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*As Students Return To The Classroom*

## District Earns “Excellent” Rating On State Report Card



*New teachers and returning teachers get a big welcome and more from the School Board at the Convocation meeting.*

*by Christine Gordillo*

Thanks in large part to Lakewood students consistently learning at an above average rate as measured by the Ohio Department of Education, the district has earned a state Report Card rating of “Excellent” for the 2010-2011 school year.

“A lot of hard work has taken place over the past few years and it’s paying off now,” said Superintendent Jeffrey W. Patterson. “The staff, the Board and the administration, working together with stu-

dents and parents, has resulted in this wonderful news.”

Added Board of Education President Matthew John Markling: “I feel proud to be on a Board that allows the students, staff and administration to have the resources available to achieve the growth we have.”

The district met 23 of 26, or 88%, of the state indicators and its Performance Index Rating, which measures how well all students did on all the tests, improved from 97.6 (on a scale of 120) to 97.9. The district’s performance rating continues to rise each year.

In the 2009-2010 Report Card, many of the district’s schools earned an excellent rating and that trend continued with the latest report. All but one of our school buildings were rated either Excellent or Effective. Earning “Excellent” ratings are: Lakewood High School,

Garfield Middle School and Grant and Lincoln elementary schools. The schools rated “Effective” are Emerson, Hayes, Horace Mann and Roosevelt elementaries, Harding Middle School and Lakewood City Academy, which continues to improve steadily each year. Harrison Elementary earned a “Continuous Improvement” rating.

Especially heartening news from the state is that the district exceeded its “Value-Added” component measure, something it has done every year since that feature was added to the rating system with the 2007-2008 school year. The Value-Added component measures how much progress a student has made versus the previous school year.

“This shows that our students are receiving more than one academic year’s worth of **continued on page 10**

## Library Foundation Announces Sculptor

*by Ben Burdick*

After a year long search, the Lakewood Public Library Foundation’s Art Selection Committee is proud to announce that they have chosen Peter Diepenbrock to design and install a new Lakewood landmark on the northwest lawn of the Main Library. Hailing from the Rhode Island School of Design, Diepenbrock is a sculptor and industrial designer with twenty-five years of experience turning personal visions into concrete realities that will stand the test of time. He has designed everything from large, outdoor works that redefine their surroundings to delicate ornaments for the White House Christmas tree. One of the Committee’s favorite pieces, found at [www.peterdiepenbrock.com](http://www.peterdiepenbrock.com), is a lizard-like objet d’art in iron that doubles as a bottle opener.

So what will it look like? The Art Selection committee has decided to keep the final design under wraps until the installation in late October, but nothing can stop the speculation. Will it be a classical piece? Abstract? Is it a sculpture about the Library? Or is it more about Lakewood? The answer to all of these questions is yes. The remarkable thing about Diepenbrock’s design is its inexhaustible beauty and the endless number of ways it can be viewed and experienced. Far from being some dry intellectual exercise, this is art that a child can marvel at.

And as that child grows into adulthood and even old age, they will always be able to find refreshing new perspectives. It will be an old friend and a font of new ideas. Maybe it is about the Library, after all...

Before being chosen,

Diepenbrock visited the Library earlier this year and met with members of the Art Selection Committee and Director James Crawford to get a feel for the project. After their meeting was long over, **continued on page 12**



*Peter Diepenbrock stands on the future site of his sculpture on the northwest lawn of the Lakewood Public Library Main Branch.*

## PTA’s School Board Candidates Forum: Public Asked To Submit Questions

*by Christina McCallum*

Lakewood Council of PTAs is pleased to announce its Meet the Candidates night, to be held Wednesday, September 28, 2011 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Garfield Middle School Cafetorium, 13114 Detroit Avenue.

On November 8, 2011, Lakewood voters will decide which candidates will fill the three open seats on Lakewood City Schools’ Board of Education. Seven candidates filed petitions, though Matthew

John Markling announced plans to withdraw earlier this summer. The remaining six candidates have been invited to participate. They are Linda Beebe, Bill Call, Gregory Calleri, Tom Einhouse, Kristine Pagsuyoin and Emma Petrie-Barcelona.

This event will be your opportunity to learn what candidates for Lakewood City Schools’ Board of Education think about issues facing the district. Candidates will have the opportunity, with limited

time, to introduce themselves and then to respond (again with limited time) to a series of questions. A moderator will facilitate the question and answer period with assistance from a timekeeper.

Questions will be supplied by you and other Lakewood citizens. “How?” you may wonder. Simply email your questions by Friday, September 17 to [lakewoodcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodcouncil@gmail.com) or mail them to Lakewood Council of PTAs, c/o 1470 Warren Road, Lakewood, OH 44107

for inclusion. Questions will be reviewed by a committee of Lakewood Council of PTA members to organize them and eliminate duplication.

By hosting this forum, Lakewood Council of PTAs hopes to provide residents with valuable information prior to heading to the polls November 8. Thank you in advance for any questions you submit!

Look in the next issue of the Observer for a selection of the questions that have been submitted at that time.

## Heroin Off Lakewood’s Streets



*During a routine traffic stop, the male pictured above took off running and was captured immediately by Lakewood Police. His reason for running was 240 packets of heroin that will not make it to the streets. Good job LPD.*



# Calendar Page

*This calendar presents various public Lakewood events and notices for the next two weeks. Calendar items can be submitted at our website at [www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com) on the Home Page. Whereas this printed calendar listing is primarily non-profit events relevant to Lakewood, business listings are included as space allows. Our website calendar welcomes all Lakewood events. For Lakewood Public Library events see Page 6.*

**Tuesday, Aug 23**  
**Film Showing -- The Story of Citizens United vs FEC: Why Democracy Only Works When People Are In Charge**  
6:30 - 8 PM, Lakewood Public Library  
15425 Detroit Ave.

Annie Leonard tells the story in 9 minutes of Citizens United — the US Supreme Court 2010 decision expanding corporate constitutional First Amendment Free Speech rights. The decision opened the door to corporations spending money directly from their corporate treasuries on political advertisements supporting and opposing political candidates — many being attack ads in the mid-term elections against candidates who didn't support the corporate agenda. More information, Susanna DeSorgo 216-221-2169 / [Susanna.DeSorgo@tri-c.edu](mailto:Susanna.DeSorgo@tri-c.edu). [www.afsc.net](http://www.afsc.net)

**Startup U: Taking the Entrepreneurial Leap**  
6:30 - 8 PM, Lakewood Public Library - Main Auditorium

Do you think you're ready to take the leap and become a full-time entrepreneur? Are you ready for the glitz, glamour, and all of the revelry associated with becoming a startup CEO? You may want to reconsider. Joe Haddad, Co-Founder of University Tees, will turn the tables on Startup Lakewood's Director of Ideation, Mike Belsito, by interviewing Belsito on his recent "leap" in becoming a full-time entrepreneur. Joe and Mike will discuss the good, the bad, and the ugly -- including why people should think long and hard before taking the entrepreneurial leap. PLUS: The winners of the Lakewood Ideation Challenge will be announced. Startup U events are free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, Aug 24**  
**Wednesday North Union Farmer's Market**  
10 AM - 1 PM, Kaufmann Park Parking Lot behind Drug Mart, 15412 Detroit  
Every Wednesday in Summer.

**Thursday, August 25**  
**All About Vaccines**  
6:30 - 8:30 PM, Lakewood Public Library, Multipurpose Room, 15425 Detroit Ave.

Join Dr. Katherine Caputo of Great Lakes Natural Medicine for an agenda-free evening of discussing the ins and outs of childhood vaccinations. A portion of the evening will be set aside for question and answer, so if you've got questions about vaccines, this event is for you! Especially helpful for new and expectant parents.

**Friday, August 26**  
**Downtown Lakewood Friday Night Front Porch Concerts**  
7 - 9 PM, Lakewood Public Library Front Porch, 15425 Detroit Ave.

The Revolution Brass Band - Cleveland's newest experimental second-line, afrobeat, new jack swing, free-range, certified organic, fully-operational shape-shifting brass band.

**The Fourth Annual Ben Thurmond Memorial Golf Outing**  
11:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Where: Fowler's Mill Golf Course, 13095 Rockhaven Road, Chesterland, Ohio, 44026

NBA Hall Of Famer Nate Thurmond to host golf outing to benefit cleveland clinic hospice program. Cost: \$125 per golfer, \$55 for non-golfers. For tickets 636-8666, or email [nixonjl@ccf.org](mailto:nixonjl@ccf.org).

**Jazz You Like It**  
7 - 10:30 PM, Waterbury Coach House, 13333 Madison Ave.  
Doris Long & The Joe Hunter Trio With Dallas Coffey - Al Fuller - Toby Packard & Guests. Playing Traditional Jazz In A Cozy Neighborhood Restaurant & Lounge. 216-226-9772

**Saturday, August 27**  
**Saturday Lakewood Farmers Market**

10 AM - 1 PM, City Center Plaza, near intersection of Warren & Detroit Ave. Every Saturday.

**Al "Bubba" Baker Football Clinic and NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick**  
9 AM, West Park Family YMCA  
15501 Lorain Road, Cleveland

To help kick-off our NFL Flag Football season, former Cleveland Browns Defensive End Al "Bubba" Baker will participate in a special Punt, Pass & Kick Clinic from 9 a.m. - Noon. The clinic will end with lunch provided by BubbaQ's. [www.clevelandymca.org](http://www.clevelandymca.org)

**Coffee & Conversation with State Representative Nickie J. Antonio**  
10 - 11 AM, MoCa 10435 Clifton Blvd.,  
Join me for coffee and conversation at Cleveland's newest independent coffee shop.

**Tuesday, August 30**  
Lakewood candidates for Mayor and City Council to answer audience's questions about restoring daily Lakewood circulator bus service like Brunswick has, without RTA, by applying to funding sources.

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Lakewood Public Library first floor multi-purpose room, 15425 Detroit.

At this free public event you can ask candidates for Mayor and City Council of Lakewood what, if anything, they will do if elected, to restore daily circulator bus service to Lakewood, which RTA wrongly ended despite its popularity, heavy use, and convenience. The Friday afternoon circulator was designed to fail. Brunswick owns its daily circulator bus service funded by NOACA and Brunswick without RTA. Lakewood can apply for funding from various sources to run circulators. You can pressure these candidates to do that. Sponsored by: Riders To Bring Back The Daily Lakewood circulator. Call 221-2724 to help.

**Wednesday, Aug. 31**  
**No Reserve Warehouse Auction**  
11 AM, doors open at 10am, Grays Auctioneers, 10717 Detroit Ave., Cleve.

Preview August 29 & 30, 11am - 6pm, and August 22 - 27 By Appointment Only. This auction features 19th & 20th century furniture and decorative arts, vintage designer luggage, purses & ladies shoes, several flat screen TVs & an Apple iMac computer, all with no reserves. [www.graysauctioneers.com/](http://www.graysauctioneers.com/)

**Drumming for Health for Those Touched by Cancer**  
7 - 8 PM, The Gathering Place West  
800 Sharon Drive, Westlake

Join us for a fun and enlightening evening of drumming. Those touched by cancer can learn about the positive effects of drumming on their health. Drums are provided. Pre-registration is required. Cost: Free for those touched by cancer. 216.595.9546. [www.touchedby-cancer.org/](http://www.touchedby-cancer.org/)

**Thursday, Sept. 1**  
**Yoga at the 5 O'clock**  
6 - 7 PM, 11904 Detroit Ave

Join Aryn Youngless, CYT for some fast paced vinyasa set to rock 'n roll music! Class will take place on the new renovated patio behind the bar! Come for

the yoga and stay to unwind even further with a drink with friends. Class cost is \$10, drop ins are welcome! 521-4906. [www.arynyoungless.com/](http://www.arynyoungless.com/)

**North Coast Health Ministry's Silver Celebration of Caring**  
6:30 - 9:30 PM, Westwood Country Club, Rocky River

Twenty-five years of providing health care to the uninsured will be celebrated in grand style as North Coast Health Ministry (NCHM) hosts this year's Silver Celebration gala auction and dinner. The evening will feature cocktails, dinner and dessert, a live auction and raffles, including a drawing for a Disney Cruise for four or a \$4,000 American Express travel voucher - winner's choice. Drawing winner need not be present. Those interested can enter the Disney Cruise raffle via the following link: <http://www.nchealthministry.org/cruise>. Those interested in attending the Silver Celebration gala can purchase tickets by calling NCHM Development Director Jeanine Gergel at 216-228-7878 ext. 107. [www.nchealthministry.org/](http://www.nchealthministry.org/)

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**  
**Lakewood Dog Park Pool Plunge**

5:30 - 8:00 PM, Lakewood Park Pool  
See Page 9 for story.

**Lakewood Board of Education Meeting**  
7 - 8:30 PM, Grant Elementary  
1470 Victoria Ave.

**Lakewood City Council Meeting**  
7:30 - 9:30 PM, Lakewood City Hall  
12650 Detroit Ave.

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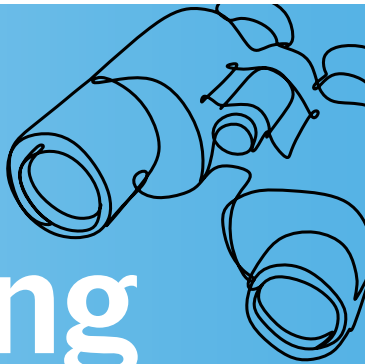
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# Focus on Healthy Living



## Normal Signs of Aging or Alzheimer’s disease?



As you spend time with your loved one are you noticing that they are not as “sharp” as they use to be? Mild memory loss may occur as we get older. Changes such as not being able to recall a name or details of a recent event are a frustrating but frequent occurrence for most aging adults. While it has been suggested by some that everyone might develop dementia if he or she lives long enough, it should be emphasized that Alzheimer’s is a disease and not simply an exaggeration of normal aging.

Alzheimer’s disease is the most common form of dementia among older people and is defined as a brain disorder that over time may seriously affect a person’s cognitive functioning and consequently their ability to carry out daily

activities. Typically these changes happen slowly. Dementia is a sustained decline in cognitive function, including memory loss, and at least one other area of deficit in great enough degree to interfere with social or occupational activities.

Besides Alzheimer’s disease, there are many other causes for dementia. These include vascular dementia, Lewy Body dementia, and many others. It is important to determine the cause of the dementia in order to best understand it and treat it.

It is estimated that more than 5 million individuals in the United States alone suffer from Alzheimer’s disease. At age 65, 1% of the population is affected; however, at age 85, the figure jumps to between 30 and 50%. Caregivers spend an average of 70 to 100 hours per week providing care and are more likely to require medical care themselves. This is not a battle you have to fight alone.

If you are worried about your aging loved one, look no further than Lakewood Hospital’s SeniorCare Assessment Center. The team, led by board-certified geriatric specialists, will work with you and your loved one to conduct a thorough assessment. They will provide support, education and make recommendations. In addition, they will work alongside your loved one’s primary care physician to develop a plan of care that will help you successfully manage their care.

For more information, please call the SeniorCare Assessment Center at 216.521.2288.  
[lakewoodhospital.org/seniors](http://lakewoodhospital.org/seniors)

## Diabetic? Watch Out for Your Eyes

If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, you need to be extra vigilant when it comes to caring for your eyes. Unfortunately, diabetes can lead to vision loss. By taking control of your eye health you can reduce your risk of damage.

“Careful monitoring and control of blood sugar levels, and attention to the treatment of other medical conditions is the most important way to reduce the effects that diabetes has on the eyes,” says Cleveland Clinic ophthalmologist and retinal specialist Ryan Deasy, M.D. “It is also extremely important for diabetic patients to see an eye doctor at least once a year for a thorough retinal exam, which includes having your eyes dilated.”

**Dilated eye exams are important to screen for diabetic-related eye disease that may require treatment. The goal is to administer treatment before vision is compromised, which can only be accomplished through appropriate screening.**

**In addition, you should contact your doctor immediately if:**

- your vision decreases or becomes blurred,
- you see dark spots or “floaters” in your vision, or
- you have any new visual or ocular concern.

Diabetic retinopathy is the most serious threat to your vision, affecting more than 5 million Americans. Diabetes can cause blood vessels in the retina to become damaged and leak fluid or blood in the back of the eye. In mild cases, treatment for diabetic retinopathy may not be necessary. In some cases, however, treatment is essential to prevent vision loss.

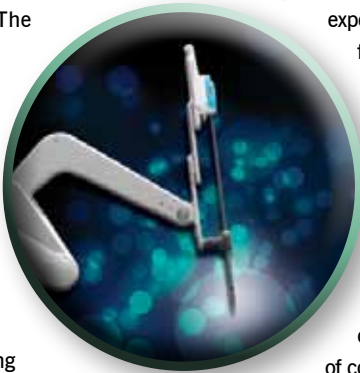
Regular eye exams are important for everyone. Cleveland Clinic ophthalmologists and optometrists are available to help you take care of your eyesight.

To schedule an appointment with a Cleveland Clinic Lakeland Eye vision specialist in Avon Lake, Lorain, Oberlin, Elyria, Lakewood or Westlake, call 1.800.492.5222.

## The Future Is Here: Robotic Surgery

A cancer diagnosis is traumatic enough without the need for major surgery. But thanks to cutting-edge robotic techniques available at Fairview Hospital, many women who have ovarian, uterine, cervical or other reproductive system cancers can receive treatment that results in minimal pain and scarring, contributing to a quicker recovery. The robotic system, which offers a 3-D image of the surgical field, translates surgeons’ hand, wrist and finger movements into precise, real-time movements of surgical instruments inside the patient.

Women with early-stage gynecologic cancers are the best candidates for robotic-assisted surgery. During the procedure, highly trained gynecologic oncologists and OB/GYNs use tiny incisions instead of the large cuts needed during traditional open gynecologic surgery. Other cancers that can be treated this way include those of the endometrium, vagina, vulva and rare pregnancy-related tumors. Non-gynecological conditions, such as prostate and lung cancer, can also now be treated using robotic surgery, as can non-cancerous hysterectomies.



Mehdi M. Kebria, M.D., is a Cleveland Clinic gynecologic oncologist at Fairview Hospital. A gynecologic oncologist is a physician first trained in obstetrics and gynecology who has three to four additional years of training in gynecologic cancers. These specialists combine knowledge of gynecology with expertise in detecting and treating cancers of the female reproductive system. Dr. Kebria also uses the robotic system to perform gynecologic surgery. “We are very pleased to offer all the benefits associated with minimally invasive surgery and the excellent clinical outcomes it provides to our patients,” says Dr. Kebria. “Because robotics lends itself very well to both benign and malignant conditions, this is a good option for many of our patients.” Early detection, of course, offers the greatest peace of mind in tackling gynecologic cancers. Annual Pap smears are a must to screen for cervical cancer, and women who have a family history of ovarian cancer should be aware of their own heightened risk for the disease, for which no screening method exists yet.

To learn more, visit [fairviewhospital.org/roboticsurgery](http://fairviewhospital.org/roboticsurgery)

## What Are Symptoms of Gynecologic Cancers?

- Be mindful of symptoms that can indicate ovarian or cervical cancer or other gynecologic cancers of the endometrium, uterus, vagina or vulva. These include:
- General abdominal discomfort or pain, including gas, indigestion, pressure, swelling, bloating or cramps
  - Feeling full, even after a light meal
  - Loss of appetite
  - Unexplained weight gain or loss, especially in the abdomen
  - Pressure, tenderness or cramps in the pelvis, abdomen or back
  - Abnormal bleeding, including heavy blood loss or bleeding between periods
  - Unusual bowel and bladder changes such as diarrhea, constipation or infrequent urination



## Lakewood City News

# Lakewood Community Festival Set For September 10 At Madison Park

by Melissa Garrett

The 24th annual Lakewood Community Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Madison Park, 13029 Madison Avenue. The festival celebrates community, cultural heritage and families. It is a day of fun and activities for everyone.

There will be a Flag Raising Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. by various military organizations. Entertainment for the day will include Silhouette Dance Studio, Edelweiss 5, The Polka Pirates, The Pop Tarts, Riley Brothers Band and more.

Craft and game booths, pony rides, children's games, alpacas from the Starburst Suri Alpaca Ranch, Euclid Beach Rocket Car, and the Lake Erie Nature Center will all be part of the festivities, as well as a variety of delectable foods including stuffed cabbage, pierogies, potato cakes, cabbage



Lakewoodites gather at the 2010 Community Festival and enjoy some of Lakewood's best ethnic eats.

and noodles, kielbasa and sauerkraut, corn, pizza, french fries, and funnel cakes, Vietnamese cuisine and other dishes. An assortment of traditional ethnic baked goods and other desserts

will be available.

The festival, sponsored by the Lakewood Community Festival, Inc. and the City of Lakewood, is traditionally the last event of the summer.

Proceeds from the festival will be donated to various local organizations. In the event of rain, the festival will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011.

## City Center Park Complements Downtown

by Sean McDermott

The energy in Downtown Lakewood continues to build. Partnerships, collaboration, and volunteer efforts can be credited with the most recent success story: a two-week beautification of City Center Park opposite Rozi's Wine House on Detroit Avenue. LakewoodAlive volunteers Jeanne Mackay and Sean McGuan spent many hours over a two-week period beautifying the park following a plan that resulted from a collaboration with the City of Lakewood and the Coral Company, owners of Lakewood City Center.

Jeanne and Sean, members of the LakewoodAlive Downtown Lakewood Design Committee, showed an interest many months ago to improve the park atmosphere. Starting in the dead of winter, efforts began to solidify a plan to enhance



Jeanne and Sean at work in City Center Park

and improve City Center Park incrementally. Through a combined effort

led by Lakewood Director of Planning and Development Dru Siley, discus-

sions and planning sessions were held with Public Works, LakewoodAlive, and Keep Lakewood Beautiful. By early summer, a plan was solidified to re-landscape the park utilizing funds donated by the Coral Group.

Through the Coral Group's generous donation, plants were purchased from Lakewood Garden Center, while the city provided the mulch. The city performed the removal of dead and obsolete plantings, while Jeanne and Sean labored to prepare the beds and install the newly purchased plantings. Additionally, the City Parks Department saw to it that the existing irrigation system was once again made operational. It truly was a collective effort with all work complete in time for the Arts Festival. It is through these unique partnerships and collective efforts that incremental positive changes continue to improve our city.

## Lakewood Offers New Discounted Tenant Screening Service

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood is proud to announce its new, discounted applicant screening service. The City has partnered with CoreLogic SafeRent to offer a full line of resident screening services utilizing SafeRent's vast databases of landlord-tenant and criminal records.

CoreLogic SafeRent is a comprehensive suite of screening services designed especially for the smaller landlord. SafeRent DIRECT includes the same vital leasing-decision services used by the nation's largest real estate investment companies and property managers, including the only statistically validated tenant score.

"Finding good tenants is more

challenging than ever," stated Mayor Mike Summers. "Screening services like SafeRent dramatically increase the odds of success."

Landlords who use SafeRent to screen applicants under this program satisfy one of the three requirements for obtaining a housing license under Ord. 55-10, which became effective in May 2011.

Lakewood landlords who use SafeRent's online screening services will receive a substantial discount on packages offered by SafeRent. The discount code is for use only by landlords who own property in Lakewood. Discounts are available only on screening packages ordered online through [www.saferentdirect.com](http://www.saferentdirect.com).

To obtain the discount code, landlords can visit [www.onelakewood.com](http://www.onelakewood.com) and click on the Landlord Resources button under Quick Links. Landlords can also send an email to [michael.bowen@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:michael.bowen@lakewoodoh.net) with a subject line of "Tenant Screening Code." In the body of the email, provide: your name, the street address(es) of your rental property in Lakewood, and your relationship to the property owner, if you are not the property owner.

Once a request has been reviewed and approved, the discount code will be sent. After being given the code, a landlord can visit [www.saferentdirect.com](http://www.saferentdirect.com) to open an account, determine what package is best and complete the screening process.

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# Lakewood City News

## Historic Preservation Workshop To Create “Roadmap”

by Betsy Voinovich

After the lively discussion on the Observation Deck regarding the Historic Preservation Workshop hosted by the City, I wondered what would actually happen that night. I’d heard that we’d be given lists and asked to vote on which buildings to save if we could choose only ten.

The workshop began with Dru Siley, Director of Planning and Development, reporting on the responses the city had received from their initial survey. Which buildings had already turned out to be ones Lakewood citizens found valuable? The most interesting finding? 25%-- the largest number of respondents-- said they wouldn’t choose one building; feeling that all of Lakewood was historic and should be approached as such--that “historic” isn’t necessarily a matter of individual buildings.

Mr. Siley attempted to define the term “historic” with the help of the large group of citizens assembled at the library. To some it was defined by whether there was a “story” associated with particular buildings. To others, it had to do with the architectural style and value of a building, to others it had to do with the history of Lakewood itself, what structures and streets had given it its shape and needed to be looked at as such; attendee Mike Gill brought up the concept of Lakewood’s “streetcar era” architecture.

I was pleased to see upon picking up my list, that structures Lakewood has preserved since before it was a city had made the list: the original Rockport and Grant schools. When a more detailed description of “having a story” was not forthcoming, I raised my hand to say that “historic” should include buildings where the actual history of our city has occurred, like the very first schools in Lakewood. Current students have learned of the history of the city, and what life was like for students like themselves, by being able to walk the same corridors, and enter the same classrooms which are now in use by the Board of Education and the City Rec Department. Though the City Hall/Jail that was once in Lakewood’s center is long gone, it’s commendable that past administrations have held onto these structures, and a sense of the core of Lakewood, where the city was born.

Next we were assigned table numbers, and got down to figuring out the lists. After the allotted time, each table reported out. Some buildings were chosen by almost every group, The Masonic Temple and the Christ Scientist church among them. I was pleased that all but one group chose the original Rockport/Grant school buildings. Some groups ranked buildings individually and voted, in some, each person picked their favorite buildings and explained why they had made those choices.

Some groups’ choices were surprising, given the citizens who were contributing. Charles Milsap, the founder of the Save Detroit Theater group was there, but his group did not rank the Detroit Theater among the top ten to be

saved. Jay Foran was there, and though during Lakewood’s school rebuilding discussions it seemed he very much favored the “re-use” of the entire block that contains both old and new Grant schools, his group chose the Rockport/Grant property as being important to save. It seemed that people tried to put personal feelings aside to come up with a common definition of value for Lakewood.

The issue of “functionality” was raised, the point being made that if that wasn’t a part of the discussion, Lakewood would be a museum of buildings. Mr. Siley addressed this, saying that the point was not to make Lakewood a “Building Zoo” but to figure out a vision that would allow us to sustain and go forward with a plan that would protect and keep parts of Lakewood that were valuable to us and could be a part of Lakewood’s future.

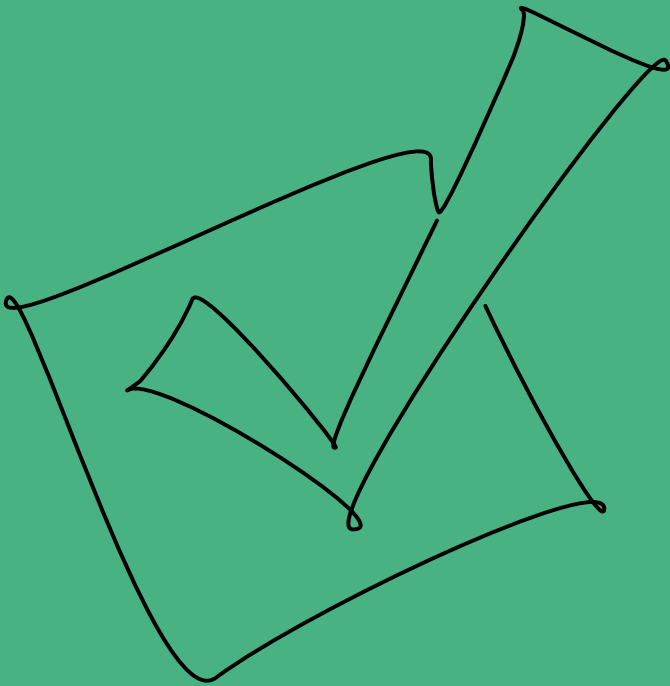
Chris Bindel, the Observer’s City Hall reporter was at my table. He addressed the issue of functionality with a potential “white elephant” like the Church of Christ Scientist, suggesting that we repurpose it as the new City Hall, as it is a building much more fitting than the one currently used. Another member of my table mentioned the number of churches repurposed in England and in nearby places like Cleveland Heights, for galleries, concert halls and living spaces.

Mr. Siley thanked us all for attending, pointing out that though this exercise made clear the difficulty of creating one plan for a city of 52,000, that’s exactly what they were going to do. He said that this discussion was the beginning of creating a roadmap built from criteria established by Lakewood citizens. The point, he said was to be able to say, “Here’s Lakewood, here’s what we want to be.”

When asked what he would be doing next, he said, “Not ‘me’—‘we.’” He said that the Administration and the citizens would decide this together. It was pointed out that though it was admirable and necessary to include Lakewood’s citizens in the creation of a roadmap for our future, average citizens aren’t city planning experts and had expectations that the City would provide the beginnings of a roadmap based on criteria that had to do with experience and expertise in the field of city planning. The point was also made that historical value, however it is defined, is only part of the puzzle for figuring out a plan for Lakewood.

Mr. Siley acknowledged this, and concluded by saying that the City was going to work with the Heritage Advisory Board, and the input of the citizens, to move forward to first create a mission statement, and then act upon it. In his own words: “Here’s what we hear, here’s how we are defining it, and here’s what we’re going to do about it.”

He emphasized again, that this meeting was only the first of many steps. He said to stay up to date on the progress of this discussion, go to the City’s website where survey results and updates would be available. [www.onelakewood.com](http://www.onelakewood.com)



## An important checklist for older adults and those who care for them.

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- Difficulty in performing daily activities
- Problems resulting from multiple medications
- Uncertainty about one’s ability to live independently



# Lakewood Public Library

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

**Saturday, August 27 6:00 p.m.**  
**Five Star Films: In Brilliant Black & White**  
**Beware, My Lovely (1952)**

Main Library Auditorium  
*Directed by Harry Horner Not Rated*  
This movie puts the “T” in thriller, the “S” in suspense and perfectly fits the talents of its two stars. On impulse, lonely widow Ida Lupino hires Robert Ryan, a handyman she does not know to maintain her house. At first, all goes well. Things change, and she begins to regret the hasty decision.

**Saturday, September 3 6:00 p.m.**  
**Film Neo Noir: Out of the Past and into the Future**  
**Seconds (1966)**

Main Library Auditorium  
*Directed by John Frankenheimer Rated R*  
Anxiety and shadows creep into the life of a man who accepts a mysterious offer to alter his physical appearance to that of a young Rock Hudson. What could possibly go wrong? Frankenheimer’s edgy direction is ahead of its time, and his choice of James Wong Howe as cinematographer is a master stroke. The surreal, disillusioning world created by the filmmakers makes for a memorably frightening Film Noir nightmare.

**Wednesday, September 7 6:00 p.m.**  
**The Lakewood Historical Society: ‘We Are The Boys That Fear No Noise’**

Main Library Auditorium  
Experience the Civil War through the words of a family that sent five sons to war. These never-before-published letters from the battlefield, read by members of the Western Reserve Civil War Round Table, provide insight into the humor, the pain and the optimistic struggle of an unfathomable sacrifice. This program was developed by Jack Rupert and Babrara Breese Winbigler, Lakewood High School Class of 1945.

**Thursday, September 8 7:00 p.m.**  
**Booked For Murder: “The Lock Artist”**

Main Library Meeting Room  
From the beginning all we know about Mike Smith is that he can pick locks and hasn’t said a word in ten years. The mystery here isn’t “Whodunit?” but “Why did he do it?” The puzzle of this young man and the story of the crime that puts him away unravel slowly but inevitably and will leave the taste of prison gruel in your mouth. But you might learn something about picking locks along the way.

**Saturday, September 10 6:00 p.m.**  
**Lakewood Public Cinema: “Star Trek”**

Main Library Auditorium  
J.J. Abrams, the creator of Lost, puts Trek fans on notice and reclaims the series for the rest of us with a swashbuckling adventure that throws out the rulebook and starts from scratch. They didn’t just get new actors—this movie turns the whole Star Trek universe inside out and makes it worth watching on the big screen. But don’t worry— Leonard Nimoy still rocks his Spock ears.

**Sunday, September 11 2:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday with the Friends: The Swinging Bavarians**

The Swinging Bavarians are not your typical oompah band. Although they live life like it’s Oktoberfest all year round, these brass bruisers like to mix the unexpected in with the usual marches, polkas, waltzes and ländlers. Think Roy Orbison in lederhosen.

**Monday, September 12 7:00 p.m.**  
**Health and Wealth: Website Basics**

Main Library Auditorium  
Having a presence on the Internet is no longer optional for any individual, group or business. A professional-looking site is a good start, but it’s far from the end. Experienced executive Mark Dubis will guide you through critical design and function decisions and help you set smart goals in this indispensable three-part series.

**Tuesday, September 13 7:00 p.m.**  
**Business Book Talk: Third World America**

Main Library Meeting Room  
Get down to business with like-minded Lakewoodites. Tim Zaun will put a friendly face on the new ideas and latest innovations coming your way.

**Correction:**

*In the August 9, 2011 issue of the Lakewood Observer (Volume 7 Issue 16) Leana Donofrio- Milovan was listed incorrectly as the author of “Lakewood Public Library Launches New Language Learning Tool.” The correct author is Morgan Maseth.*

## Art Explosion!

by Arlie Matera  
Are you an artist? Would you like to be? If so, the Lakewood Public Library is looking for you! “Art Explosion is for students in fifth through eighth grade,” says youth librarian, Kate Brennan-MacGregor. “The program is now in its third year, and it’s proven to be an outstanding opportunity for kids to learn about and create art.”

Art Explosion will meet at the Main Branch of the Library every Monday evening for eight weeks, beginning on September 26. Sessions are held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Each week the group will explore a different element of design, such as shape, color, or texture, by studying an artist whose work embodies that particular element. When selecting the featured artists, Brennan-MacGregor and co-instruc-

tor, Nicka Petruccio, looked at style and technique, but they also looked for artists who have work exhibited in the Cleveland Museum of Art. “We have a wealth of art here in Cleveland,” Brennan-MacGregor says. “We’re hoping the kids will use their Art Explosion experience as a springboard to learn more about these artists. I’d love to hear them say, ‘Mom and Dad, let’s go to the art museum this weekend. I want to see more of this.’”  
Each week students will use what they’ve learned to create their own art. They’ll sketch, paint, and even sculpt. The program culminates in an art show on Saturday, November 19.

To register, please stop in at either branch of the library or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140. Then join the Art Explosion, and let your creative sparks fly!

## Foster Brown Performance At The Lakewood Library Learning Garden

by Julie Strunk  
Gather ‘round and sing along at the Learning Garden! Join Foster Brown for songs and stories about wonders of nature, gardening, and ecology. Foster Brown, a naturalist for the Cleveland Metroparks System, educates and entertains with his voice and acoustic guitar. Enjoy a rousing course of song, dance and storytelling! After the performance,

children will help harvest produce (If ready) and pack it up for donation to families in need through the Lakewood Community Services Center. Adjacent to the parking lot behind the Madison Branch of the Lakewood Public Library, the Learning Garden will host Foster Brown at 1:00 p.m. as part of the Lakewood Community Festival on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

## Lakewood Library Staff Picks

**Book**  
*Reading Lolita In Tehran*  
Azar Nafisi

A true book club’s book, this memoir follows a book club made up of seven women and their experiences reading controversial Western literature in Iran. Azar Nafisi , a former professor at the University of Allameh Tabatabaei, heads the group, who meets secretly and encourages the women to speak their minds not only about the literature at hand, but also about their experiences in the turbulent country. Through this book club, they began to see some parallels between themselves and the characters and found that reading to be essential to their survival in an oppressive world.

**Music**  
*Between My Head And The Sky:*  
Yoko Ono Plastic Ono Band

In 2009, Yoko Ono was asked by her son Sean to record an album for his new record company called “Chimera”. At first hesitant, Yoko agreed and the result is an album that truly probes and provokes one’s inner senses. True to her musical whims and bold visions, Yoko is surrounded and supported by musicians who carry out her mission with beautiful clarity and perfection. As producer, Sean Lennon extracts a magical energy that is unexpected and and intensifies from beginning to end.

**Movie**  
*Heartbeats*  
Directed By Xavier Dolan

The young and talented French-Canadian auteur Xavier Dolan wrote, directed and starred in this hip, mature story about impossible relationships and painful rejection. “Heartbeats” follows best friends Marie and Francis who have both become infatuated with the same man. Their close friendship becomes a quiet rivalry as each attempt to gain his attention and affection. With a nod towards Bernardo Bertolucci’s “The Dreamers” and Francois Truffaut’s “Jules and Jim,” Dolan weaves this modern love triangle through the streets of Montreal. The new French-Canadian wave of cinema doesn’t get any better than this.



# Lakewood Public Library

## Who’s That Librarian?

by Arlie Matera

1. **Name:** Tracie Forfia, Supervisor, Children and Youth Services
2. **Birthplace:** Butler, Pennsylvania
3. **Tell us something interesting about you:** I love to shop and I am a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan!
4. **How long have you worked at LPL?** 9 years
5. **What’s your favorite spot in the Library?** The Children’s Department because it has so many fabulous books!!
6. **What are you reading right now?** Sisters 8 Series by Lauren Baratz-Logsted and Shine by Lauren Myracle
7. **If you were stranded on a desert island, what three books would you**

- want in your backpack?** The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster, Frindle by Andrew Clements, and Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary
8. **Do you have a favorite childhood memory of the library?** I remember making my mom constantly check out Petunia by Roger Duvoisin. It is the story of a goose who learns that knowledge comes from reading and is best kept in your mind and heart. I loved the book so much my mom bought it for me, and now she reads it to my niece and nephew.
9. **Suddenly you find yourself living the life of a book character. Who are you and why?** Ramona Quimby because she is one spunky girl!!!
10. **What might surprise us about**



**your work at LPL?** My job is tremendous fun!!! People would be surprised to know that I’ve dressed up like a

penguin, a Greek goddess, and an elf. I’ve also sung, danced, and yes, even rapped, at the library.

## A Family’s Immeasurable Sacrifice During The American Civil War We Are the Boys That Fear No Noise

by Elaine Rosenberger

The Lamberson family sent not two or three, but five sons to fight in what became the deadliest conflict

in American history, the Civil War. Experience their unfathomable sacrifice on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium,

where members of the Western Reserve Civil War Round Table will appear in character to read the letters of these brave men and the family they left behind.

In 1771 Oliver Goldsmith penned the famous words: “We are the boys that fear no noise where the thundering cannons roar.” The Western Reserve Civil War Round Table has adopted these words to describe the Lamberson sons. Five sons of the Lamberson family fought for the North in the Civil War. Their letters home provide remarkable insights into the pain, humor, and optimistic struggle faced by America’s soldiers during this brutal and bloody conflict. The letters reveal the day-to-day concerns of the soldiers and of their loved ones.

“We Are the Boys That Fear No Noise” was created by Jack Rupert and by Barbara Breese Winbigler, both graduates of the Lakewood High School Class of 1945. Jack Rupert transcribed all the Lamberson letters. Barbara Breese Winbigler, Professor Emeritus of Speech and Theatre at Baldwin-Wallace College, assisted with editing, formatting and narration. Jack and Barbara are joined by other members of the Western Reserve Civil War Round Table who will read these letters from the battlefield in an Original Reader’s Theatre Presentation commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. This program is presented by the Lakewood Historical Society. Visit their website at [www.lakewoodhistory.org](http://www.lakewoodhistory.org).

## Technology Classes At Lakewood Public Library

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Lakewood Public Library offers a number of free classes in our Learning Lab. From web searching and e-mail to finding a job online and using databases, our courses are aimed at helping the beginner get started.

Reservations for computer classes

begin the first of each month. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127. All classes take place in the Learning Lab located in the Technology Center at the Main Branch on Detroit Road.

### Saturday, September 3 3:00 p.m. Word Processing Basics

A word processor is more than just a typewriter with a screen. It’s a whole new approach to creating, saving and updating all kinds of documents—from fliers to letters to manuscripts and more. This is not a typing class, but the skills you’ll learn will serve you well in every aspect of your computing life.

### Saturday, September 10 3:00 p.m. Computer Basics

Getting around on the computer isn’t hard—it’s just unfamiliar. Jump in and get your feet wet. Learn the basic skills and discover what’s been waiting for you online. We recommend that

all students practice with Mousercise before class. These vital exercises will help you get the most out of class and are available at any time. Just ask at the Technology Center desk.

### Thursday, September 15 10 a.m. Job Hunting Workshop

Apply for jobs online with a teacher on hand to answer your questions. Please bring a copy of your resume and other relevant paperwork.

### Saturday, September 17 3:00p.m. Web Searching Basics

How do you narrow down thousands of choices to find what you really need? Learn about the three types of online search tools and discover strategies for searching with precision and speed.

### Thursday, September 22 7:00 p.m. Research Strategies And Resources

Are you writing a paper? Searching for professional publications? Looking for maps, graphs, or historic photos? Whether you’re combing through back issues of popular magazines for vintage ads and yesterday’s perspective or tracking new trends as they unfold today, the Library provides an extensive selection of resources through the EBSCOHost Database collection. Come learn the ins and outs of database searching from one of our staff librarians.

### Saturday, September 24 3:00 p.m. E-Mail Basics

It’s not too late for you to master the art of e-mail. Come and learn what you can do with a free e-mail account.



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# Lakewood Public Library

## The “Best Pediatrician In America” Lakewood’s Big Beach Read Culminates With Dr. Bauer

by Andrew Harant

Lakewood’s First Big Beach Read Celebration is looking like some end-of-the-summer fun. At the Lakewood High School, students and staff read Mark Haddon’s *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* written from the perspective of a 15-year-old with learning disabilities over the summer, and the whole community was invited to read along. And now the cel-

ebration begins with events happening at both Lakewood Public Library and the high school.

On Thursday, September 1, at 6:30 pm, Lakewood Public Library will be showing the award-winning HBO film *Temple Grandin* in the Main Library’s Auditorium.

On Friday, September 2, Lakewood Public Library will be hosting a book discussion for the community in the

Multipurpose Room at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the Library welcomes special guest Dr. Roberta Bauer of the Cleveland Clinic in the Main Library Auditorium. Dr. Bauer has been recognized as “Best Pediatrician in America” among many other honors and awards and has published and presented on topics such as neuropsychological and achievement outcomes, normal child growth and development, developmental disabilities, and alternative therapies in treating autism, among many others.

Also on Friday, September 2, Lakewood High School will be devoting their entire day to the Big Beach Read celebration.

Teachers will have shortened classes throughout the morning and will be bringing the book into their own lessons. In the afternoon, students

will choose and have the afternoon to attend seminars and workshops planned for the occasion. Students will be creating responses to the book in art, music, cooking, film, or even attending one of 3 film choices. There are sensory simulations planned to better understand autism, poetry slams, chalk drawing contests, speakers and discussions.

English teacher Karen Ballash hopes “there will be something to interest everyone. Our goal is to have fun with their response to the assigned reading, show students that reading has something in it for them, and to increase our students’ knowledge and understanding of people who learn in different ways.”

“Success has many faces. If our students learn that, our day will have been worth it,” Ballash said.

## Lakewood Public Library Adding eBooks To Collection

by Morgan Maseth

Lakewood Public Library has great news for eBook fans. Starting in September the Library will join the Ohio eBook project, making thousands of downloadable eBooks, audio books and other digital material available to patrons with eReaders and personal computers.

The Ohio eBook project is a consortium of libraries throughout the state of Ohio. Ohio eBook connects patrons to Overdrive and its vast virtual library. Materials a member library purchases through Overdrive will be added to the consortium’s collection, allowing any patron belonging to a member library to check out the material. By pulling the resources of consortium members together, libraries are able to give users more choices in material. In addition

to access to the Ohio eBook collection, patrons will also have access to the SEO Library Consortium’s collection which includes eBooks, audio books, music CDs and movies.

Begin at [Lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/overdrive](http://Lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/overdrive). From there you can check your device compatibility and download the necessary software for free. Once you have the necessary software you are ready to browse. Overdrive allows you to browse through new additions or search for a specific title.

How it works:

You may have 10 items checked out through Ohio eBook and an additional 10 from the SEO Library.

Once you have added a title to your virtual cart you will have 30 minutes to check out, allowing more time for browsing.

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When you have your information ready, just head to your digital cart and click the checkout option. Once you confirm your checkout it will be ready to download to your device using the proper software. Material is automatically set up for a 14-day lending period,

but you are able to reduce that to a 7-day lending period. Once your loan period has expired you will no longer be able to access the material on the device and it will be ready for you to delete. The great thing is, since materials expire when they are due you will never have late fees on these items. If you are finished with your EPUB or Adobe PDF eBooks early, you may return them early to free up space on your account.

Still have questions? Head to [Lakewoodpubliclibrary.org](http://Lakewoodpubliclibrary.org) and click on the Overdrive link for a guided tour and additional information.

## Swing Along With The Bavarians

by Amy Kloss

How does one go from rocket scientist to Swinging Bavarian? Ask Tom Herbell, lifelong musician, former rocket scientist and music man about town. Better yet, come to the main branch of the Lakewood Public Library on Sunday, September 11 at 2 p.m. and sing along with the Swinging Bavarians, the thirteen-piece brass band led by Herbell that plays everything from waltzes to disco.

The Swinging Bavarians originated in the 1980s after a group of

musicians from the Al Koran Shriners got together to play tunes from an old Czech music book. They entered the Shriners’ German band competition in 1990 and earned a “Superior” rating that year and for the following 13 years.

In addition to marches, polkas and waltzes, this Oktoberfest brass band plays old sing-along favorites like *How Much is that Doggie in the Window*, *Tennessee Waltz* and the *Happy Wanderer*. Also included in their repertoire are *Margie*, *Five Foot Two*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *String of Pearls*,

*Pretty Woman* and *Disco Lives*.

A graduate of Cleveland Heights High School, Herbell was a member of the band and orchestra there, as well as manager of the band and glee club at Case Institute of Technology, where he earned a PhD in Metallurgy in 1961. After 38 years working on space shuttle technology at NASA Lewis, Herbell is now free to pursue his many musical interests. He’s had nine years of clarinet study and 65 years of playing clarinet and saxophone. He manages the Cleveland Letter Carriers’ band and plays

in the Bavarian Trio and a saxophone quartet. The rest of the Bavarians are also accomplished musicians who play in a number of bands in Cleveland.

If you want to sing (and swing) along with the Bavarians, join us at the Lakewood Public Library on September 11 at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium for this free musical performance. This program is generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and by the Friends of the Lakewood Public Library.

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# Going Green

## Weather Prompts Need For Climate Change Action Plan

by Trudy Hutchinson

So far this year Lakewood residents have experienced record high sustained temperatures. During the month of July, City of Lakewood infrastructure channeled one inch more rainwater than is normal. On July 19, five inches of rain fell in two hours which resulted in the flooding of a First Energy Substation. It was reported that 43,000 Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) customers were without power in Lakewood for an average of 93 minutes.

In an article published in the last issue of the Lakewood Observer, Mayor Michael Summers described ongoing discussions between his administration and CEI representatives and noted that Lakewood residents have gradually increased demand on the electrical

grid. Mayor Summers summed up the situation: "Putting all of these factors together--prolonged extreme heat, torrential downpours and excessive demand for power--caused an extreme situation which resulted in extreme power outages."

Local governments throughout the nation are assessing the impact of climate change on their communities. New York City, Chicago and King County, Washington are leading the nation in formulation of climate change action plans. While the size and structure of the City of Lakewood is on a different scale, changes in weather conditions should be part of a risk assessment for a town of 56,646 residents as well as for an urban behemoth.

Climate change action plans tend to consider two things: mitigation

(reduction of emissions) and adaptation to the effects of a changing climate. These plans anticipate damage caused by weather extremes and avoid emergencies that complicate and delay routine maintenance and capital projects. Planning for the impact of climate change is a good idea.

Work on the Chicago Climate Action Plan began in 2008 and communicates urgency represented by

- \*Extreme heat in summer
- \*Many more heavy rain storms
- \*Growing flood risks
- \*Stresses on public health
- \*Threats to the City's economy

The New York City Panel on Climate Change was also established in 2008. The 2010 report of this group predicts that "We will be challenged by increasing temperatures, change in

precipitation patterns, rising sea levels and more intense and frequent extreme events. Historical climate precedents are no longer valid for environmental planning."

Closer to home, the City of Cleveland established an Office of Sustainability in 2009. Sustainable Cleveland 2019 is described as a "shared call to action." The goal describes "a 10-year campaign for building an economic engine to empower a green city on a blue lake by the 50th anniversary of the infamous Cuyahoga River fire." Cleveland's initiative appears to be the most current and comprehensive planning in the area.

Cuyahoga County has an evacuation plan dated July, 2007 that contemplates flooding, severe storms and tornadoes but does not address the systemic challenges described in Mayor Summers' recent news article.

Ward 2 Council Member Tom Bullock is chair of the Public Works Committee and expresses a positive outlook for the City of Lakewood's preparation for and response to the impact of changing weather conditions. He calls Lakewood an "early adapter" to sound public energy practices and notes that Lakewood has eight active energy efficiency projects in various stages of completion. Council Member Bullock observes that often a public health initiative or the exercise of fiscal responsibility is also environmentally wise.

Several Northeast Ohio mayors have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Most of these communities do not yet have a climate change action plan. Likewise, the City of Lakewood has not developed a comprehensive plan to address problems that are likely to occur because of changing weather conditions. However, there appears to be openness to such a plan.

Northeast Ohio is home to several non-profit organizations that support environmental stewardship and sustainability. These organizations include the Sierra Club and E4S. EcoLakewood sponsors art projects and Earth Day programs that educate and promote awareness. Public activism and elected leadership make a powerful team.

## Lakewood To Host Compost Seminar And Bin Sale

by Melissa Garrett

The Lakewood Division of Refuse and Recycling will host a Composting Seminar conducted by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Woman's Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue. Participants will learn how to compost

household yard waste and food scraps. Compost bins will be available for sale after the seminar.

Composting is an inexpensive way of adding nutrients back into the soil to improve its texture, structure, aeration ability and water holding capacity and can save time and money spent on yard waste bags. Lakewood City Ordinance

1783.12 allows composting in the rear yard if it is a reasonable distance from thoroughfares, kept in orderly condition and doesn't blow around or emit objectionable odors.

To register for this free seminar, call the Division of Refuse and Recycling at (216) 252-4322 or email [refuse@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:refuse@lakewoodoh.net).

## Splish Splash

by Sarah Luikart

Splish, Splash, join the Lakewood Pool Plunge Bash! The end of summer marks the seasonal closing of Foster

Pool, but not until our four-legged friends have the opportunity for their own pool party.

This annual event remains the big-

gest fundraiser for the Lakewood Dog Park, in addition to being loads of fun for dogs and their humans alike. The event allows dogs to run, jump and swim around the pool, while helping to support one of our city's greatest assets. The \$5.00 donation for your dog (or \$8.00 for two dogs), helps to maintain the dog park throughout the remainder of the year, providing hand sanitizer, waste bags, etc. The Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc. is a non-profit organization that relies on donations, and for a small fee, the swimming event provides hours of fun and exercise for our furry friends.

The Pool Plunge will take place on Tuesday, September 6 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at Foster Pool in Lakewood Park. What a perfect way to end the long Labor Day weekend with a splash! Bring a towel, and we'll provide the pool, lifeguards, raffles, waste bags and hours of excitement. For more information and to print and sign a waiver from the City for you and your furry friends to participate in the event, please visit us at [LakewoodDogPark.org](http://LakewoodDogPark.org). We look forward to seeing you and your dog on September 6.



A furry friend enjoying last year's Pool Plunge at Foster Pool

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Lakewood Schools

# Lakewood School District Treasurer To Resign

by Margaret Brinich

In a resolution passed on June 17, the Lakewood School Board accepted Treasurer Richard Berdine’s resignation from his position with the Lakewood City Schools, to become effective as of December 31, 2012.

Berdine has served as Treasurer since 1998 and kept Lakewood City Schools on solid financial footing during extremely difficult economic times. During his tenure he oversaw an award-winning \$130 million school construction project resulting in four new schools being built and three others undergoing a complete overhaul. Over the course of the past 13 years, the Berdine has worked with the District and the larger Lakewood community, seeing through three successful levies and two bond issues. His financial skills were particularly instrumental in extending the life of the 2002 levy from three years up to eight years, an extension that ultimately

saved Lakewood taxpayers millions. He was instrumental in helping the district weather the recent recession without requiring a significant number of layoffs and programming cuts that other districts have been forced to endure.

With approximately 16 months until Berdine actually leaves the post of Treasurer, a detailed plan

for selecting his successor has been put in place. Berdine will assist the Board in its upcoming search for his successor. Given his lengthy term of service to the Lakewood City Schools, Berdine’s close professional participation working with whoever is chosen to fill the post throughout the transition process will be key.



## LHS To Host Open House 8th Grade Parents

by Christine Gordillo

Parents of Lakewood 8th graders are invited to come and find out what makes Lakewood High School a unique experience for all who walk through its doors. Please join us for an Open House on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ranger Cafe. You will hear from administrators, teachers and students about the wealth of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom that await your student.

After the welcome, you will follow an abbreviated sample schedule of a typical student and hear from Lakewood High’s highly qualified teachers about the challenging curriculum and what it’s like to be a member of the cosmopolitan community that is LHS. Along the way, you will get the chance to see some of the school’s state-of-the-art classrooms and labs equipped with the latest technology that provides LHS students with the tools needed for

21st century learning. September 7 is also Curriculum Night for current LHS parents, who will also be following their student’s schedule. So, as you walk the halls from classroom to classroom you will experience the unique energy that drives LHS teachers and students every period, every day. An RSVP is requested by Sept. 2 if you plan to attend. Please call (216)529-4074.

## Travel Basketball

by Erin Fach

**Girls Basketball Meet the Coaches** – Calling all girls! You and your families are invited to meet new Lakewood High School’s Girls Varsity Head Coach Michael Gallagher and Assistant Coach Charles Morrow; Monday, August 29 at Lakewood High School East Gym starting at 6:30 p.m. Girls need come ready to play.

**Girls Grades 5-6:** Lakewood Recreation Department is offering

pre-season open gym scheduled to be held Tuesdays and Thursdays September 6-29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Emerson Elementary School, 13439 Clifton Blvd. No open gym 9/22. Tryouts are scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, October 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Harding Middle School, 16601 Madison Avenue. Players are asked to attend both sessions. Players must attend tryouts to participate. Players will be

assessed and assigned to either a Lake Erie Basketball League (LEBL) or Westside Collaborative league team. **Boys Grades 4-6:** Lakewood Recreation Department is offering pre-season open gym scheduled to be held Wednesdays and Fridays September 7-30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Emerson Elementary School, 13439 Clifton Blvd. No open gym 9/22. Tryouts are scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, October 9

from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hayes Elementary School, 16401 Delaware Avenue. Players are asked to attend both sessions. Players must attend tryouts to participate. Players will be assessed and assigned to a Lake Erie Basketball League (LEBL).

## PTA Council, Board Of Ed Hosting Ice Cream Social

by Christine Gordillo

Summer may be ending but there’s always room for another scoop of ice cream! Please join the Lakewood Board of Education and the Lakewood Council of PTAs for an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, September 6, from 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. in the Grant Elementary School gym. Members of the Board of Educa-

tion will be dishing out the free scoops of ice cream while musicians from the Garfield Middle School bands provide the entertainment. The evening is a great chance to get to know the Lakewood school board members and share thoughts about the Lakewood City Schools. Following the event, the Board will hold its regular

meeting and the Council of PTAs will hold its first meeting of the school year. The public is welcome to stay for either meeting. “This is a great kickoff to the school year and something that we Board members really enjoy and look forward to every year,” said Board president Matthew John Markling.

## District Earns “Excellent” Rating

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learning during a school year,” Patterson said. “It also indicates that the longer students stay with us in the system, the better they do.” Receiving an “Excellent” rating will also boost the district’s coffers a bit as well. A provision in the recently passed state budget requires that any school district receiving an “Excellent” or “Excellent with Distinction” rating receives \$17 per student as a performance bonus from the state. That amounts to about \$100,000 for the district.

Although Lakewood City Schools has many hurdles to clear when it comes to educating a student population that speaks more than 40 languages and comes from all socioeconomic levels, the latest state data confirms that our district is offering a quality public school education full of enriching opportunities for each student who comes through its school doors.

The complete results for the district and individual buildings will be available on the Ohio Department of Education’s web site beginning August 24. The district web site will also have links to the results then.

## Local High School Football Games Featured On Cox Two Lakewood Games Will Air

by Stacie Schafer

Are you ready for some high school football? Now fans can relive the Friday night games with Cox High School Football on Cox Channel 45 and On DEMAND! Games start airing Saturday, August 27. Local high school sports fans can watch the game on Cox Channel 45 on the Saturday following the game. In addition, beginning on Sundays, Cox digital subscribers can also tune in at their convenience to watch the game On DEMAND over and over again at no charge. Cox also shares streaming highlights on the Cox Cleveland Facebook page.

2011 Cox High School Football Schedule: (schedule subject to change)  
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**September 23** – Olmsted Falls @ Brecksville  
**September 30** – Normandy @ N. Royalton  
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## Lakewood Schools

# LHS Athletes- Where Are They Now?

by Chuck Greanoff

Virtually every varsity college athlete, from Division I record setters to bench warmers in Division III, have a few things in common: they put in hours of practice; have little chance of becoming professional athletes; and gain invaluable experience in teamwork, leadership, discipline and persistence. Athletics and other so called “extra-curricular” activities—also including theatre, music, clubs, etc.—are more aptly termed “co-curricular activities,” as they embody the aforementioned skills and dispositions that are vital to effective citizenship. Many former LHS athletes have contin-

ued their athletic careers in college, and deserve recognition for their enduring commitment. Their continued success is a testament not only their efforts, but also to those of a community that values public education and the access to opportunity for growth that it offers.

Kelsey Moran has been nothing less than sensational as a swimmer for Ohio State. She holds the school record in the 100 meter backstroke, was part of two relay records, was a finalist in the Big Ten championships, and was named an OSU Scholar Athlete.

Kevin Knab is having a splendid basketball career at Marietta College. Last season, he was all Ohio Athletic

Conference first team, and helped his team to a conference title two wins in the NCAA playoffs. He was Marietta's second leading scorer and leading rebounder. Former LHS teammate Pat Barrett started 16 games for Heidelberg, who lost to Marietta in the conference championship game.

Matt Curley just finished a fabulous wrestling career at Heidelberg College, highlighted not only by two conference championships but also qualifying for the NCAA tournament on three occasions. He was named a 2011 NCAA Academic All-American. Look for Nick Ramsey, who finished 5th in the state last year, to compete for

Baldwin-Wallace next season.

Swimmer Maura Anderson holds two school records at Ashland University, has several individual second place finishes in conference meets, participated in a winning relay at the conference championships and was on a third place relay in the NCAA Division II National meet. (Her team finished fifth overall.) Look for Brian Brink to start his NYU swimming career next season.

Travel Ohio this fall and you'll likely run across former LHS football players. Dan Shannon is Kenyon's starting quarterback. A couple of former LHS football teammates (class of 2010), Jimmy Gajewski and Kieran Nall, saw time for Muskingum and John Carroll, respectively, and figure to push for significant playing time this year. Chris Belopetrovich, a three sport LHS athlete (class of 2011) who didn't miss a single practice in four years, will also compete for playing time at John Carroll. John Warrell is a two-year starter at defensive end for Ohio Wesleyan. Damien Gibson is a two year letter winner at Hiram.

Katie Kmieck just completed a fine career as a setter on the Mount Union College Volleyball team. She was second on the team in assists for the fourth straight season. Tessa Endress competes for the Clarion State soccer team.

The Kovach sisters lead a strong former LHS Girls basketball contingent. Kayla helped lead the Walsh University team to the Division II playoffs as their fourth leading scorer. Sister Chelsea was Hiram's third leading scorer, helping the Terriers improve from four wins in the previous season to 12 wins last year. Megan Saunders contributed valuable minutes off the bench for Mount Union during her freshman season last year. Look for Martha Nagbe (LHS 2011) to start her career at Division II Notre Dame College.

Dee Salakumbo is having a magnificent cross country/track career at Denison University. Among the highlights: league (North Coast Athletic) champion in two events; NCAA qualified (finished 12th in the nation in the 5000; NCAC track Athlete of the week). Former LHS teammate Jacob Ott also competes for Denison.

Former Ranger Baseball player Jordan Kraus is the starting shortstop at Division II Wheeling Jesuit, while Bridgett Moran finished a stellar campaign for the Heidelberg Softball team as the second leading batter (.407). She was an all Ohio Athletic Conference first team selection.

Congratulations to all these LHS student athletes. They indeed represent the continuum from Division I record setters to Division III bench warmers. But, whether setting records at Ohio State or performing in obscurity at Ohio Wesleyan, they demonstrate the enduring value of teamwork, discipline and commitment.

## Ranger Marching Band Ready For The Season

by Mike Deneen

Football season is almost here, but the guys in helmets won't be the only team on the field this fall at Lakewood Stadium. Another group of Lakewood High School students has been working hard to bring excitement to our Friday Nights this autumn. That group is the Lakewood High School Marching Band, comprised of 110 of our town's finest kids.

The Lakewood High School Marching Band has been part of our community for decades, its origins dating back to before World War II. On many Friday nights, the band's explosive sound echoes throughout central Lakewood, providing a soundtrack to our town. Over the years the band has entertained tens of thousands of football fans at the corner of Bunts and Madison. Marching bands provide a rare mix of musicality, pageantry and precision that delight many followers. For many fans, the band is a vital part of the high school football experience, setting the game apart from the steril-

ity of most NFL stadiums.

Just like their football-playing counterparts, students in the marching band must work hard each summer to prepare for the season. Not only must they master the musical elements of the performance, but they must spend hours developing proper timing and learning their formations. They spend over 60 hours each summer in band camps learning and rehearsing the season's performances. During the school year, members continue to rehearse for a total of 8-10 hours per week.

It is difficult work, but well worth the effort. “It's a lot of fun,” says Senior Claire Beargie, who is a field commander for this year's unit. Becca Handy, a junior who serves as a flag captain, agrees, “Everyone has a great attitude...it's always fun at band practice.”

Many members have aspired to join the band since they were in middle school. Handy, for example, had three older sisters in the flag corps and began practicing at home while in the sixth

grade. Jacob Short, a senior who serves as trumpet section leader, decided to join while in Middle School. He attended a live performance as an 8th grader and loved the show. “They just sounded amazing when I first heard them,” he says.

Brian Maskow, LHS Director of Bands, credits Lakewood's middle schools for providing a strong background to incoming students. “These kids are well trained when they come to me,” he says. He especially credits teachers like Brian Griebel (Harding Middle School), Julie Tabaj (Garfield Middle School) and Christine Dolce (Lakewood Catholic Academy). The band has achieved tremendous results under Maskow's leadership. It is widely considered one of the area's best bands, and has been chosen to perform at numerous out-of-town events, even performing at the Cotton Bowl in Texas a couple of years ago.

Maskow has led the marching band for 29 years and loves his work. When asked if his students have changed much over the past three decades, he responded, “I would say no. Band kids are generally great kids with a focus on learning and experiencing music through their instruments. They tend to be good students academically as well. Some of them are even good athletes. They have a broad interest in other school activities such as singing, drama, volunteering, community involvement, etc.” In fact, Maskow believes that the band has changed him. “I have changed over the years and become more compassionate. When I was younger I was more focused on musical results and often forgot about the “people factor” of what we do in education.”

You will have many chances to enjoy the band this fall. Not only will they perform at every Ranger football game, but also at other events. The band will perform at the September 11 Memorial event this year at the Lakewood Fire Station on Madison. On September 17 Lakewood Stadium will host its annual marching band festival, which will feature top bands from throughout the area (look for details in the next issue of the Observer).

## Blindness Not A Barrier For LHS Marching Band

by Randy Varcho

Lakewood High School freshman and marching band member Ben McKinsey is escorted to the field by LHS student and guiding band member Erin Salo during a recent practice session at Ranger Stadium. McKinsey, who is blind, plays in the brass

section of the 115-member band. Salo served three previous years as a band manager before choosing this year to fill the role as guide for McKinsey. Both will be in uniform and on the field for pre-game and halftime shows during the entire 2011 Ranger senior football season.



Ben McKinsey is escorted to the field by Erin Salo



# Lakewood Is Art

## Beck Center's 2011/12 Professional Theater Season

# The Marvelous Wonderettes

by Kathleen Caffrey

Tickets are on sale for Beck Center's 2011/2012 professional theater season featuring six productions new to Northeast Ohio.

The season kicks-off with the regional premiere of The Marvelous Wonderettes on the Mackey Main Stage, September 16 through October 16, 2011. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays

and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays.

You'll meet the Wonderettes at their 1958 high school prom – four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts and voices to match. Learn about their lives and loves as they perform your favorite '50s and '60s tunes. Fast-forward to their 10-year reunion where this dynamic group performs once again and we see how their lives and friendships have changed and endured.

The Marvelous Wonderettes won the 2007 LA Ovation Award for Best Musical and the LA Times called it,

"Funny, fresh and well....marvelous!"

Beck's 2011/12 season offers an eclectic mix of musicals, comedies and dramas. It includes an encore production of last season's smash hit musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Spring Awakening, and Legally Blonde The Musical on the Main Stage, and Race, Velocity of Autumn, and Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson in the Studio Theater.

Individual tickets, subscriptions and flex passes can be purchased online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or by calling 216.521.2540 x10.

## Huntington Bank Provides Scholarship To VMCAD Student

by Marlene Kobzowicz

Huntington Bank has awarded a scholarship, which was open to a current student enrolled for summer at the Virginia Marti College of Art and Design (VMCAD). Applicants were to be actively involved within their community by participating in community-related projects and/or extracurricular activities offered at VMCAD, while maintaining a 3.0 GPA or above in their course of study. The recipient also needed to demonstrate a financial need determined by Pell eligibility.

The Scholarship Committee consisted of five individuals not connected with the student body. Two members sit on the Board of the Virginia Marti College Foundation, two are employees of Huntington Bank, and one is an employee of American Limousine Service, located in Lakewood, Ohio.

The winner of this scholarship went to Interior Design student Maryann

McKenney. McKenney was awarded \$1500, which was given to the VMCAD financial aid department in June 2011 to be applied to her tuition cost.

McKenney stated that this scholarship would help her obtain her dream of completing school while also allowing her to devote time to the community. "Being someone who thinks different than most, I yearn to invest my talents and resources where I reside. Caring about the world we live in, I would be grateful for the opportunity to give back." McKenney also indicated in her application that helping someone less fortunate than yourself will show you all that you have to be thankful for, things you may have forgotten about. "Volunteering helps you to slow down and appreciate life."

The community projects that McKenney participated in were as follows:

A rendering for Lee Meier Interiors that was displayed for the duration of 2011's

Home & Garden Show. This rendering helped Lee Meier better explain to guests what was offered within their space.

McKenney also assisted in the Asian Town Center Project by creating a design concept. Her purpose was to help owners of the complex occupy a large vacant space within the shopping center. The design concept consisted of a space plan, fabric, paint selections, custom lighting fixtures and furniture ideas inside the space.

To benefit the Brunswick Arch Project, McKenney volunteered her time and participated in the Dream, Design and Donate Gala produced in the summer of 2010 by Justice & Company, a masonry, materials and supplies company located in Brunswick, Ohio. She completed a space plan as well as worked with a peer to assemble material boards using materials from Justice & Company.

McKenney also assisted at the Ohio Design Center, located in Beach-



Interior Design Student Maryann McKenney

wood, Ohio with the 2010 fall display window. She worked alongside fellow students to create a fresh new fall ensemble. It was a design that would inspire potential clients walking into the Center during the fall open house.

Thank you, Huntington Bank, for giving back to your community to help

## Library Foundation Announces Sculptor

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Crawford was pleased to find the artist hours later was still studying the site and, more importantly, the Library and the community around it. In his application to the Committee, Diepenbrock said, "With a strong basis in design, I approach all sites with a fresh eye, and intentionally avoid preconceived solutions. I look at pedestrian vantage points, and movements, architectural and landscape features and look for the opportunities inherent in a site."

On that cold, drizzly Sunday afternoon, Diepenbrock was stunned to learn that the Library was open on a weekend. (Most aren't these days.) Before his meeting began, he took the time to stroll through the crowds. So much activity! The people buzzing around him were carrying armloads of books, racing for the computers, heading downstairs for a concert, chatting with neighbors, enjoying their time. There were children making crafts, hipsters hunting through movies and CDs and people of all stripes simply reading.

Diepenbrock already wanted the job, of course. He'd always liked public libraries. But his experience that day cemented his admiration and deepened his resolve. Despite the weather, he studied the future site for hours. He walked and drove around it and made sure that he saw it—really saw it—from all angles. He was determined to come up with something really special... He succeeded.

We can't wait to show it to you.

Special thanks goes the Lakewood Public Library Foundation's Art Selection Committee. Two hundred and two talented artists from across the country applied for the commission and the hardworking members of the committee read every letter and examined thousands of photographs. They volunteered their time at long, long meetings where they debated the merits of each applicant and discussed the purpose of public art. There were many viewpoints, but no heated exchanges. Instead, their diverse experiences became their strength as they considered the architecture, the land, the Library as an institution, Lakewood as a community, the controversies of art, the relationship between truth and beauty and the practical matter of getting the thing in the ground before winter. Thank you, Mary Anne Crampton, Dan Cuffaro, Tiffany Graham, Marcia Hall, Nancy Seibert, Lucy Sinagra and Ruth Weible.

No taxpayer funds will be used on this project. All funding was raised through private donations by the Lakewood Public Library Foundation. To learn more about this worthy group, visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/foundation/](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/foundation/).

To learn more about the artists behind the public art at Lakewood Public Library, visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/art](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/art).

## 4th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade - Save The Date

by Shannon Strachan

The 4th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade is set for October 15, 2011. If you would like to be a vendor or a sponsor for the, "largest pet parade" coast-to-coast please contact us at 216-521-0655 or send an email to Shannon at [sstrachan@lakewoodalive.com](mailto:sstrachan@lakewoodalive.com). If your dog is ready for this year's parade and contest, registrations are now being accepted. You may register online or download a registration form at [www.downtownlakewood.org](http://www.downtownlakewood.org). The Spooky Pooch Parade is hosted by LakewoodAlive and all proceeds benefit downtown Lakewood revitalization and the Lakewood Animal Shelter. LakewoodAlive is a 501(c)(3) economic development organization whose mission is to facilitate economic stability and growth in the



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# Hollywood / Lakewood



*Captain America, captured by Ivor Karabatkovic*



*A little of Hollywood came to Lakewood last week as a local film production company chose Ross Deli for a few scenes in their upcoming movie "Beautiful Garden." Burning River Productions had contacted Yogi, owner of Ross Deli, a couple months ago. Here they are getting ready for the murder scene.*

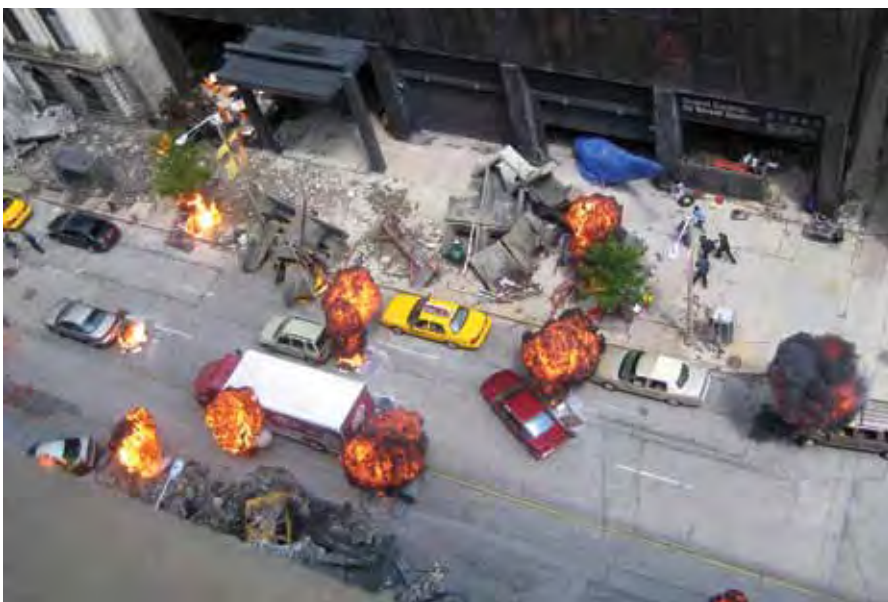


*The final fight scene captured by David Lay*

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*Fight scene being practiced between Captain America and two CGI actors. The suits will be used for computer overlays of The Hawk and The Hulk. by Kreshnik Musmurati*



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## Lakewood Cares

# LCSC To Launch Door To Door Food Delivery To Seniors

by Colleen Timm

With funding from United Way of Greater Cleveland, Lakewood Community Services Center is about to launch its first-ever food delivery program to the four senior living complexes in Lakewood. "We pay careful attention to our service statistics," said Executive Director Trish Rooney. "We saw an upward year over year trend in overall senior numbers, but a reduction in the number of seniors coming to the Center from the Westerly, the South Westerly, Fedor Manor and Lakeshore Towers. We attributed this to two factors: our move from Marlowe put us out of easy walking distance from two of the buildings; and the discontinuation of the RTA Circulator made getting to and from the Center almost impossible for seniors without their own cars." With these service statistics and data indicating that most if not all residents live on a fixed income, LCSC talked with the building managers at each apartment to measure interest in a delivery program. The enthusiasm was unanimous. The buildings' service coordinators shared stories

of residents who often found themselves very short of food by the end of the month after their monthly Social Security income was expended.

LCSC submitted a proposal to United Way in February 2011 and received news in late June that the proposal to extend its emergency food assistance program had been fully funded. This first-ever United Way of Greater Cleveland award has allowed LCSC to purchase a brand new Ford Econoline van and to provide salary

dollars for the Center's Food Service Coordinator to add the additional hours to oversee the program.

The new program kicks off at an informational meeting and sign up on September 7 at the Westerly Apartments. The first delivery is scheduled for Friday, September 16 and will continue on the third Friday of each month. Residents who sign up will receive a minimum three-day supply of groceries delivered right to their apartment door every month. "We

decided to pilot the program at the Westerly Apartments because it is the largest of the senior buildings and we figured if we can get it right at the Westerly, we'll be in good shape for the smaller buildings," according to Rooney. The City of Lakewood Department of Human Services staff who are on site at the Westerly will be helping to get things off the ground successfully.

Volunteers at LCSC will begin packing the van with individual grocery bags as soon as the Center closes its open hours. Frozen items and those requiring refrigeration will be added at the last minute. The Center has entered into a partnership with the City's youth volunteer program, H2O. The door to door deliveries could have been a logistic headache with 492 units located in three buildings with up to 15 floors to navigate if H2O had not enthusiastically embraced this service opportunity for its high school members. "When Trish approached H2O to see if we would be interested in participating, we jumped at the opportunity," said Ceil Dorsch, program manager. She further stated, "H2O has a long history of collaboration with LCSC and we have always been successful with our intergenerational programs." Added Emmie Hutchison, H2O supervisor, "This service will be great not only for the students but for the seniors as well. We are really looking forward to getting started!" Once the first delivery is accomplished, LCSC along with the Westerly's service coordinators and the H2O team, will review what worked and what didn't and the service will be tweaked and extended to the other three buildings. The plan is to have the Westerly and South Westerly on the same route with Fedor Manor and Lakeshore Towers on a second route each month.

In addition to these deliveries, the United Way funding also enables LCSC to make frequent trips to the Cleveland Foodbank's daily Marketplace where free and extremely reduced-price food items are available to agencies who can pick up and transport themselves. This is a wonderful opportunity to extend the shrinking County and federal food allocation dollars that LCSC currently receives, and provides some variety in the product LCSC can offer to its consumers. "With County funding flat despite a big increase in demand and federal dollars almost disappearing, having the ability to access this additional food is really important to our mission," said Rooney. "We are grateful to United Way for making this possible at a time when our community needs this assistance more than ever before and we hope to grow the program in the coming years."



Food Service Coordinator John Moran begins loading for deliveries.

## Grapes And Greyhounds

by Dan Alaimo

Meet and greet some adoptable greyhounds while tasting some wine at The Furry Nation pet store, 15800 Detroit Avenue, on Tuesday, August 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. The wine will be provided by The Furry Nation, and Erie Shore Greyhound Adoption of Ohio (ESGAO.org) will bring the greyhounds, who recently arrived from Alabama.

This is the first event for ESGAO, an all-volunteer group made up of highly experienced greyhound owners and adoption workers from the Greater

Cleveland area. Most of the hounds are between three and four years old, except for Annie who is nine and now



Annie arrives in Ohio looking for her forever home through ESGAO.

lives in a foster home in Lakewood. It is also double-points day for the pet store's loyalty program.



Tahoe is also one of ESGAO's rescues.

## CCLAS Breaks Fundraising Record!

by Helene Gaidelis

Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS)

in collaboration with Nature's Bin hosted a successful dog wash on Saturday, August 13. Thanks to vol-



Dawn Pyne, CCLAS President and Ward 2 Councilman Tom Bullock help dry dogs.

unteer teamwork and the support of the community, CCLAS broke another fundraising record at this year's event, raising over \$1,400 to help the homeless cats and dogs at the Lakewood Animal Shelter. CCLAS President, Dawn Pyne, stated "This year we were delighted to have so many new volunteers who wanted to spend their Saturday washing a bunch of dirty, but lovable pooches. We couldn't have done it without our dedicated volunteers and our gracious host, Nature's Bin."

CCLAS is in great need of volunteers who can transport cats to and from spay/neuter appointments on Thursdays and volunteers to assist with off-site adoptions events on Saturdays. If you're interested in getting involved, you can download a volunteer application from their website at [www.cclas.info](http://www.cclas.info).



## Lakewood Cares

# “We Make A Life By What We Give”

by Bryce Sylvester

“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give,” said Sir Winston Churchill, and oh, how those words ring true to this day.

On Tuesday August 9, LakewoodAlive and Lakewood New Life Church spent a day with Cranford residents to help beautify the exterior of their homes. A total of eight volunteers worked from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and reached out to six homeowners. Porches were stained and painted, gutters were cleaned, lawns were mowed, weeds were pulled, mulch was laid, and windows were scraped. Equally important as the physical improvements made that day was the bond two local organizations made with the Cranford block. After we finished cleaning gutters and painting back steps at one home, the volunteers were graciously

offered by one homeowner the use of any tool in his garage to help his fellow neighbors with their homes. This selfless act exemplifies a sense of community that makes Lakewood, its neighborhoods, and residents, special.

By making various simple physical improvements to porches, we hope to also encourage more random moments of interaction between neighbors. Often, these types of moments can truly develop a place and community which further strengthens neighborhood ties. Lakewood is a “City of Homes” and a “City of Porches.” Can we also be a “City of Neighborhoods?”

And, to the national lender who controls one particular property: you’re welcome. The volunteer team cut both front and back yards at that site. Is it too much to ask a large institution to pay someone to cut the yard every-so-often?



Lakewood New Life Church Volunteers in front of one of the homes worked on

## LCAC Talks Turkey At The Lakewood Arts Festival

by Chris Crawford

Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation (LCAC) made their Lakewood Arts Festival debut this year with a booth featuring information about how we serve families here in Lakewood as well as a cut out of a turkey that allowed people to have their picture taken as a turkey. Over 100 attendees participated in the Turkey Shoot photo opportunity. To see some of the fun photos and learn more about our organization, please visit our website [www.lcac.info](http://www.lcac.info).

The LCAC (better known as “the food drive people”) is a 25-year-old organization known throughout Lakewood for the food baskets that are delivered to 600 needy families and seniors over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Each recipient gets all the makings for a

complete holiday meal - a 10 pound turkey and all the fixin’s, as well as a week’s supply of food staples. “We just try to make the holidays a little bit brighter for those in need,” explains Dave Rothhaas, Board Member and 20-plus year veteran of the organization.

“LCAC’s goal for the Arts Festival was to get more people in and around Lakewood to understand who we are and what we do...plus have a little fun!” states Jeff Worrone, LCAC president. And that they did!

Besides taking pictures of residents as turkeys, LCAC board members were on hand to answer questions, raise money for our holiday food drives, and hopefully gain some new volunteers to help us this holiday season. To learn more about how to help, please visit [www.lcac.info](http://www.lcac.info).

“We were ecstatic about the

response we received at the Arts Festival,” comments Worrone. “We were able to distribute over 1000 coupons for our FIVE GUYS Burgers and Fries Dine and Donate Fundraiser (thank you FIVE GUYS!!), talk to hundreds of Art Festival participants about what we do and how they can help, plus we raised over \$300 in donations from people who just wanted to help their fellow Lakewood residents.”

Many thanks to Holly Launch for helping us get into the Festival as well as all of our volunteers and sponsors who make what we do possible!

Watch for the LCAC Turkey Shoot at next year’s Lakewood Arts Festival and until then check out our website [www.lcac.info](http://www.lcac.info) for more information. In the meantime, remember that our holiday



Alison Breckel LHS Teacher and LCAC Board Member

food drives are always the weekend before Thanksgiving and the weekend before Christmas. We hope to see you there!

## Ordination Of Lutheran Pastors Set For September 10

by Kent Cicerchi

Three new Lutheran pastors will be ordained Saturday, September 10 in a service at Faith Lutheran Church in Lakewood.

Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will preside and preach at the service and ordain the new pastors as ministers of word and sacrament.

The service begins at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by a reception at the church, which is located at 16511 Hilliard Road (the corner of Hilliard and Woodward). Parking will be available across the street at Harding Middle School.

Among those being ordained is Mark Rollenhagen, who has been called by Faith to serve as the congregation’s mission pastor. He is a former newspaper reporter and editor who attended Trinity Lutheran Seminary

in Columbus. Mark will be installed as Faith’s pastor during Faith’s 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service on September 18.

You can find out more about Faith’s renewed mission effort at [www.faithlakewood.org](http://www.faithlakewood.org) or “like” the congregation’s Facebook page “Faith Lakewood.”

The other two new pastors who will be ordained at Faith on September 10 are: Jonathan Weaver, a Trinity Lutheran Seminary graduate who has been called to serve as an associate pastor at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Chagrin Falls, and Sean Myers, a graduate of Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary who has been called to serve as pastor of Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Columbiana, Ohio.

The ELCA ordains new pastors after they have completed their seminary training and have been called to serve a church or other ministry.

You can find out more about the ELCA at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and about the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA

at [www.neos-elca.org](http://www.neos-elca.org).

Kent Cicerchi is the music director at Faith Lutheran Church.

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# Lakewood Business

## Cornucopia/Nature's Bin Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

by Mary Johnson

Cornucopia/Nature's Bin, the full service natural and organic foods market on Sloane Avenue, recently received CARF International accreditation for three years in the following areas - Employment Services: Community Employment Services: Job Development; Employment Services: Community Employment Services: Job Supports; Employment Services: Community Employment Services: Job-Site Training; and Employment Services: Employee Development Services. Cornucopia has been continuously CARF Accredited since 1989.

CARF is an independent, non-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of

the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

"We take great pride in this accreditation," stated Scott Duennes, executive director of Cornucopia/Nature's Bin. "This achievement is an indication of the commitment and dedication that Cornucopia and Nature's Bin have in improving the quality of lives in the people we serve," added Duennes.

This CARF accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to

the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

To learn more about Nature's Bin, please visit [www.naturesbin.com](http://www.naturesbin.com).

*Nature's Bin*  
Nature's Bin, a full service natural and organic foods market located in Lakewood, Ohio, is operated by the nonprofit Cornucopia, Inc. This natural foods market serves as a training site for a unique and successful program that provides vocational training leading to employment for people with disabilities. Programs hosted at Nature's Bin serve people with a wide range of severe disabilities including developmental dis-

abilities, autism, mental illness, visual, speech and hearing impairments, and injuries resulting from accident or illness. What distinguishes the programs at Nature's Bin from other training facilities is the real-work learning environment. Trainees work side-by-side with staff members in all aspects of retail service, facing the challenges and rewards of competitive employment in a caring, supportive atmosphere. Cornucopia/Nature's Bin has been serving people with disabilities for over 35 years.

## Lakewood Company Gives Makeover To Coit Road Farmer's Market

by Gina Ragone

A dilapidated, peeling and rusting produce market was reborn last week thanks to a generous Lakewood painting contractor and a prominent Cleveland corporation.

The once aged and tired-looking Coit Road Farmer's Market in East Cleveland, a non-profit with an 80-year history, was chosen as the recipient of the annual Neubert Painting Charity Paint Giveaway. The market now boasts a barn-red hue that's as fresh as the produce sold

inside.

"We couldn't be happier with the way it turned out or with Neubert Painting's generosity," says Kevin Scheuring, vice president of the Coit Road Farmer's Market Preservation Society. "This will make a huge difference to us and to the people in the neighborhood."

More than 60 employees from Neubert Painting volunteered their time to apply the more than 100 gallons of paint donated by Sherwin-Williams. The project had a total

retail value of \$16,000.

The Coit Road Farmer's Market was chosen from more than 50 nominations by John Neubert, CEO of Neubert Painting as the 2011 recipient of its annual Charity Paint Giveaway. "This is a landmark building," says Neubert of the 1932 structure. "It is often hard for people in urban areas to find fresh produce, and Coit Road Farmer's Market fills that need, while also serving as an important part of the economic foundation of this community," he says. The Coit Road Farmer's Market includes an urban farm and a community garden where residents can plant their own produce and sell it at the market.

Founded by John Neubert in 1975, Lakewood-based Neubert Painting has been a leading painting contractor in Cleveland and Akron for 36 years. The company paints about 300 homes every year. Since 2008, Neubert has chosen worthy recipients for its annual Charity Paint Giveaway.



The Neubert employee volunteers pose in front of the \$16,000 paint job they just completed for Coit Road Farmer's Market in East Cleveland.

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# Lakewood Business

## New Teachers Luncheon

by Valerie Mechenbier

Each August the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce continues the long standing tradition that is the New Teachers Luncheon. The business community recognizes the importance of preparing students for the work-force demands of the 21st century, and it demonstrates that awareness by inviting all teachers, support staff and administrators who are new to Lakewood to a banquet in their honor. This year the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce invited 38 new public and parochial school teachers to the 55th Annual New Teacher Luncheon.

This year's luncheon, sponsored by Ohio Educational Credit Union, was held at Garfield Middle School on Friday, August 19 and was catered by Italian Creations. Each teacher received a complimentary meal, an Ohio Educational Credit Union tote bag full of school supplies and other goodies, and a door prize



Over 100 people attended the 55th Annual New Teacher Luncheon at Garfield Middle School, sponsored by Ohio Educational Credit Union.

- all donated by local businesses.

"The New Teacher Luncheon is always one of our most popular events" said Patty Ryan, CEO & President of the Lakewood Cham-

ber of Commerce. "I'm always impressed with how generous our local businesses are when it comes to our teachers, and the teachers very much appreciate the warm welcome

from the Chamber and the business community." The 120 attendees at the luncheon also enjoyed remarks by Jeffrey W. Patterson, the newly-named Superintendent of Lakewood City Schools.

This year's New Teacher Luncheon was an exceptional opportunity for Lakewood businesses to show their great corporate spirit by welcoming the new teachers to Lakewood, offering their support and words of encouragement, and thanking them for the service they provide to our community.

## Did You Know...

that the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce has a different "theme" each month? August is Education month!

## A New Business Called Just 4 Girlz Opens In Lakewood!

by Gloria Trevino

A new boutique called Just 4 Girlz opened up on Detroit Avenue in Lakewood on August 1.

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### Chamber Spotlight:

## The Lakewood Criterium

by Val Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Team Spin, and the City of Lakewood would once again like to thank West End businesses and residents, the numerous volunteers, amazing cyclists, enthusiastic spectators, and especially our generous event sponsors for supporting

the Lakewood Criterium. We have received lots of positive feedback from the community and we hope to bring this event back to Lakewood in 2012.

For Lakewood Criterium results, a list of our sponsors, and links to some fabulous photos from this year's event, go to [www.lakewoodcriterium.com](http://www.lakewoodcriterium.com).

### Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, September 8

"Mad Men" Business After Hours Networking Event

5:30-7pm, Three Birds

[www.lakewoodchamber.org](http://www.lakewoodchamber.org)

### Friday, September 16

Monthly Meeting: New Media Marketing Strategies for Business

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LO Opinions

# Riding To Emerson Jr. High In The 1940's

*Dear Editor.*

I am writing regarding the article, "Can the Worst Be Avoided," published in the July 12, 2011 Lakewood Observer.

I attended Emerson Junior High School 1942- 1944 and rode my bike there every day, including on winter snow days. No problem. My route originated at 1494 Cohasset Avenue, (where my sister still resides- she mailed me the article), then north on Cohasset to Detroit, west on Detroit to the crossing in front of Garfield School, crossed Detroit with a crossing guard (a regular cop at times), west on the north side of Detroit to Clarence Place, north to Hazelwood, west on Hazelwood to Nicholson, north on Nicholson to Emerson, crossing Nickel Plate Road Tracks where there was a crossing watchman weekdays and finally, west on Emerson to Emerson Junior High School. My neighbor, Jim Greene, 1486 Cohasset, often rode with me. He was one semester behind me.

At that time there were about 20 to 26 trains a day on the NKP. Of these, three each way were passenger trains, two of them to/from Chicago (one daytime, one nighttime) and one to/from St. Louis (going in the evening, arriving in the morning). All were steam powered at the time. The line was double tracked through Lakewood. To the best of my memory, all crossings had flashers, none had gates. I do not recall any difficulties. Most of my classmates

lived south of the NKP, so most of us crossed the tracks someplace.

We had to be careful that when a train passed in one direction that one was not approaching from the other direction. We knew enough to, "Stop, look and listen," like the crossing sign said.

I am pleased that consideration is being given to students' safety in going to and from Emerson, but the amount of fear reflected in the article was, and still is, of concern. It was no big deal to walk or ride our bikes to and from Emerson. Today's students ought to do so as well.

## Coming Back To Lakewood

*by Erika Durham*

I've already called many different places "home" in my 26 years, each meaning something very distinct from the others. My diverse homes have included an apartment in upper Manhattan, a cabin in the redwood forests of California, and a dorm room in northern Michigan. I grew up in Cleveland Heights and later Middleburgh Heights and Berea, and have been fortunate enough to have visited some places outside of the United States. As can be seen, I have a sort of wandering eye when it comes to my location in the world. I'm consistently looking for where I can go next, trying to be present in the place I am, but with the regular distraction of discovering what else is out there.

As I get older, I think I'm gaining a stronger appreciation for the idea of being rooted in a community. It seems to have to do with internal issues almost as much as external--the more comfortable I become with myself and my thoughts, the easier it is for me

to exist in any environment, making it less likely for me to seek out a new location for the purpose of "finding myself". This is obviously not something that happens vividly enough to be immediately noticeable, instead, it comes slowly and with a lot of bumps and jostles along the way.

I've started to see how long-term residents of a city begin to become a part of it, like individual strands of yarn in an afghan, each contributing to its beauty, structure, and functionality. The more entwined I become in Lakewood, the more I see its greatness, and the more I care about its future. For probably the first time in my life, I have a strong desire to become a part of that structure.

I began to notice my shift in thought just a few weeks ago while on a trip to Chicago. It is often the case with me while traveling to other cities that I quickly fall in love with the new place and feel the overwhelming urge to move there. I realize that this type of reaction can come as the result

of many unique situations, but historically for me, I think it springs from my desire to seek new and better and more interesting environments for myself, as well as feeding my need to run away. What was different about this trip was that I very soon started to seek out the types of things I enjoy about being in Lakewood. I found that even when I experienced something comparable to what I have here at home, it still wasn't as good. I didn't recognize the people, didn't like the food as much, didn't like the bigness of the city and the overwhelming amount of options available to me.

That is not to say that I dislike Chicago or think that Lakewood is perfect. What I came away with after the trip was an incredibly strong appreciation and love for Lakewood, and my life within it. I love being close to my family, recognizing people in all kinds of places and having small chats throughout the day, knowing that my food is coming from good and local sources, riding my bike almost everywhere I go.

*Yours truly,*

*Bill Vigrass*  
*J. William Vigrass*  
*LHS January '48*

I even love my job...in fact, I missed my job while I was away. Believe me, I realize how lucky I am.

All of that being said, I haven't lost the travel-bug either. I have a strong desire to see new places and experience new things, but I'm truly beginning to love the place I come home to at the end of those trips. It feels good to have a strong enough connection to a place to not only appreciate what it is, but to want to put in effort to improve it. I know I'm not the only person who feels this way about Lakewood. It's a special place and we're lucky to have it, as well as each other. I'm looking forward to hopefully many years of calling Lakewood "home", and helping it grow and change in the most positive ways possible.



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Perspective

# The Lord Of The Three Rings Circus

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but you're a fool, a gullible sheep, or as some would say, a useful idiot. Yup, I'm talking to you. If you're reading this article right now and you've already made up your mind as to whether I'm a genius or a moron just by reading the title, then, sorry to be the one to have to tell you, but YOU are what's wrong with this society.

If you are the kind of person who votes for a candidate based primarily on what letter appears next to their name, then I'm here to tell you, your problem isn't with the "D" or the "R", but with the "L" on your forehead...loser. That's right, I'm calling you names. I mean, it seems like that's what it's come down to. When I read the papers, listen to the radio or watch the news, I don't hear anything of substance any more. It seems that what our political system has boiled down to is a shouting match, where a bunch of fifth graders see who can use the most colorful language and call the other kids the worst names.

Here's a drinking game for you college kids: try watching any of the news shows and take a drink every time someone says the word "radical" or "ideologue". It's a double if you hear the word "draconian". Throw in terms like "nut jobs", "socialists", and "zealots", and you'll probably be passed out by the second or third commercial break. I think the name calling officially hit rock bottom when several politicians and members of the media took to calling the Tea Party "hobbits" during the recent battle over the debt ceiling increase. After all, if you've read any of J.R.R. Tolkien's books or seen the Lord of the Rings movies, you know that the hobbits are the good guys; it's the hobbits who actually save the world from evil.

What does that say about society when politicians are so wrapped up in their own messed up system that they can't even come up with appropriate insults anymore? They're so out of touch with reality that they pay a huge compliment to an entire group of people they're actually trying to belittle. Given how much effort politicians spend distorting the English language, it's no wonder they get confused by

by Bret Callentine

the meaning of a social reference from time to time.

The powerbrokers in Washington employ lots of people whose solitary focus is on shaping an argument or manipulating dialogue in order to sway public opinion. By the time your local representative takes the stage, or stands in front of a television camera, they've been well briefed on what words work well to get their point across. It's not just name calling, by the time they're done with a speech, it's even simple definitions that don't make sense anymore. They know all too well what phrases work in which districts and what symbols tug on the heartstrings of the American people.

It's gotten to the point where, I'm guessing, they spend more time trying to figure out how to sell their plan to the general public than they ever do actually putting the policy together in the first place. That's how we end up with politicians who suggest things like, "We have to pass the bill so you can find out what is in it." Getting things done is beginning to take a back seat to making things popular, and convincing people of your results isn't nearly as important as selling them on your intent.

The next time you hear a politician say we need to "tax the rich," ask him

how he plans to do it, since in this country; we tax INCOME, not WEALTH. Increasing the tax rate only sticks it to the people who take home the big paychecks, which, more often than not, aren't the people you would think of as the super rich. Most of the truly wealthy live off of investment income, not big paychecks, so an INCOME tax increase barely affects them at all.

And for all those people who buy into the concept of those rich paying "their fair share", ask yourself, what is "their fair share"? Have you ever heard a politician actually give a percentage? Why can't they say what the new tax rate should be? The same thing applies to generic terms like "cut", "cap" and "balance". What qualifies as a "cut"? The latest debt ceiling plan came with lots of "cuts", but in reality they were only cutting back the increases in government spending. If a program got \$10 million this year, and was due to get \$12 million next year, but instead got only \$11 million, they call that a "cut" of \$1 million (Actually, they call it a savings of \$10 million, since cuts are usually amortized over a ten-year span, while spending is only analyzed year to year). So, was that really a "cut"? Would you be happy if your teenager told you, "Yes, I spent \$200 on these blue jeans, but I

was planning to spend \$250. Aren't you glad I saved you the \$50?"


Paul Ryan came up with a plan to help "balance" the federal budget last year, mostly by transferring the responsibility for Social Security and Medicare onto the individual States. While I agree that there is too much bureaucracy, this is like trying to pay off your Visa bill by putting everything on your American Express. Since the states aren't allowed to run deficits... Ta-dah!!! The budget is now magically balanced. Now don't you feel more fiscally responsible? Yeah, me neither.

Washing your hands of a problem doesn't make it go away. Coming up with a new catchphrase isn't enough to solve America's problems. Words just don't mean that much anymore, and calling someone names never was a productive way of challenging their opinions or disproving their policies. As the saying goes, sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never solve the healthcare crisis. It's time to take the gloves off and stop beating each other up. It's time we stop twisting the English language and start tackling the real problems. We need leaders, both public and private, who don't just give a good speech, but get the job done, and it all starts when we stop letting the colorful rhetoric we seem to like distract us from the critical results we truly need.

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# Pulse Of The City

Our Centennial City...

## Mementos and Memories

by Gary Rice

My family never moved around very much. We came to Lakewood from the family homestead in Pennsylvania in 1958, and we moved around Lakewood only once. People who move around a great deal are used to the sometimes sad but often all too necessary chore of de-cluttering their homes. That does not necessarily happen with people who put down deep roots. Adding to that (at least in our case), we had shared many good times, the remnants of which abound on the shelves and in the closets of our home.

Not that these items have any great monetary value, necessarily. Particularly in these times, what can anyone get for just about anything anymore? So no, my family's not exactly ready for a dumpster, a yard sale, or the tree lawn just yet. There's hopefully some time remaining for us to hold onto these objects and remember...just for a while longer.

Mom was one who always told me never to get sentimental about stuff. Never mind if this vase was Aunt Lizzy's or that banjo was Uncle Tom's. She always said that if the opportunity came along to sell stuff, get the money while we could. Yes, over the years, there were the garage sales and flea markets, and some stuff did indeed slither on down the road. Since she's passed away though, even though it's been nigh on seven years, it's been kind of a different story. They say when a person dies, it's healthy to let go. I'm not so sure about that. After all this time, there's a little plastic sign that still says "Betty's Kitchen" above our sink. Then, there's the engraved brass "I love Mom" sign sitting there in the window, and close by, the small white dove that she bought for the home that says on the side of its base, "I said a prayer for you today." On the wall nearby is the little brass diploma that Dad and I gave to her when I finished college called the P.B.A.G.T. Degree ("Putting Bob and Gary Through College" Degree).

How much would you pay me for any of this bric-a-brac that Mom

hoped I would not get sentimental about? A clutter-cleaner would have a field day in our kitchen. Five minutes and the kitchen would surely be free of clutter. And then? Move it along, right? Get on with our lives, right? Take the \$25 that we made at the sale and go buy some new curtains or something, right? Sorry, Dad and I just don't work that way.

To us, the past, present, and future are very much a continuum, quite unlike the trendy segmenting of their lives that so many people seem to love to do these days. Some people change furniture virtually every season. In contrast, I am writing this column on a small writing table that my grandparents started housekeeping with nearly a century ago, and it was probably quite old back then. It still even has its inkwell, although a modern computer presently sits atop it, along with my CB radio mike that has not been used since the '70's. Mom crocheted a handle cover for it, you see, so it's still around. \$5 at a yard sale? Sorry, mine's not for sale. When I'm sick, first thing I grab is the afghan she made for me. Sell it for \$10? Let some clutter-cleaner grab it to toss away? I think not.

Granted, we may never use that old cast iron apple peeler, or that pig snout ringer, but one never knows.

Don't get me wrong, however. When Mom passed away, her clothes went off to a great charity and there were many changes around here. Just not everything changed, that's all. What could be given to people was given away, and indeed, many things were. I've really tried not to get too attached to the "stuff" of life...and yet...letting go entirely? Look, I've been to college and I've taken Psychology. I know the drill there, and yet, no, closing a door is just not in my family's culture. That's just not what we do. My mother will always be a part of me, and I of her. I could not compartmentalize a section of my life by taking some garbage bag of mementos out to the tree lawn right

now. Some people could, I suppose, but they're not me. What I do know is that Mom, at least to me, was as close to being a saint as anyone I've ever known, and I still like having some of her stuff around.

Then, there are Dad's toys. He still has 'em. In fact, we even wrote a column about them in a still-online past Lakewood Observer issue. For that matter, I still have a few of mine too. There are those miniature tanks that we used to build dioramas with, in the days when we played "Montgomery vs. Rommel." I think I have two or three of those left. How much should I charge for them? What about my little starfish "Starry"? In those wretched lonely hours of the evening, home from a sound thrashing of verbal, physical, and emotional abuse at school on account of my so-called "handicaps," I developed made-up friends like that starfish, and even an old oven-mitt hand puppet, so that I could have friends to talk with when there were none to be found. How much would you pay me for those items?

I lost my childhood electric train in my early teen years, when I discovered that it had never really been mine in the first place. That train, which had been set up under our tree virtually every Christmas

since I'd been a baby, had been a long term "loan" by a relative until their grandchild was born. It was not even the really expensive kind either, but I'd thought that it had been mine. Nope. Giving that train back was the most difficult thing my parents had to teach me to do. Don't tell me about well-paid school teachers. We had no money for electric trains back then. That was for other kids. On a positive note, I found one like it at a flea market later in life, and in mint shape too. It followed me back home. How much would you pay me for that train? Don't wait too long, the sale is starting to heat up. On the other hand, never mind.

I've seen those TV shows, and I suspect you have too, where they'll be selling the contents of a home, or of a storage shed, and we look on at the intimate possessions of people who have either passed away or have lost their ability to pay the bills of life. We marvel at the potential "valuables" found, and the potential profits to be made by the purchasers, but at the same time I can't help but wonder whether the most truly precious items in those clean-outs were what was simply stuffed away into plastic garbage bags and hauled out to the dumpster? Cards? Letters maybe? Or perhaps even a small white dove with the inscription: "I said a prayer for you today"...

## Our Centennial City... Lakewood's Antiques... A True Timeless Classic, The Reading 78 Apple Peeler

by Gary Rice

Although you'd never know it these days, in the 19th century there were great expanses of orchards in the Rockport area that we now call Lakewood. I've written before of the adventures of the preacher, John Chapman, perhaps better known as "Johnny Appleseed," and his oft-barefooted walk through this state establishing apple orchards. It's also well-known that Lakewood's own Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland was a naturalist whose former homestead on the present-day Bunts and Detroit property was used as an experimental farm for differing types of plants, including fruit trees.

The 19th century was a time of many great inventions in our country. This amazing original Reading 78 Apple peeler (patented in 1872 and first produced in 1878) that you see in the photo was one of those inventions. Although mechanical apple peelers had been around since the dawn of the 1800's, the Reading machine was tough as nails, and well-designed enough to cleanly peel more than ten apples a minute, helping to make apple cider, apple butter, and apple sauce relative snaps to prepare. Originally made by the Reading Hardware Works in Read-



The Reading 78 Apple Peeler

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# Lakewood Living

## The Query Family

by Erika Durham

The idea of cycling as a functional and sustainable way of transportation is one that is slowly growing every day in communities like Lakewood. The more people who get on a bike on any given day, the bigger the idea grows, and I can start to see a future where the cyclists dominate the road, and motor vehicle travel becomes that of only absolute necessity. So how do we get more people on bikes? I try to convert people on a daily basis, but there is another whole population of people who can be building the cycling culture up very effectively for the future, and that is families like the Querys.

Everett and Judy Query have three children, Lene, Paul, and Tad, all of whom learned to ride a bike at the age of four, through a wonderfully unique system that Everett devised. He was able to have one of his tandem bikes modified to fit the much-shorter legs of a child, so that they would develop the feel of being on a bicycle before getting on one by themselves. In addition to that balance training, the Query kids also experienced road cycling and learned bike safety at a very young age, all while spending memorable quality time with their dad.

The cycling bug began with Everett and his two brothers when Everett was in his early 20s. Their interest



Tad and his dad, Everett, can be seen riding about town together on the tandem Everett had modified to fit the kids. The Query's are dedicated to teaching their children to ride responsibly from a young age.

began through garbage-picking bikes and modifying them in a variety of ways, and expanding on that interest as the years passed. Everett's brother, Ray, is an impressive figure in the local cycling world, boasting trips from Ohio to Central and South America, and being essentially car-less for many years (more on Ray to come in another issue!).

Everett now has an eclectic collection of bikes, including two tandems, two road bikes, a mountain bike, and a Bike-E, a style of recumbent (which will soon be modified to read "Bike-Ev"). His favorite bike is a Batavis Competition he bought in 1985 and has since continuously improved over the years, adding new components to keep it riding smooth and fast. Everett



himself has done some impressive riding, with a peak day-ride of 125 miles, and an 850-mile trip through the lower peninsula of Michigan under his belt.

One of Everett's favorite cycling memories was a trip to Alabama, when his oldest child, Lene, was only a year and a half old. He and his wife Judy rode their tandem bike, with Lene in a bike seat, through the breathtaking scenery of the south. Everett's face still lights up at the mention of that memory, the feeling of sharing such an invigorating and wonderful experience with the people he loves.

Tad, being the youngest of the three kids, is now six years old and already has two years of riding under his belt. His older brother Paul also spends much of his time riding, mostly on a BMX bike. Incredibly, Tad and his siblings essentially never used training wheels as a part of their learning process, which Everett attributes to those early tandem rides. Tad is also following in his dad's footsteps in the way of bike collecting, already the proud owner of two bikes. When asked how he feels about bikes, Tad says, "I don't like biking as much as Uncle Ray!", but I have a feeling we'll be seeing Tad cycling for many years to come.

Everett's concerns about biking are mainly about driver education, with a desire to build more patience and understanding on the part of drivers. As previously stated, I think Everett is doing a major service by exposing his kids to the cycling lifestyle at a young age. The more people who do this for their children, the fewer people we will see in cars in the future. Everett finished our discussion with the simple and beautiful statement, "Bikes are wonderful...everyone should ride."

## Lakewood Centennial

by Jane Gaydos

Does anyone remember the "real" Lakewood Centennial celebration that took place in 1989? Yes, Lakewood achieved a population of 12,000 in 1911 and became a **City**, but the **Hamlet** of Lakewood was established in 1889. A quick review of Lakewood's history: In 1805 the Lakewood area was designated as Township 7, Range 14 of the Western Reserve. James Nicholson was the first permanent settler in 1818, and in 1819 the Lakewood and Rocky River area was named Rockport Township.

In 1871, East Rockport (Lakewood) was designated in Rockport Township, and in 1889, East Rockport became the Hamlet of Lakewood, population 400. The name "Lakewood" was chosen because we bordered on the lake and were heavily forested.

In 1988, Mayor Anthony Sinagra assembled a group of about 24 Lakewood citizens representing all phases of life in Lakewood: Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Lakewood Clergy Association, the Office on Aging, Beck Center, Lakewood Schools, Lakewood Historical Society, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood PTA, Lakewood Hospital, Lakewood Jaycees, City Council and the City of Lakewood. He commissioned us with the task of planning a huge celebration in honor of Lakewood's 100th birthday. We had about one year to plan a multitude of events starting with the Centennial Ball in January of 1989 and ending with the Lakewood Commu-

nity Festival in September. During the year we sponsored an historic exhibit at the Beck Center, held an antique show in Lakewood Park, sponsored a Lakewood Home Tour, sponsored "Lakewood Sings" (a choir concert of 350 voices from the West Shore chorale, Lakewood School and Lakewood church choirs), A La Carte in the Park, not to mention Hometown Pride Weekend, which took place on July 28-30 in Lakewood Park and included Music in the Park, a Big Parade, rides, food and games, a Centennial Picnic and Barbecue, fireworks, a tour of Lakewood churches, and a Hometown Band Concert. We also put on a theatrical production showcasing an incredible array of hometown talent ("Century Notes and Footnotes" writ-

ten by Charlotte Crews and directed by Curt Crews), and we published a book entitled *Lakewood The First Hundred Years* by James and Susan Borchert. (Still available for sale at the Oldest Stone House Museum). There were a few other events along the way, plus a centennial logo contest. Phew! It was quite a year.

I thought that although the City of Lakewood is now 100 years old, it would be a shame to forget the actual Lakewood Centennial of 1989.

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Jane Gaydos

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Lakewood Centennial Commission, 1989



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Lakewood Living

Floor The Competition

by *Andreas Tabor*

When people enter your home they usually look down before up, so that first step is vital for attracting a homebuyer and making a great first impression. This is one reason why more people are installing hardwood floors in their homes.

Hardwood flooring enhances the look of any room and can create a classic ambiance that will beautify the interior design of your home. Residential real estate agents agree that homes with wood floors hold their value better, sell faster and fetch higher prices.

Last year, 99 percent of real estate

City Programs

by *Monica Woodman*

The city of Lakewood has a first time home buyer down payment assistance program which offers first time home buyers down payment assistance dollars. In addition to the down payment assistance program the city is offering a low interest loan program. This program was created through government funding for neighborhood stabilization. The city is able to buy vacant homes in Lakewood, rehab the homes, and then sell them through a low interest program to people looking to purchase a beautifully restored home in Lakewood.

The program does have stipulations such as, the person buying the home needs to own and occupy the home for at least five years. Another stipulation is maximum household income levels. For instance, if your household consists of one person your income cannot exceed \$52,800.00. A house hold of three cannot exceed an income of \$67,920.00. Should you have questions, contact Lakewood's community development department at 216-529-4663.

agents responding to a national survey conducted by the National Wood Flooring Association agreed that homes with hardwood floors are easier to sell. The survey also found that 82 percent believe that homes with hardwood floors sell faster and 90 percent said they would sell for more money. The American Hardwood Information Center adds that restoring hardwood flooring in the home is one of the best long-term investments to be made.

"Hardwood floors are environmentally friendly, forever fashionable, and will last for generations," said Pembroke Jacobs, president of the Hardwood Manufacturers Association. "Plus, with an expected life span of up to 100 years for certain premium hardwood flooring, you can be assured that the hardwood really is a one-time investment with a very long-term payoff."

Real estate agents also agree that carpeting does not impress potential buyers, but hardwood floors are always a draw. Engineered wood floors impart warmth, depth and richness to a home's decor that cannot be matched by carpeting, tile or vinyl flooring. Despite the existence of modern architectural trends in flooring, hardwood can still compete with floor tiles and other artificial materials. It comes in a variety of colors and grains; light, medium, or dark shades; and a variety of sizes, styles, finishes and species.

Maple, mahogany and oak are the most popular woods, but some homeowners are investing in exotics such as Brazilian cherry and purpleheart.

The Environmental Protection Agency has said that indoor air quality is one of the top health threats and wood floors can help contribute to a healthy living environment. In fact, a recent EPA study found that pesticides used in gardens and homes accumulate on floors and other surfaces in the home, but that wood floors greatly reduce the accumulation of such toxins. Hardwood floors also do not trap or harbor dust mites or molds.

Though wood floors will probably need to be refinished at some point, when properly taken care of they are much easier to maintain than other floor surfaces. The NWFA recommends regular sweeping of hardwood floors with a soft-bristle broom or dust mop to remove surface dirt and debris. If your floor contains beveled edges, it recommends using a vacuum with a soft bristle brush attachment to remove dirt and debris from between the floorboards.

Having hardwood floors could be the difference between selling your home or watching a potential buyer walk out the door on a less-appealing type of flooring.

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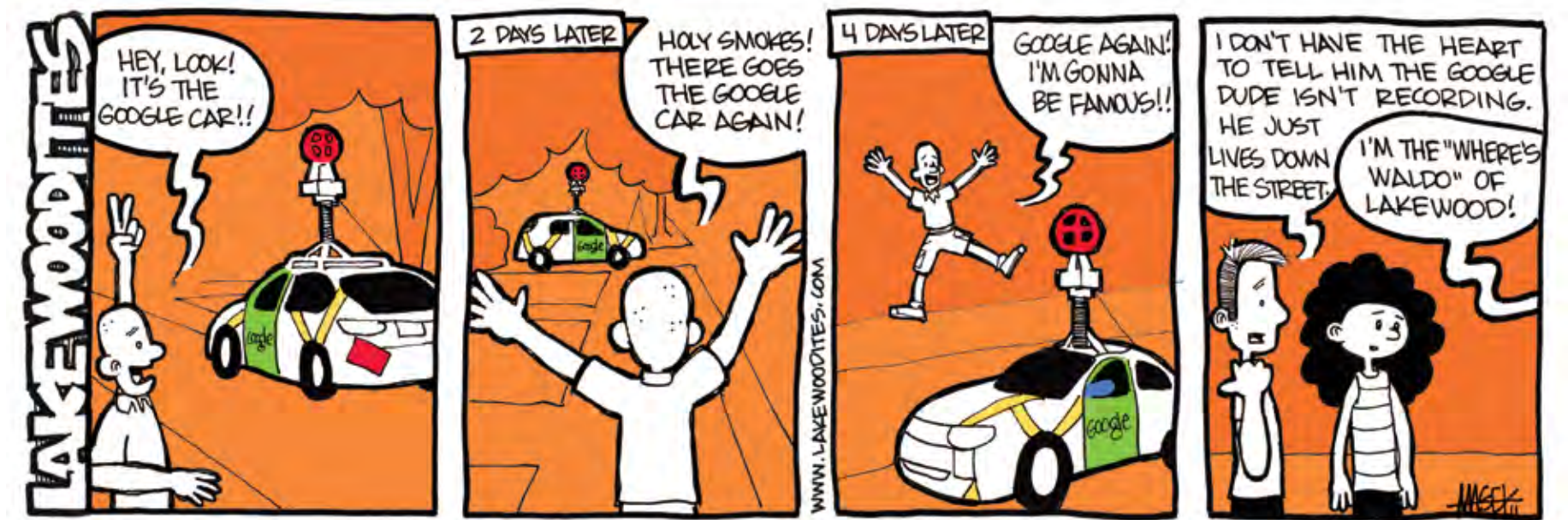
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