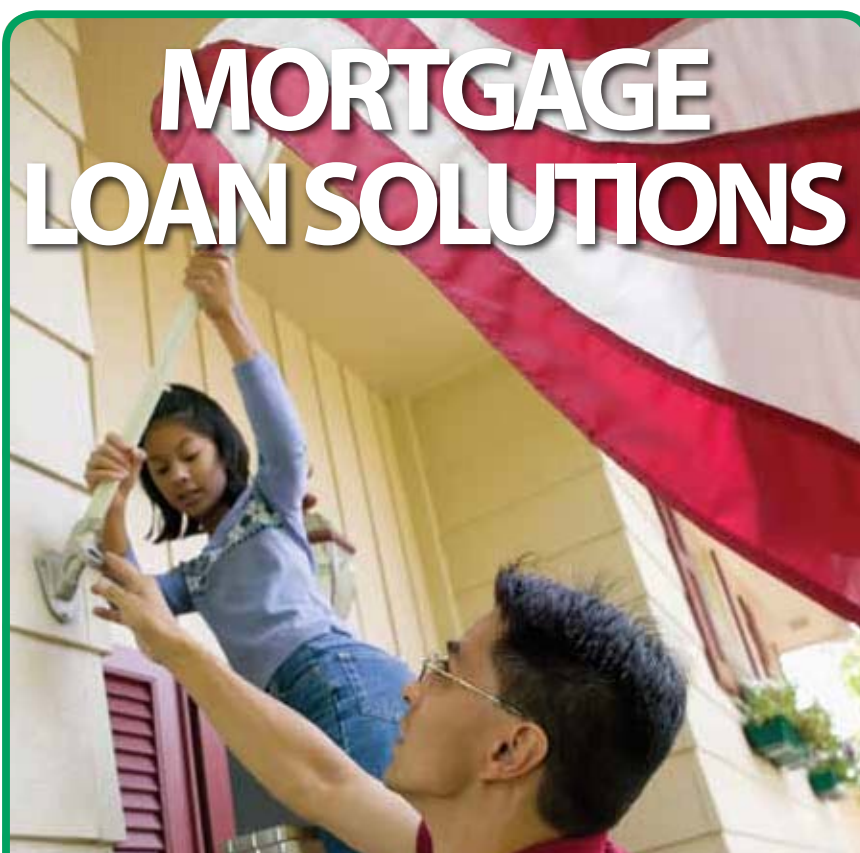
Now comes the fun: it is selection time! With the help of the designer to keep you within budget, and your preliminary design, there are many decisions to be made. Traditional framed or full-access cabinets? Which wood best complements the home--oak, maple, cherry, alder, or hickory? Or perhaps a contemporary laminate cabinet? There are hundreds of combinations of stains, finishes, glazes and colors to make your kitchen one of a kind.

The increase in choices for kitchen countertops in recent years is almost mind boggling. You can now choose products that range anywhere from glass to stone, recycled paper to concrete, exotic hardwoods to stainless steel, and laminate to ceramic tile,

all with advantages and drawbacks. Choosing among sinks, faucets, wall splashes, appliances, flooring and lighting requires much research. The input of a professional designer will save many hours of searching magazines and the internet for the information you need to make the right choices.

All building departments insist, for the safety of the family, that the electrical and plumbing in the kitchen be brought up to code. Tamper Proof Ground Fault Interrupter receptacles must be installed in the correct locations on dedicated circuits. The plumbing hook-ups must prevent dirty water from backing into your sink or dishwasher.

With the help of a professional kitchen design firm like Imperial Home Center to administer the project, it should proceed with minimum problems. Happy Remodeling!



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# Lakewood Is Art

## Broadway At The Beck: Steve Martin's The Underpants

by Lauren Fraley

Steve Martin is probably best known for his massive contributions as a comic genius in both film and stand-up comedy over the last few decades. But he is also a playwright, art collector, best-selling author, banjo-player and one of my favorite figures in American entertainment. This season, The Beck Center chose to produce his 2002 off-Broadway adaptation of Sternheim's 1910 farce, *The Underpants*. In staging this already crowd-pleasing script, director Matthew Earnest takes bold risks— some of which truly enhance Steve Martin's genius, while others bring to mind the thought, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Steve Martin's writing is like his personality: smart but unpretentious, ridiculous but real. The middle-class satire of *The Underpants* is a perfect place to showcase this style. The play itself is a big joke that the actors are in on. One line even references going out to the theatre to see an adaptation of a Sternheim play, but the story still stays firmly in turn-of-the-century Germany. The Beck's production uses period costuming and makeup of the original German Expressionist character-types, but the sound design contains so many different eras that it muddles that world and eventually take us out of it. A booty-dance and other moments of "hilarity" are forced and tacked onto the story by

the director in order to create laughs, but elicit confusion from the audience.

Woman's underpants fall down. She becomes famous. That's all, folks. The premise is simple and straightforward leaving lots of room for farce to derive naturally. Louise Maske, the woman of fallen-panty-fame, is played by Katie Nabors, who captures the farcical style of the production better during scene changes (moving furniture with a flourish) than she does during scripted scenes. Granted, her character is no Hamlet and the script's depth stops with the heavy-handed caged bird metaphor, but playing an archetype not only inhibits the comedy from appearing spontaneous, but detracts from her relationship with the various other wonderfully bizarre characters. One of which is her nosey neighbor played brilliantly by Sally Groth who playfully depicts the sexual repression of the era, and with few exceptions, plays up the many, many innuendos to an uproarious degree. However, it's Greg Violand, as Louise Maske's brute husband Theo, who best embodies what their director seemed to be after, with a metaphorical wink to the audience at any given moment and truly grand verbose gestures to match his booming voice.

Joseph Carmola's lighting design is fluid and evocative— a perfect match for Will Bezek's scenic design that uses sus-

pending windows to build a fun and visually interesting world in what could have been a bland box set. Matthew Earnest's willingness to experiment as a director by adding new layers is refreshing, and as the run of the show continues, I expect the performers will become more cohesive and polish their comic timing. However, time itself may not strengthen the relationships between the characters that have little opportunity connect with one another due to the direction they've been given to deliver a presentational performance. But at least if you go, you can giggle like pre-pubescent children and say you've seen Steve Martin's *Underpants*! And if that's not enough, check out this extra read available at Lakewood Public Library:

*Shopgirl* by Steve Martin- This beautiful novella (made famous by



Bloomers: Katie Nabors as Louise Maske in *The Underpants*

the film version starring Claire Danes and Steve Martin, himself) will make you wonder how the same hand could pen both this honesty and the bawdy humor of *The Underpants*.

### Musical Arts Scholarships Available

by Barbara Milenius

The Three Arts Club of Lakewood will be awarding \$1000.00 Scholarship grants to applicants judged most gifted, regardless of financial need. The categories are: Voice, Piano, Strings, Brass, and Woodwinds.

Students must be applying for, or continuing full time enrollment for the coming school year at an institution of higher learning. Candidates must reside in Northeast Ohio. Past winners of two awards are not eligible for further grants. The recipient is not required to major in music. The grant is made directly to the student for use in furthering their education.

Deadline for applicants is April 15, 2011. Application forms may be requested

by email to: [threeartsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:threeartsclub@yahoo.com). Applicants will be notified in May of the their scheduled audition time.

In person auditions are required and will be held at Rocky River Methodist Church, 19414 Detroit Ave., Rocky River, on June 6, 2011. The Three Arts Club of Lakewood, founded in 1919 is a not for profit organization dedicated to promotion of the performing arts.

### St. Edward High School Presents Phantom Of The Opera

The Edwardian Players, drama troupe at St. Edward High School, have been hard at work since December preparing for the production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom Of The Opera." All thirty six performers are high school students from St. Edward, Magnificat, and St. Joseph Academy. The orchestra is conducted by St. Edward senior Louis Rispoli. In addition to the cast, more than forty students labored building sets, costumes, and props. Students also manage all technical aspects, including lighting, sound, and special effects. The musical will be presented at 8:00pm April 8, 9, 15, and 16, 7:30pm on Sunday, April 10 and at 3:00 on Sunday, April 17. Located at 13500 Detroit in Lakewood. Call 216-221-0793, ext. 201 for tickets and information.

### Local Geometries Art Show

by Mandy Rupert

Local Geometry is an art show that features two of Cleveland's most talented emerging artists, Christopher L. Richards and Tony Trunzo. Richards' clean, sharp line compliment Trunzo's raw bold charcoal scribble. These two artists work on opposite ends of the spectrum; however, when their works hang side by side they create a powerful and important show.

Richards' polished 5.5" x 5.5" abstract watercolor studies at first glance



appear to be machine made however upon a closer look the artist's hand shows through. Trunzo's 30"x40" charcoal representations of Cleveland's architectural landmarks are the complete opposite. They contain loose expressive lines that overlap and seem to battle one another right before the viewer's eyes. Richards' clean glass framed presentation balances Trunzo's unfinished wood panel pieces.

Both artist are dealing with geometric concepts in two very different ways. It is a must see show that will elevate the viewer.

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# Downtown Business - Shop Local

## Lakewood Alive Presents Downtown Open House

by Eric Lowrey

Thinking about your dream home? You may want to check out this event.

On Saturday April 16, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., LakewoodAlive joins with the real estate community to showcase homes for sale in Lakewood. Only seven miles west of downtown Cleveland, Lakewood is an affordable suburb with great schools. In 2010, Lakewood was named by Business Week magazine as "Ohio's Best Place to Raise Your Kids." This recogni-

tion was based largely on Lakewood's affordability and numerous community assets, including the "Excellent" rated school district, the expansive city park system and easy access to regional attractions. Additionally, in 2008, This Old House magazine named Lakewood as one of the "Best Places in the Midwest to Buy an Old House." Over 50,000 people have found their 'dream' on one of Lakewood's tree-lined streets.

Plan out your "day of dreams." In the morning, do a little shopping. Then walk, get on your bike, or hop in your car to tour the event's featured homes. Expect to see a wide variety of choices to peruse – from starter homes at \$80,000 to lovely mansions on the lake at over \$1,000,000. After your tour, stop in at one of Lakewood's great restaurants and ponder how your dream can become a reality over a great dinner, elegant glass of wine, or a cold beer.

What if you don't find your dream home? Well, recently, Travel and Leisure magazine named Lakewood as "One of the Coolest Suburbs Worth a Visit." So, even if your day doesn't end up like you planned, you will have had a fun day in a great place.

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## The Best Furniture Store In Ohio Is Right Here In Lakewood

by David Stein

I have always said small business owners are those who jump off cliffs. So in 2002 I did just that. Having a degree in Interior Design and working in the retail as well as wholesale end of the furniture industry as a manager, trainer and buyer, i felt it was time I venture out on my own. The street level space on the corner of Lincoln and Detroit had sat vacant for quite sometime and after numerous phone calls to the building's current owner a lease was drawn up and I signed on the dotted line.

Nine years later, Plantation Home has established itself as a force to be reckoned with in the varied sea of furniture retailers in Cleveland. Our customer base not only comes from all over northern Ohio, but also all over the country. At least a few times a month we hear customers who say "I'm here visiting and I always make a point to come into your



New for spring.

store whenever I'm in the area" which does my heart good. Over the years celebrities have also shopped here. "In the Middle's" Patricia Heaton, HGTV's Vern Yip as well as David Copperfield have all shopped at Plantation Home!

It remains amazing to me, however, how many Lakewoodites have never been into my store. It is so important, especially in this economy, to support local, small businesses. I challenge Lakewood residents to shop local- I know you'll be pleasantly surprised at all that our downtown district has to offer. Next time you head west to shop, stop and think about spending your dollars locally.

And now with all the growth in our downtown district I invite you to check us out. Plantation Home offers fashion forward Home furnishings as well as accessories, gifts and Gourmet products at great prices. Come visit us at 14401 Detroit Avenue, PH 216.227.4663. Interior Design services are available.



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# Downtown Business - Shop Local

## Hixson's - Shop Soon, Shop Often!

by Bonnie Hardin Mitchell

There is a shop on Detroit Avenue in Lakewood unlike any of the other store in our city; it's uniquely its own - it's Hixson's.

For those of you new to Lakewood, it's the store across from Giant Eagle on Detroit Avenue, the one with the big Raggedy Ann doll in the window. Many residents new to Lakewood may be unsure of just what that store is all about. Many people think it's a florist - it's not.

Hixson's is many things to many people. To me, growing up some 50 years ago, it was a place to look forward to going with my mom to find treasures we could take home with us. As I grew into adulthood, I would take my own children shopping there, and now they are adults, and we still shop there together.

Why? Because Hixson's is a cool store - plain and simple; that's why it's lasted so long - people enjoy shopping there. Hixson's is a cultural experience -

it adds something to your life. It makes one feel better.

If you've yet to experience Hixson's, expect to find a quiet, calming cultural shopping experience, where you can clear your head of the clutter of today's world and enjoy the pleasure of shopping. You can slow down, chill out and relax at Hixson's. Hixson's stocks home décor, collectibles, candles, cards, jewelry, toys and vintage items and much more. In the back of the store, there are a couple big rooms dedicated to Christmas decorations and Christmas ornaments. These rooms stay "in Christmas character" the whole year through. There are thousands of unique ornaments and decorations to purchase, and again, very reasonably priced! Because Mr. Hixson is such a legend in Lakewood folklore, you may even want him to sign an ornament for you - he's happy to do it! He's a really nice guy!

You may feel a bit anxious shopping somewhere new...that's understandable. But seriously, once you step through the front door, your apprehension will melt away because of the warmth within its walls. As you enter the front door, there is a candy counter to your left, and what says welcome more than something sweet to eat? Hello! The aisles wind through the store and take you here and there, as you find one treasure after another. The store has unique gifts. In many ways shopping there is like visiting an art gallery because the store's contents are staged just so, that you look up, down and eye level and you find beautiful things everywhere. And the great thing about it is, the items in the store are so reasonably priced.

A fun fact about the owner, Bill

Hixson: Mr. Hixson has been to the White House during the Christmas season decorating the sitting President's home for over 20 plus years now - that's another story, one that was recently written for this paper as a matter of fact. During the holidays the White House traditionally sends Mr. Hixson a Christmas card. Friends in high places, eh? However, Mr. Hixson always returns to Lakewood, and his roots. We need him, and he needs us, hence this article.

If you like nice things in your life, and want to support a Lakewood legend, shop Hixson's. In today's tough economic times, many of our local businesses are feeling it at the cash register, and some unfortunately are not surviving. As a

## First Federal Of Lakewood Completes Next Step Of Growth Strategy

by Jim Heide

With its recent acquisition of Century Bank, Lakewood-based First Federal of Lakewood now has 18 full-service branches in Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties, six First Federal Lending offices in Ohio, more than 280 employees and total assets of \$1.3 billion.

Based on deposits, First Federal of Lakewood is the third largest bank headquartered in Greater Cleveland.

"We are very excited to have completed our data system conversion, because we can now provide our customers with our full line of savings, lending and business products at all of our branches," said Gary R. Fix, president and CEO of First Federal of Lakewood. "Through this acquisition we built an even stronger community bank that is well capitalized, locally managed, and committed to its customers and communities. I am also pleased to note that we were able to make job offers to all former Century Bank employees."

Mr. Fix added, "With our perfor-

mance, let us make sure Hixson's continues to prosper and remains a part of our Lakewood family. Together, let's fill up Hixson's large parking lot with patronage, and support the vision Mr. Hixson began long ago. Together, let us witness a community of people coming together to support one of its own.

So, to the folks who are new in town and will build traditions here in Lakewood, and also to the folks who have lived in Lakewood for years, please frequent Hixson's! Let's ensure it remains a living legend! Please make it a point to visit soon and often. Let's give back to Mr. Hixson a portion of what he has given to Lakewood.

mance, strong heritage and commitment to this region, First Federal of Lakewood is Greater Cleveland's Community Bank. We continue to embrace the core values that were established at our inception in 1935. As a mutually structured community bank we take the long view and make the best decisions for our institution, our customers and communities. Our 12 consecutive quarters of profitability affirm that we are safe, strong and secure."

The acquisition of Century Bank caps off a year of impressive growth for First Federal of Lakewood. Over the past 12 months, in addition to the Century Bank acquisition, the bank opened new lending offices in Canton, Mentor, Toledo and Findlay, opened a full-service branch in Chagrin Falls and produced record loan volume in excess of \$500 million.

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# Five Great Reasons To Eat Good Fat

by Rachel Anzalone

FAT. It's a word we love to hate. And it's food we hate to love. Fat became the enemy in the 1970's and darn if we can't let go of that grudge! Here's the thing though - Eating fat does not make you fat. I'll rephrase that - Eating GOOD fat in the RIGHT AMOUNT does not make you fat. In fact, fat is essential for many of our

body's functions. For example:

1. Dietary fat is essential for your body to absorb and transport oil soluble nutrients like vitamins A, D, E, and K. Without the needed oily transportation, these vitamins will pass right through your body unabsorbed.
2. Fat is essential for cellular reproduction. Our bodies are constantly reproducing and replacing cells. This is the

means by which we heal wounds and keep our organs young and healthy. You might be 52 but your liver cells may be new-borns!

3. Fat is a lubricant that keeps your skin healthy, hair shiny, and joints moving freely. Signs that you're not eating the right fats or not digesting those fats properly include dry skin, dandruff, hair falling out, joint problems and mouth sores.

4. Cholesterol, which is produced by your liver from saturated fat, is the base from which estrogen, cortisone and testosterone are made. A lack of cholesterol in your diet can result in underproduction of these necessary hormones that can have a cascade of effects on your overall health.

5. Cholesterol is also a component of nerve tissue and is essential for nerve messages to be transported throughout your body. This can affect everything from organ function to clarity of thought.

So just how much and what kind of fat should you be eating?

Saturated fats, found mostly in animal products such as whole milk, cream, cheese, and fatty meats, but also in some vegetable products including coconut oil and vegetable shortening, should be kept to a minimum. Cooking with a tablespoon or two of coconut oil is a great way to get the amount your body needs to produce needed cholesterol without over doing it. Monounsaturated fats are found mostly in vegetable and nut oils, such as olive and peanut oil. These foods may actually help lower LDL (bad) cholesterol. Avoid hydrogenated fats (or trans-fats), as in hydrogenated vegetable oil, which undergoes a preserving technique that ultimately disrupts your body's ability to metabolize it and may raise LDL cholesterol levels. These are the fats found in many processed "junk" foods and the reason fat has gotten such a bad rap.

All in all you should get about 30% of your daily caloric intake from fat. Just be sure you're choosing healthy sources. Cravings for fatty foods are your body's way of telling you that it needs Essential Fatty Acids! Instead of reaching for fried chicken or french fries, go for cold water fish like salmon, walnuts, flax seeds, or avocado.

## Autism Awareness Month

by Allison Norris

April is Autism Awareness month, a month we work to promote awareness about children who are in the spectrum of Autism. While most people these days know the term Autism, many still do not know what this complex biological disorder entails.

People, most often children, diagnosed as Autistic have symptoms ranging from speech impairments to emotional relating difficulties. The debate on the cause of Autism continues as our world sifts through the genetic, environmental, and nutritional possibilities. Though the cause may continue to be unknown the treatment approaches can almost always include a well rounded methodology of traditional medicine, occupational therapies, and nutritional intervention.

One of the lesser understood treatment options are the nutritional solutions. There is a close relationship between the blood/brain barrier and

blood/intestinal lining barrier. Due to this, when our intestinal tract is not healthy we are at risk for toxins reaching our brains. Since Autism involves the nervous system it is helpful to check the integrity of the patient's intestines. Identifying potential problems from food allergies, food sensitivities, and toxic overloads from diet or other environmental exposure is the first step in supporting this system. Supplementing with whole food digestive enzymes and probiotics can repair the gut and therefore improve the protection of the brain. A June 2010 article in NewScientist discusses these correlative moments and their impact in children with Autism.

Another nutritional area science is beginning to expose as connected to the nervous system is the relationship between B vitamins, minerals, and omega oils. B vitamins and minerals are great for overall health balance. Omega oils found in fish such as mackerel, herring, tuna, and salmon are great food for

the brain — and a healthy brain is going to lesson the severity of Autistic symptoms. All of this can be found in and should be consumed from food sources but when that is not possible a good quality supplement can be beneficial.

Lastly, sugar balancing is key for the health of children, especially those with Autism. People process sugar through their pancreas but when it is overloaded with too much sugar the pancreas cannot handle the amount and asks the liver for help. If this occurs too often the pancreas becomes ill. In time our bodies will react poorly to any sugar introduced in the body and can have hypoglycemic fluctuations. These fluctuations lead to erratic behavior that will impede social integration and learning. While this process affects all children, it is highly problematic for those with Autism and their increased mental sensitivity.

If you are newly processing a diagnosis or know someone who is, be prudent in your research and remember that each person is an individual and has unique needs in regards to their health care. Consider making sound nutritional choices and seek out those professionals who can help you create a comprehensive treatment plan.

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### Spring Salad

by Dr. Meg Gerba Perry

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| 2 tsp. olive oil  | 1 cup fresh or frozen peas, thawed       |
| 1 clove of garlic, crushed                                | 1 ripe avocado, diced into 1-inch pieces |
| 1 lb. of asparagus  |  |
| ½ English cucumber, cut into to ¼'s and sliced (unpeeled) |  |
| ½ tsp. kosher salt  |  |
| ½ tsp. pepper   |  |

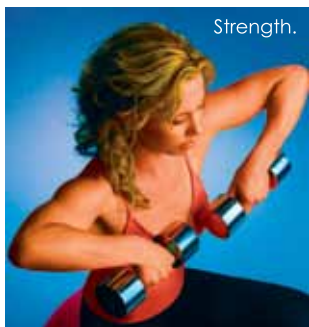
Combine lemon juice, oil, and garlic in a jar, shake vigorously, add salt and pepper then set aside. Snap ends off asparagus and slice 1" pieces diagonally. Blanche 3 minutes, remove with strainer and run under cold water. Set aside Blanche peas. If using fresh peas for 30 seconds, rinse with cold water. If using frozen peas, just defrost. Combine veggies in a bowl. Shake dressing and toss into salad. Add avocado right before serving.

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Keep Lakewood Beautiful Plans Busy Spring

by Melissa Meehan

Keep Lakewood Beautiful is starting up for another busy spring! As our snow melts and flowers begin to pop up, we need to clean up what an especially



Sue Lust and Maureen Kermode, Keep Lakewood Beautiful, help to garden and clean at City Center Park to prepare for Lakewood Arts Festival; Summer, 2010.

long winter left behind. We are planning our Great American Clean-Up in Lakewood on Earth Day April 30 and are thrilled to have received a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to help with these events.

Keep Lakewood Beautiful is looking for individuals and groups to register for the Great American Clean-Up in Lakewood. Church groups, scout troops, block groups and community groups and individuals are needed to assist with picking up litter and sprucing up our public areas of Lakewood. KLB will provide supplies to registered groups before the event. Groups can inform us of a park, business district, or parking lot that they would like to clean or we can suggest one for them. The Clean-Up is Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. All clean up groups are then invited back to the Woman’s Pavilion in Lakewood Park for lunch provided by Keep Lakewood Beautiful. If interested in helping with this event please call 529- 6602 or email Holly.Lauch@lake-

woodoh.net. Help us and do your part to Keep Lakewood Beautiful by joining us April 30 for this Spring Clean-Up.

Then....stick around for the afternoon and join us at the Woman’s Pavilion at Lakewood Park for our celebration of Earth Day. From 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., we will have a variety of events informing us about Living Green in Lakewood! We will share with you the latest in recycling in Lakewood, rain barrels, healthy eating, composting and preservation of our Great Lake Erie. Join us for fun, informative events and displays for both adults and children April 30 from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

We are pleased to have the support of the ODNR Office of Coastal Management to help us with this community wide event. We are committed to target

our one and only and most treasured gem of Lakewood: Lakewood Park. Lakewood Park provides our community with access to Lake Erie. We are targeting the entire park so that we can fully enjoy the views that the park offers and do our part to keep litter from entering our great and beautiful asset - Lake Erie.

We hope you will join us in one or all of these events Saturday, April 30. Whether you have just an hour or more we think you can make a difference. Living green is easy to do and we commend all those residents of Lakewood who live green every day by recycling, reusing, composting, picking up litter, disposing of cigarette butts properly, bagging yard waste and the lists go on...Keep Lakewood Beautiful thanks you for doing your part to keep our city beautiful.

Sing To Your Baby Workshop at Beck Center

by Fran Storch

Grammy Award winners, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer present Sing To Your Baby™: A Workshop for New Parents on Tuesday, April 5 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood. New and expectant parents are invited to join Cathy and Marcy for this unique program designed to empower parents to be the first, and most important, voice their baby can identify with, regardless of singing talent and experience.

This hour-long workshop will give parents a chance to work hand-in-hand with Cathy and Marcy, two acclaimed musicians with nearly 30 years of experience improving communication between parents and babies. Their newest project, ‘Sing To Your Baby,’ is a guide for new parents on how to sing to their babies and features a beautifully illustrated book and accompanying CD. Following each event, creators Cathy and Marcy will host a meet-and-



Grammy Award winners Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer bring their music to Beck Center.

greet with attendees.

Cost is \$35 for one registrant and baby and a \$50 family rate for two relatives and baby. Fees include one copy of the STYB™ Playbook/CD. To register call 202-667-1076 or email to office@singtoyourbaby.net.

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Located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, the 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. For more information visit www.beckcenter.org.

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# Lakewood Cares

## Thank You From The Jordan Foundation

by Corey and Kara Rossen

Jordan's Family Foundation's 6th Annual "Healthy Starts. Happy Hearts" Charity Wine and Beer Tasting started off strong and definitely finished with a bang. Money raised from the three hour event (more than \$10,000) money will be donated to pediatric cardiology for research into Congenital Heart Diseases and for the education of the public.

More than 200 people attended this year's fundraiser (despite the warnings of the looming blizzard) at Rozi's Wine House and were treated by the likes of Chef Matt Harlan, (Lolita) and Colleen Wing, Cake Following (Lakewood) along with Founder's Brewing Company (Michigan) and Yalumba Winery (Australia).

Prizes ranging from cases of Great Lakes Christmas Ale to a trip for two to Napa Valley's Wine Country were generously donated and raffled off were generously donated and raffled off for the amusement of everyone involved.

We would like to thank everyone who made this event another huge success and those who were involved in time, sweat, energy and contributions.

Thanks again, from Cory, Kara and our Kids—Jordan's Family Foundation.



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## Ministerial Musings: Still I Rise

by Rev. Dr. John Tamilio II, Ph.D.

Theories abound about the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. There are some who claim that it never happened. "People do not rise from the dead today," they say, "So I doubt that it actually happened in Jerusalem two millennia ago."

Others claim that it occurred in the experience of the disciples. Jesus did not physically rise from the dead, proponents of this theory claim, but he did live in the communal experience of the disciples after his death.

And then there are those ol' stalwart traditionalists like me who believe that it really did happen as it is chronicled in the Gospels.

I remember being at a clergy meeting once. I was sitting in a room with about a dozen colleagues from my denomination; the meeting was during Lent.

We talked about the foci of our Easter homilies. One of the pastors observed, "It is a hard sermon to preach. How many different ways can you talk about the resurrection?" I nodded in agreement.

Then he looked around the room and said, "Besides, I have several parishioners who actually believe in the resurrection." Many of the other pastors in the room smiled. Some laughed.

I thought I had just entered The Twilight Zone. I looked for Rod Serling to come walking into the room, smoking his trademark cigarette, and saying, "Picture if you will a minister who suddenly finds himself in an alternative universe, one in which everything he believes is no longer true..."

I felt so out of touch with reality. I did not understand how someone could preach the Word and think that it is only words.

Paul's declaration to the Corinthians rang in my soul: "Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has



been in vain and your faith has been in vain," (1 Cor. 15:12-14).

This meeting occurred several years ago. I was just starting out as an ordained pastor, serving my first parish in a small, rural New Hampshire town. A dozen years of experience have taught me that people experience Christ in various ways. People embrace diverse theologies to express those beliefs. I respect that immensely. I do. Very little in The Bible or Christian theology can be discerned in strict black-and-white terms. There is a lot of gray in there.

That said, I still embrace the belief that regardless of what may be conjecture in Scripture — added by later redactors to bolster specific theological or political agendas — I still hold the resurrection as both a deeply sacred and an accurate historical event. It lies at the core of my faith. I could not continue doing what I do if I rejected the empty tomb.

What are your beliefs? What is the resurrection all about? How does it inform your faith? What does it tell you about God?

As you journey through the last half of Lent, confront those beliefs. Allow God to speak to them. You may be surprised — as surprised as the women — at what you find!

The Rev. Dr. John Tamilio II, Ph.D., is the Senior Minister at Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Tremont. He lives in Lakewood with his wife and their three children.

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## Lakewood Opinion

# Spring Has Sprung, The Revolution Has Begun

by Chris Perry

Revolution is as unpredictable as an earthquake and as beautiful as spring, as the recent uprisings in the Middle East shaking the foundation of that volatile region and the populist uprisings burgeoning in our own backyard to counter Governor Kasich's attempts to put the final nail in the coffin of the Ohio middle class can attest. Its coming is always a surprise, but its nature should not be. Revolution is a phase, a mood, like spring, and just as spring has its buds, shoots and showers, so revolution has its epicenter, its bravery, its hope, and its collective solidarity.

No revolution vanishes without effect. The Prague Spring of 1968 was brutally crushed by the Soviet Union, but 21 years later I was in Prague as a second wave of revolution liberated Czechoslovakia. Alexander Dubcek, who had been the reformist Secretary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, returned to give heart to the people from a balcony overlooking Wenceslas Square: "The government is telling us that the street is not the place for things to be solved, but I say the street was and is the place. The voice of the street must be heard."

The voice of the street has been a bugle cry this year. You heard it here in Ohio at the Statehouse in Columbus, on the steps of Public Square in Downtown Cleveland, and from our brothers and sisters in Madison, Wisconsin. But the rulers who thought their power was the only power that mattered heard it last and with dismay. Many of them are ner-

vous now, trying to tamp down uprisings and subvert the democratic process driven by a blind and narrow ideology.

We need to be vigilant--our endurance will be tested and millions will be spent by some of the most powerful people and corporations in America in the coming months in an effort to continue the downward spiral of representative government, rights and wages. Enough of us have finally taken notice that destroying living wealth to create financial wealth is an act of pathological insanity and we need to begin treating money as a useful tool for managing our economic choices rather than as the end to be maximized.

As a nation, we no longer have a sense of the collective. Today's revolution must be to re-embrace the American ideal and the American collective that once seemed not only utterly desirable, but essential. Because America, in turn, was identifying with the

collective, with every class. It wasn't as if the rich weren't going to get richer; it wasn't as if the poor didn't have a harder life. But everybody, certainly from the time of the New Deal, believed in the ideal that we were all in this together. Or at least enough people bought into the notion that the poor, the middle class and the rich were all invested in the same collective outcome. Nobody was going to get there on their own.

It was a time before gated communities. It was a time before charter schools. It was a time before capital had demoralized labor. When you believed your tomorrow might be better than your today, even if it was only going to be marginally better, or even if it was your kids that were going to have it better. If you were invested, and if you got up, dragged yourself to work every day, there was going to be a place for you. When that held, patriotism couldn't be made to seem naïve; it was real, not contrived.

Belief in the nation-state was plausible.

You hear conservatives invoke socialism to suggest that we shouldn't have an actuarial group of 300 million people and keep all of us a little more healthy by sharing. It's a thoughtless triumph of ignorance.

Both Republicans and Democrats fear telling the truth. The collapse of integrity over taxes is near complete. Corporations, Wall Street and their CEOs are making unprecedented profits and not paying taxes at a rate even close to what was paid under Eisenhower. Do people think America wasn't ascendant and an upwardly mobile society under Eisenhower in the '50s? Nobody was looking at the country then and thinking to themselves, "We're taxing ourselves into oblivion." Yet there isn't a politician with guts enough to tell that truth because the whole system has been purchased by the rich. We need to honestly look back to move forward.

## Pulse Of The City

### One More Column...(For Now)

by Gary Rice

Have you been noticing something really special going on lately? There are a whole bunch of new writers taking part in the Observer Project! It seems like just about every issue, there's another new name popping up. What's more, these writers have been amazing with their articles and stories about our great city.

It was back in 2006, after retiring from the teaching profession, that I decided

to start writing a regular column for the paper. The work gave me something that I could try to do for my own community, after spending many years doing other things. I'd already done some guitar-related writing, so the transition for me was pretty seamless. I've always enjoyed writing, and (as I would advise any retiree) it's just a great idea to keep busy.

I've written columns about great places, and people whom I might have never otherwise known about. I've experienced restaurants and businesses that have opened my eyes to the eclectic wonder that is contemporary Lakewood. I've waxed nostalgic as my eyes welled up writing about a childhood dog I once had, and even more so, when I wrote about the closing of St. James, and other churches. Still other Lakewood landmark losses like the Hall House on Detroit Ave., and the losses of my old Madison and Harding schools, reminded me in no uncertain terms, that this was indeed a community in the midst of change.

At the same time, many of the new developments going on in this city are certainly commendable. Between the Lakewood Library system, the new schools, public and private, and the many social, business, and civic happenings around here, a continuum bridging the past with both present and future, brings hope and encouragement to those of us who continue to live and invest here.

This year marks Lakewood's 100th anniversary as a city, as well as the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. The Ohio Chautauqua celebration will be bringing a big tent special event down to Lakewood Park in June, and I've been invited to be a part of the historical presentations that will be given there. Awhile back, my father, Robert Rice, and I put in a granite marker at the top of Lakewood Park's walkway to the lake, honoring Lakewood's part as being one of the



Gary in character, honoring John Stewart, a pioneer Methodist minister to Ohio Native Americans who lived in in Upper Sandusky during the early 1800's. Photo by Robert Rice

last stations of the Underground Railroad, so the location and timing of this event promises to be a very special one for all of us here in this area.

Every day as well, a new page in the life of Lakewood's history is being written. You are an essential part of that history, and it's been good to have been able to share this experience with you. It is my plan, at least at the present time, to cut back a bit on my writing; at least over the summer months. Not that I don't enjoy it. Indeed I do, and from time to time, you may see my byline again for special features, or even another column if the inspiration hits me. The thing is, I'd really like to see yours too!

If you want to write something for this paper, the procedure is very clear and easy. Just follow the online directions, or give the office a call. I feel so grateful to have been a part of this paper. I hope that you too will consider becoming a part of the Observer family. It's your city that is being showcased here. No one can do that job better than you can! You ARE the pulse of the city.

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Lakewood Living

Seniors, Come Jazz It Up!

by Emmie Hutchison

Senior citizens can swing into Spring with style at Spring Fling, an intergenerational variety show that will be held in the Garfield Middle School Cafeteria on Thursday, April 7, 2011 from 3:30– 5:30 p.m. This annual event is a collaboration between community organizations to provide a lively social gathering for attendees. Area senior citizens will have the opportunity to enjoy the featured performers in the Lakewood High School Jazz band & Workshop Band and to savor refreshments served by Lakewood Ranger Catering. This year's event will reflect a swing-era theme, which will lend just a little extra pizzazz to the atmosphere.

Spring Fling is not only a cherished event for the Senior participants, but for the youth volunteers as well. Many of the Lakewood High students who have

eagerly signed up to help set up, serve, and clean up have attended Spring Fling in past years. It is among their favorite events to interact with and to serve their community. They will bring their natural cheer and elegant attire to help make this event a repeat success. The partnering organizations who sponsor this event are Lakewood Kiwanis, H2O (Help to Others), LHS Jazz Band & Workshop Band, Lakewood Ranger Catering, and Lakewood Department of Human Services.

If you would like to make a reservation, please call the Lakewood Division of Aging at (216)521-1515. Tickets are \$6.00 and covers the cost of refreshments. Transportation can be provided for Lakewood Senior Residents. If you have a neighbor, friend or relative who may like to attend, please pass the word about this great event!



H2O Student hosts of 2010 Spring Fling

Rotary Club Announces Grants

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Center, Rocky River Senior Center, Trinity Lutheran Church wellness project, Lakewood Hospital diabetes assistance initiative, Mathew's Lending Library, Rocky River Community Challenge, Lakewood Community Recreation, H2O (Help to Others), and the American Youth Foundation programs at Lakewood and Rocky River high schools.

Funds for the grants are provided each year by the club's charitable foundation. Foundation assets grow as the

result of gifts, donations and bequests by members and friends of the club.

The club was chartered in 1926. Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs in more than 160 countries worldwide. RI's polio eradication project, begun in 1985, has eliminated polio in all but four countries, the lowest in history.

Information about the club is available at [www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org](http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org).

Breakfast With The Bunny

by Lynn Foran

The Easter Bunny will be making a special visit to Lakewood on April 16th. H2O- Help to Others- is hosting Breakfast with the Bunny at the Woman's Pavilion in Lakewood Park. The pavilion will be transformed into a beautiful spring setting while H2O high school volunteers serve pancake breakfasts to all who attend. Pictures can be taken with the Easter Bunny for \$5 or personal cameras can be used free of charge. There will also be a Chi-

nese raffle of fun-filled themed baskets full of donated items from Lakewood businesses and supporters of H2O. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit H2O Summer Service Camp and year-round H2O programming for middle and high school students.

There are 4 seatings: 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:00am, and 12:15pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Ticket ordering information can be found at [www.thelakewoodfoundation.org/h2o](http://www.thelakewoodfoundation.org/h2o).

Eaters Of Lakewood At Plank Road Tavern

by Kristen Dutton

Eaters of Lakewood welcomed their 14th event at Plank Road Tavern on Saturday, March 19th. Plank Road Tavern occupies the former spot of The Riviera Bar on Lauderdale and Detroit. Upon walking in to Plank Road, you're greeted by a simple and cozy atmosphere. There's a long bar across the side, easy to approach for an after work beer or a quick bite, plenty of high top tables, a classic aluminum ceiling, and a built in

fireplace against a bright red wall where two people can dine intimately. Everywhere you look at Plank Road there are different groups of people enjoying the food and drink. Whether you are looking for a date spot, a place to eat with your family, or come after work, Plank Road is welcoming for everyone.

Many of the EOL guest were excited to try the menu. Guests liked that the meats came from Lakewood's own TJ Butcher Block, and you could choose just about anything from onions to peanut butter to top your burger. There's an extensive beer list to fit anyone's drinking desires. Although their Plank Road fries were different and unique, our guests felt they were lacking in flavor and crispiness. The fries were easily forgotten about when you bite into one of their amazingly made, moist burgers. The Chorizo Burger was bursting with flavor and was complemented well by the ciabatta bun. The Plank Road Burger was so juicy and fresh you could swear they had cows out back just waiting to become patties. This event was well attended, good friends, good food, plenty of drinks, slow service, but that was okay because time spent with good people is priceless.

A gift card was raffled off and won by Mo Farunia! Congratulations Mo! Please join Eaters of Lakewood in April at the Flying Rib on Saturday, April 16th 6 p.m.- 9 p.m.

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# Lakewood Living History

## Vintage Lakewood: The Kundtz Estate

by Rhonda Loje

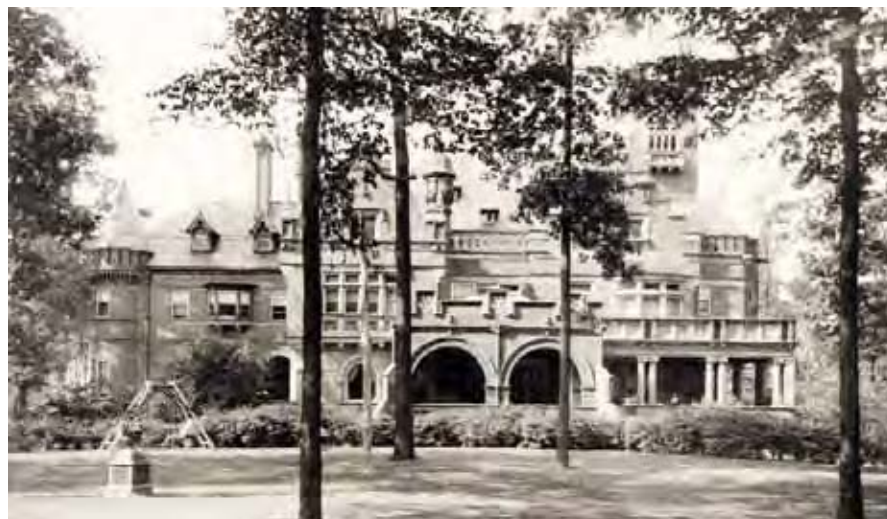
The Lakewood Historical Society, in conjunction with the Lakewood Observer, is reaching out to all of Lakewood, present and past, whether you live here now or used to call Lakewood home, to help us remember Lakewood's history in photos. Each month, we will post a different photo of Lakewood's past, along 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.

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 (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Vintage-Lakewood-Ohio/303047936066>) or to the Lakewood Observer online.

This month, because of all the interest in the Sly mansion, I thought we would give you a little history on another estate in Lakewood that is no longer with us: the Theodor Kundtz Estate.

Theodor Kundtz was born July 1, 1852 in Metzenseifen, Hungary and immigrated to America twenty years later. He eventually became a major designer and producer of automotive bodies and one of Cleveland's leading industrial giants. His first job in Cleveland was with the Whitworth Company, a small wood-working establishment where he built cabinets for sewing machines. In 1876, Thomas H. White discovered Theodor Kundtz' amazing artistry and, "by 1879, Kundtz' small factory had supplied all of White's cabinetry." "Fashioning sewing machines into functional art was Theodor Kundtz' contribution to the industry and the cornerstone of his business success."

Five years later, he furthered his success by establishing a bicycle-wheel factory. By early 1900, the Theodor Kundtz Company was one of the first vertically-integrated businesses in America and around 1910 had occupied five plants in the Flats, employing more than 2500 workers. Theodor Kundtz did not stop there. He expanded his company to include a division called



Theodor Kundtz Automobile Bodies that designed and manufactured attractive automobile bodies for many different companies in the early 1900's.

With more than fifty years of business success, Theodor Kundtz retired at the age of seventy-two to his enchanting estate located at 13826 Lake Avenue. Just as Theodor's business was on a grand scale, so too was his home, modeled after the beautiful castles he remembered seeing as a child. Constructed over a four-year period (1898-1902), his Lakewood mansion boasted hand-painted ceilings, stained glass windows, exquisite statues, hand-carved furniture, elaborate fireplaces, and even a bowling alley. Despite his enormous financial success,

Theodor Kundtz was best known for his kindness toward employees, his extreme generosity, and pride in his Hungarian heritage. Theodor Kundtz was a man ahead of his time and will long be remembered for his many amazing accomplishments.

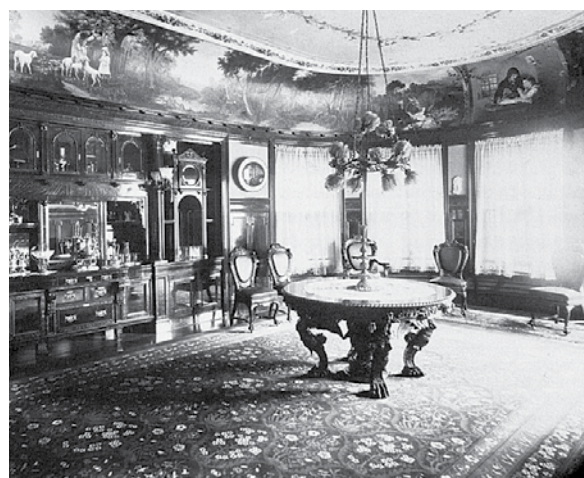
The Lakewood Historical Society works with a 3rd grade class at Emerson Elementary every year to create a local history documentary. This year, we're studying the big estates of Lake Avenue, including the Theodor Kundtz estate. Our kids interviewed descendants of Theodor Kundtz, who shared these amazing color photos of the interior of the house. Enjoy!

For more information please

check out these websites: <http://lakewoodhistory.org/kundtz>, <http://www.lkwdpl.org/lore/lore43.htm>

And check out some of our previous movies at: <http://www.lkwdpl.org/schools/elempath/discovery/history/index.html>

If you have physical photos and don't want to digitize them, 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, whichever format you prefer. Come join us in celebrating Lakewood's history.

To become a member of the Lakewood Historical Society, you can join online at [www.lakewoodhistory-museum.com](http://www.lakewoodhistory-museum.com).

## Tabletops & Trifles

by Paula Reed

Mark your calendar for April 15th and 16th because you definitely must experience Tabletops & Trifles! This new Lakewood Historical Society sale is a prelude to the annual Sale on the Grounds, which comes along the first Saturday and Sunday in May.

We've had so many donations this year of fine vintage china, cool barware, silver serving pieces, linens, gloves, hats, jewelry and accessories that we decided to highlight them in a special sale all their own. Tabletops & Trifles will feature tables set with everything you need for entertaining friends, or just pampering your family. There will even be themed displays such as the garden table, the picnic table, and the bride's table. In many cases you'll be able to buy everything right down to the tablecloth. Want to set up a bar or a buffet? You'll find all those items at the sale, too.

In the "Ladies' Retiring Room" you'll find elegant items the well-dressed woman of yesterday shares with the discerning woman of today.



Enjoy a confection or sip a cup of tea as you shop. This event will be a treat for all your senses.

Tabletops & Trifles debuts at the historic Nicholson House on Friday, April 15th, 1:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Bring your friends and come after work, then make an evening of it by dining out at one of Lakewood's many wonderful eateries. Or plan on attending the sale as a special treat on Saturday, April 16th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. No matter which day you come, you're sure to enjoy the beautiful items artistically displayed. And better yet, you'll find lovely things you must add to your home at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit the programs and properties of the Lakewood Historical Society. Don't miss this sale—it may never come again!

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