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## As Redistricting Lines Come Into Focus

# Kucinich Commits To Northern Ohio Race

by Margaret Brinich

With the recent announcement of Ohio's redistricting efforts pitting long time Congress members Dennis Kucinich and Marcy Kaptur against one another, Kucinich sat down with the Lakewood Observer to talk about the upcoming campaign. His passion for his district remains

strong and although hopeful that the redistricting numbers are set in his favor, he readily acknowledged that his office is going to have to construct a strong campaign in order to successfully return to Congress for a ninth term of office.

A key component of this effort over the next several months will be making his con-

stituents aware of what efforts are being made on their behalf down in Washington. Whether the issues are specific to District 10 or nationwide Kucinich pointed out, "There is such a volume of work created that you don't really hear about it all. But when people do, I think people will know that they're being well represented- and that they're being represented in a forthright and forceful manner."

Perhaps most well known for his adamant opposition to the wars in Iraq and Afghani-



Congressman for the 10th District Dennis Kucinich gave us a call to talk about the President's tax plan. LO's Editor Margaret Brinich asked about the new district and running for re-election.

stan, Kucinich reoriented the focus away from the fighting itself and instead honed in on the impact that war has had stateside, particularly on the

U.S. economy. "When you're spending over a trillion dollars for wars," he said, "choices are

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## School Board Needs Someone With Financial Expertise

by Woody Calleri

### Why I am Running?

I have children in the Lakewood School System and I am deeply concerned about our school system's ability to maintain its "excellent" rating in the face of the financial difficulties we will face in the next 3 years. The next school board's biggest challenge and top priority must be to address the projected 3 year \$16 million budget shortfall in a financially responsible manner while also supporting our teachers and administrators. Our current board does not possess the necessary financial expertise to address these issues. With an annual budget



of over \$70 million and a \$16 million deficit this is unacceptable.

### What Will I Bring To The Board?

I can offer the leadership

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## LLWV Candidates Night On October 18

by Pam Smith

Save the date of October 18 in your calendar.

Better than any reality television show, Candidates Night, sponsored by the Lakewood League of Women Voters, will take place on that

date at 7 p.m. at the Womens Pavilion in Lakewood Park.

Municipal candidates and School Board Candidates will be there. Learn their personal background, their viewpoints on issues, and ask your questions.

## Reduced Adoption Fees At The Lakewood Animal Shelter!

by Helene Gaidelis

The Lakewood Animal Shelter has reduced its prices on spayed/neutered cats or kittens. The fees will be reduced to only \$15.00 for three weeks only beginning September 13 through September 30, 2011. Each cat or kitten is spayed or neutered, has received initial vaccination, deworming, and flea treatment, and comes with an ID tag collar and a cardboard carrier to go home in!

Please help the homeless cats and kittens in your community find new and loving homes.

See page 17 for a peek of just one of the many cats and kittens currently available for adoption at the Lakewood Animal Shelter. To learn more about the Citizens Committee for Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS), how to adopt or foster an animal in need, or to become a volunteer, go to <http://www.cclas.info>.

## To Continue To Work For Neighborhood Safety, Housing Quality And Walkability Bullock Seeks Second Council Term

by Troy Bratz

Ward 2 Councilman Tom Bullock said today he is running for a second term to continue his work to keep Lakewood safe, clean, and family friendly, improve housing quality, and make Lakewood the leading walking, green city in Ohio. Bullock is unopposed.

Bullock said as he approaches the end of his first term, he's as energized as ever to work for the community.

"After four years, I still believe in Lakewood. I am still excited to work for this vibrant community," said Bullock. "I



am still energized by this job and the honor of serving residents."

Bullock said in his first term he's worked to make progress on safety, housing

enforcement, and responsible budgeting. Among the most important accomplishments of his first term are:

-putting more police  
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## Celebrate Homecoming Weekend Activities

by Christine Gordillo

Catch the Ranger spirit as the annual Lakewood City Schools Spirit Parade kicks off Lakewood High's Homecoming weekend this Friday, September 23. The Spirit Parade, which has traditionally been the opening event for Homecoming activities on Thursday, has been moved to Friday this year. The parade, which includes bands, clubs and teams from the elementary, middle schools and high school, will step off from Lakewood Park at 5:45 p.m. and make its way up to Lakewood High Stadium via Clifton Boulevard and Bunts Road just in time for the Homecoming Game matchup against Medina High School at 7 p.m.

The Homecoming Court and announcement of the King and Queen will be announced at halftime. Also being honored

at the game during pre-game activities will be the Lakewood Alumni Foundation's newest Halls of Fame inductees from the Distinguished Alumni, Staff and Athletic Halls of Fame.

The Homecoming Dance

for the high school students will take place on Saturday, September 24 from 7-10 p.m. at the high school. The entrance fee for the dance is \$14 and can be purchased at the LHS Bookroom through September 22.

## Memorial At Fire Station #1



In addition to World Trade Center beams, the names of four Lakewood firefighters who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty were engraved in marble and prominently displayed as part of Lakewood's 9/11 memorial.



# Calendar Page

**Wednesday, Sept. 21**  
**Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District's Conservation Day**  
2:30 - 7:00 PM, Lakewood Park Woman's Pavilion, 14532 Lake Rd.

The Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will hold its 62nd Annual Meeting and Conservation Day. This is a free, family-friendly event, with a variety of speakers and hands-on activities, including building a rain garden and a rain barrel workshop. The annual election of the SWCD Board of Supervisors will be held from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Events include: 2:30pm – Presentation on “Birds, Bees & Butterflies”

3:30pm – Rain Gardens/Native Plants – Watch or help install a rain garden at Lakewood Park; 4:30pm – All About Soils – Make it to eat it environmental craft for kids! 5:00pm – Rain Barrel Workshop – make a rain barrel to take home to use in your yard or garden. Registration required. For more info about Cuyahoga SWCD and its programs, please check our website at [www.cuyahogawcd.org](http://www.cuyahogawcd.org) or call our office at 216/524-6580, ext. 10.

**Thursday, Sept. 22**  
**Free Public Lecture on the Transcendental Meditation**  
7:30 - 9:30 PM, Radiance Organics - 13617 Detroit Ave.

There will be a free lecture on the TM technique describing research into higher states of consciousness. All those attending will receive a free DVD.

More info call: 228-8400. [www.tm.org/](http://www.tm.org/)

**Friday, September 23**  
**Night at The Winchester - Benefit for Kristine Pagsuyoin for Lakewood Schools Committee**  
6:30 - 11:00 PM, The Winchester Music Hall, 12112 Madison Ave.

Good local conversation, ethnic food, and live music. This event is being put on by the Kristine Pagsuyoin for Lakewood School Committee and everyone is welcome to this unique event.

The Winchester has been voted the #1 Live Music Venue in Cleveland. Music starts at 8pm with local artists - Tracy Marie (pop, rock and blues, singer/guitarist); Shadow of Doubt, Tom Petty Tribute Band; and John Tamilio III (singer/songwriter/guitarist). Rare chance to try signature foods from Madison Avenue's Thai Kitchen, Barroco Grill, Khiem's Vietnamese, Greek Village, Angelo's, and Tommy's Pastries. Cover charge includes music show, food. Cash bar. Tickets available at door or online. Individual \$10; Household \$25; and Super Supporter \$50. A Nook e-ink reader will be raffled off. <http://pagsuyoinforlakewoodschools.com>.

**The Marvelous Wonderettes**  
8:00 PM, Shows also on Saturdays 8 PM, Sundays 3 PM through Oct. 16. Beck Center for the Arts, Mackey Main Stage, 17801 Detroit Ave. See Page 15 for story.

**Saturday, Sept. 24**  
**Saturday Lakewood Farmers Market runs until Oct. 1st**  
10 AM - 1 PM, City Center Plaza, near intersection of Warren & Detroit Ave.

**Walk from Obesity**  
Registration 10 AM, Walk 11 AM, Rocky River Reservation - South Mastick Picnic Area. Pre-registration: \$25. For more info or to register: <http://walkfromobesity.donordrive.com>.

**Lincoln Elementary Fall Carnival**  
12 - 4 PM, Lincoln Elementary School Gym and outside, 15615 Clifton Blvd

An amazing annual event for elementary age children and their families filled with games, activities, inflatables, dunk tank, photo booth, food, raffles and prizes. This is our biggest fundraiser and the funds raised are used for educational programs and rewards for our Lincoln students. 4 for \$1.00 fun tickets (food and games), 1 for 1\$ or 6 for \$5 for raffle tickets. Rain date is October 1st.

**Screw Factory Art Open Studio**  
6 - 10 PM, 13000 Athens Ave., C 292  
Artist MaryBeth Norton along with guest artist Melody Rooney-Brennan will be hosting an evening of Art at The Screw Factory. More info, call 401-5632.

**Rhythms of Ireland - A Showcase of Traditional and Contemporary Irish Dance**  
6:00 PM, Magnificat High School Performing Arts Ctr, 20770 Hilliard Rd.

Join us for our 11th Annual Irish Dance showcase as a benefit for our dancers who qualify for the regional Irish dance competition, ‘Oireachtas’, in Chicago, IL. Doors open at 6pm for raffles, bakery and more - performance starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12 Adults & Children over 12 (\$10 advance purchase); Children 12 and under \$6 (\$5 advance purchase; Seniors \$8 advance purchase or at the door. Contact Janet Gowan at 570-4068 or [gowanja@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gowanja@sbcglobal.net) for ticket information and orders.

**4th Annual Trinity Lutheran Loaves and Fishes Clambake**  
6:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, 16400 Detroit Ave.

Trinity Lutheran Community Outreach is sponsoring its 4th Annual Loaves and Fishes Clambake to support our missions, including Community Meals; Community Garden of Peace and Plenty; and Backpack Project among others. Cost is \$45.00 per person which includes live entertainment, live and silent auctions, dinner (clams, chicken and sides or vegetarian lasagna), drinks and raffle tickets. Contact: Cathy Aldrich, 216-221-0954 or [imagebycathy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imagebycathy@sbcglobal.net) for reservations. [www.trinitylakewood.org/](http://www.trinitylakewood.org/)

**Sunday, Sept. 25**  
**Rainbow ‘Round the Zoo**  
7:30 Registration, 8:15 AM, The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

A family-friendly 1-mile walk and 5k run. 100% of the funds raised go to UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, go to the programs and services of Fam-

ily & Child Life Services at Rainbow. [www.uhgiving.org/](http://www.uhgiving.org/)

**Recess ROCKS! presented by Jordan's Family Foundation**  
1 - 5 PM, Lakewood Park, Lake Ave.  
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**The Byzantine Singers**  
4 - 5 PM, Church of the Ascension 13216 Detroit Ave.

A concert of music of the music of the Byzantine Church directed by Drew Marko. It is a free event with a freewill offering beibg taken. It will be followed by a reception.

**Wednesday, Sept. 28**  
**The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP)**  
6 - 7 PM, 1341 Marlowe Ave.

Find out how you can qualify for additional savings through Medicare and learn more about your coverage options! Please join Ann Sevenich, certified volunteer OSHIIP counselor from Northwesterly Assisted Living as we discuss FREE services available to seniors who are on Medicare through program. RSVP to Annette by Sept. 27th. 216-927-4395 or [annette@northwesterly.com](mailto:annette@northwesterly.com)

**U.S. Coast Guard Aux. “About Boating Safely” Course September 28-October 26**  
7 - 9:30 PM, Garfield Middle School, Room 201, 13114 Detroit Ave.

Persons born on or after January 1, 1982, who operate a boat powered by greater than 10 horsepower must successfully pass a NASBLA approved boating education course. The course will cover nomenclature, boat handling, marine radio procedures, weather, knots, engines, navigation rules, etc. 5 weeks. Register at [www.lakewoodrecreation.com](http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com) or 216-529-4081.

**Meet The Candidates Night hosted by Lakewood PTA Council**  
7 - 9 PM, Garfield Middle School Cafetorium, 13114 Detroit Ave.

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. 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!

**Saturday, Oct. 1**  
**Mud In Yer Eye Monthly Contra Dance at Masonic Temple**  
7 - 11 PM, Masonic Temple, Detroit Ave.

The band Mud in Yer Eye with caller Carol Kopp perform a contra dance in the beautiful ball room of the Masonic Temple every First Saturday of the Month. Singles and couples, age 7 to 100 welcome! No previous dancing experience necessary. At 7pm the caller goes through most of the steps to expect during the night and then again before each new dance set. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. \$6 charge at door to help pay for the hall. Lessons begin at 7pm. Dance starts at 8pm.

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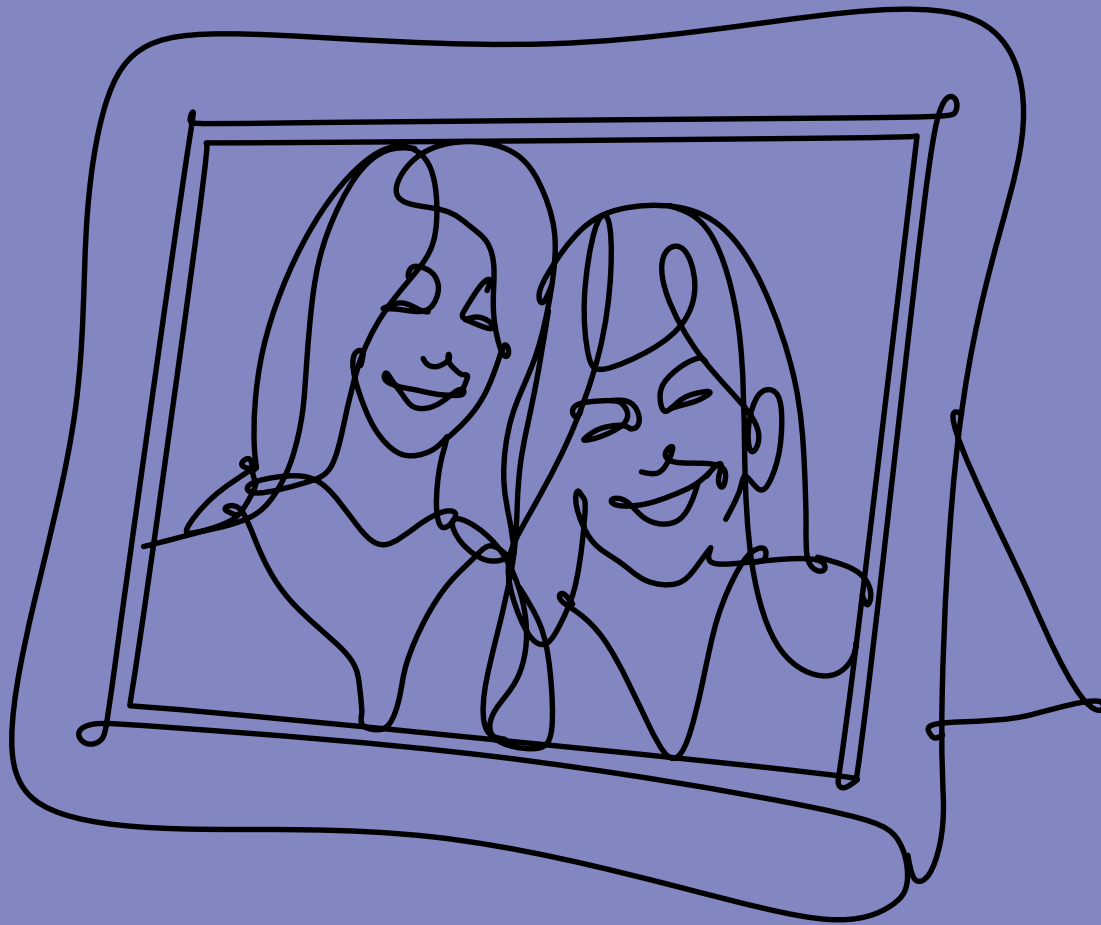
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# Council Back In Session, Focusing On Housing

by Christopher Bindel

On September 6, 2011, Lakewood City Council reconvened in the City Hall Auditorium to a modest crowd of about 30, for its first meeting after the summer holiday. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Council President Mary Louise Madigan.

The first item brought to the floor was a resolution from Councilwoman Madigan congratulating Jacob A. Schneider on attaining the level of Eagle Scout. Jacob joins the ranks of the only two percent of all Boy Scouts to ever reach the rank of Eagle. He did so in part by earning 29 merit badges in a variety of subjects including emergency preparedness, first aid, architecture, environmental science and personal fitness. He also helped deconstruct, redesigned and rebuild the playground at the St. Malachi Center. To do the project he also helped secure the donations that were necessary to complete the work.

Council passed the resolution, commending Jacob on his accomplishment.

The next item discussed was the only item of old business on the agenda. The Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Councilwoman Monique Smith, read a communication regarding the ordinance to ban and regulate solid fuel burning boilers. She said that the Committee wished to discuss the matter further so therefore asked Council to not act on the item and defer it for further discussion. Council agreed, and the item was deferred.

A number of people from the neighborhoods surrounding the few boilers currently in use in Lakewood were present at the meeting and wished to speak. They asked Council to ban the further installation of the boilers and also for them to pass laws to regulate the ones that are already in existence. The issues they raised were that once the boilers are installed there is no way to tell what people are burning, and what the impact is on the health of the community. Another issue is that even if they are only burning wood, studies show that these devices emit fine particulate matter that is bad for people's health. As one woman stated, "It is never safe to inhale smoke, but with these boilers I am continually bombarded with it."

Chair of the Housing Committee, Councilwoman Madigan, then read a communication stating that the Housing Committee would begin meeting monthly, starting in September, to discuss key aspects of housing in Lakewood. The main three points they will be concentrating on are data collection: how it is collected, analyzed and used by the building department to monitor the City's housing stock; HUD programs: including homelessness prevention and housing stabilization; and working with Lakewood Alive: to identify problem properties, educate owners and offer supportive services. The idea is to understand where the city's housing currently stands and what options are available, so the city can

strengthen its comprehensive approach with the goal of increasing stability.

Council received the communication and referred it to the Housing Committee.

Next Mayor Mike Summers asked Council to pass a resolution that would have Lakewood join communities around the country in remembering the tragedy of 9/11 by pausing for one minute at 1 P.M. on Sunday, September 11. The Mayor joined this resolution with his announcement of the commemoration ceremony that was to occur at 9:11 A.M. at Fire Station One. The ceremony would be to unveil a new fire fighters memorial which will stand in remembrance of the fire fighters lost on 9/11, and also those lost in the line of duty in Lakewood.

Council approved the resolution.

Public Works Director, Joe Beno, then asked Council to consider a resolution that would allow the City to donate 20 "well used" benches from the Lakewood Dog Park to The Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park. Director Beno said that the benches are not in very good condition, however the Friends of the Dog Park believe that some might hold sentimental value to their group and therefore they would like to sell or raffle them off for a fundraiser. He continued, saying that this is in conjunction with talks between the City and the group in which they are working together to purchase new benches for the park.

Council suspended the rules requiring three readings before passing and passed the item on its first reading.

Next, Planning and Development Director, Dru Siley, ask Council to pass an ordinance that would allow the City to sell several small parcels of land. The land was obtained by the City through tax foreclosure, which oftentimes means that the land goes to sheriff sale and is later foreclosed on again. To stop the cycle the City accepted the land into their land bank. The City wishes to sell the vacant parcels, which are less than 1000 square feet, to neighboring property owners. This way the small pieces of land can be incorporated into larger parcels. The City would sell the property for a nominal fee to cover the cost of holding and transferring ownership.

Council placed the ordinance on first reading and referred it to the Housing Committee.

Director Siley then asked Council to pass a resolution which would allow the City to accept \$250,000 dollars in NSP III funds from the County. The money would be used to rehab and resell at least three houses in the designated NSP III area. The funds were awarded to the County this year to help fight the impact of continual foreclosure in Northeast Ohio. The grant has to be used by January 2013, therefore Director Siley asked that the Council approve it in a timely manner.

Councilman David Anderson asked Director Siley if he could define the area that is covered by the NSP III district. Director Siley said they used the

census block between NSP I and NSP II to define the area, which is from Detroit to Madison, from Hopkins to Clarence.

Council moved to pass the resolution on the first reading, however before passing Councilman Tom Bullock asked that the administration keep the Council up-to-date as to how the funds are to be spent. He said he is interested in the administration's strategy on housing and said it would be helpful to know what the plans are. Director Siley said that when they applied for the grant, the City had a plan already on file, and that he would be glad to update and report it to Council.

Council thanked Director Siley and then proceeded to pass the resolution.

Public Works Director Beno then asked Council to consider passing a resolution that would allow the City to accept \$250,000 dollars to be used on improvements to Madison Avenue. The money is being awarded by the County and would be added to funds from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) which are currently being applied for. If the funds from OPWC are not awarded then the County funds would be rolled over into another year.

Councilman Anderson asked Director Beno what the improvements entailed and he responded that, simply put, it was a repaving project.

Council placed the item on first reading and referred it to the Public Works Committee.

Director Beno then asked Council to approve of the donation of certain materials from the Engineering Department to the Lakewood Historical Society. The items, which are no longer used or

needed by the department were thought to have historical value and would be well suited in the Historical Society's archives. The items include a 1943 sewer map, a 1926 water main and fire hydrant map, updated in 1990, a Lakewood street map marked as 'Works Projects Administration' from 1939-1943 and six aerial photographs of the city.

Council passed the resolution.

Director Beno then asked Council to pass an updated version of an ordinance they have previously passed regarding the traffic signal project along the western half of Detroit Avenue. The ordinance has to be changed due to increasing cost. The project is increasing for two reasons. The first is due to the city wishing to continue replacing the traffic signals along Detroit with the more decorative poles like the ones that have been installed on the other half of Detroit and on Clifton Blvd. This has resulted in an increase of \$256,000 dollars. The second increase, about \$44,000 is due to the City deciding to keep the traffic light at Detroit and Lakeland, which was previously slated to be removed without a replacement. The reason the City decided to keep the traffic light is they believe traffic will greatly increase in that area with the addition of the new CVS that is to be built. As this light is not approved by ODOT it would have to be replaced at 100% cost to the City. However the City was able to negotiate with CVS so that they will cover half of the \$88,000 dollar price tag.

Coming to the end of the agenda items, and with no one from the public signed up to speak, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:28 P.M.

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## To Continue To Work For Neighborhood Safety, Housing Quality And Walkability Bullock Seeks Second Council Term

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in neighborhoods, expanding block clubs, and strengthening chronic nuisance enforcement;

- increasing housing enforcement;
- structurally-balancing the budget and increasing the City’s bond rating;
- expanding farmers markets, initiating bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and increasing recycling and conservation.

Bullock said he’ll continue this work over the next four years. His priorities in his second term will include:

- continuing to improve housing quality through more efficient Building Department procedures and expanded enforcement;
- continuing to strengthen neigh-

borhood safety through community policing, block clubs, and helping residents resolve problems;

- slowing down neighborhood speeding by using traffic-calming;
- taking the first steps to implement a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan;
- budgeting to fund downtown streetscape improvements and an improved street paving schedule; and
- identifying strategic options for Lakewood to invest in new housing stock (such as cluster homes for retirees), growing the commercial corridor, and attracting and retaining homeowners so our City grows to 60,000 by the next census.

Bullock, who is the second-most

senior member of Council and has more than 16 years of professional experience in government and public service, said his experience will be important to City Hall, which recently underwent big changes—including a new Mayor and three new Councilpersons.

“Some times call for change, while some call for continuity,” observed Bullock. “These times call for continuity. For four years, Lakewood has been weathering a difficult economic storm and overcoming a structural budget deficit. We put ourselves on a solid and improving course, but now are contending with large budget cuts passed down from state government and a still-stalled economy. We are not yet out of difficult waters, so it is impor-

tant we retain our discipline and stay on our careful course.”

Bullock said although he is unopposed, he is still actively meeting residents at block parties and community events and is using time that would have gone to campaigning to solve neighborhood problems and work on legislation in Council.

“Many of the best ideas I introduce on Council come directly from Lakewood residents,” said Bullock. “There’s no substitute for talking to the people. I always learn something new.”

## School Board Needs Someone With Financial Expertise

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and financial expertise needed to meet the fiscal challenges facing our school district.

- I have 10+ years of experience in the finance industry. This experience has enabled me to develop an extensive set of financial skills and expertise in financial planning, forecasting and budget optimization.
- I have 5+ years of experience as a teacher with high risk students from diverse backgrounds. This experience

has given me first-hand knowledge of the challenges our teachers and administrators face and the support they need to face the non-fiscal challenges confronting them.

- I have 8+ years of experience as a successful Lakewood small business owner. This experience has given me a wealth of knowledge in creative problem solving and fiscal responsibility.

**What Do I Look To Accomplish?**

Given the looming fiscal crisis,

the School Board needs someone with financial expertise. As a Board member, I promise to use my knowledge and financial expertise to find the solutions necessary to ensure that we close the projected \$16 million deficit in a financially responsible manner that is fair to our taxpayers, our employees and our students.

For more information on my Candidacy please go to my website at [www.CalleriForSchoolBoard.info](http://www.CalleriForSchoolBoard.info).

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## Architectural Board Of Review Gives Conditional Approval To McDonald's

by Chris Perry

In what has become an ever-common theme here in Lakewood recently, yet another standing room only crowd packed the auditorium at City Hall for the Architectural Board of Review meeting held to consider the proposed McDonald's site plan for the Detroit Theater property.

Woodward Avenue residents turned out in large numbers, myself included, to hear from both McDonald's Corporation representatives and the Architectural Board of Review about what may transpire on our street and our corner of Lakewood.

The meeting was called to order and the first order of business was rather mundane as we all sat through ten minutes of garage re-construction reviews before the McDonald's delegation was called forward to present its proposal. There was an eerie and prolonged moment of silence (for the Detroit Theater perhaps) in the City Hall auditorium as the folks from McDonald's spent a couple of minutes to queue up their power point presentation.

It should be noted that this was Architectural Board of Review Part II for McDonald's Corporation as their initial site plan proposal was denied for failing to meet the historical architecture standards as set forth by the City of Lakewood and reaffirmed by this board. In affect, the board said come back with something better and we will talk.

McDonald's Corporation brought in some of its 'big guns' to pitch their latest proposal to the Architectural Board of Review and in effect to the residents of Lakewood. As expected, the presentation was slick and crisp, as the Big Mac contingent set forth its new building design, lot design, greenspace (they kept calling it a park) complete with butterflies (seriously), landscaping, fencing, lighting, limiting storm-water runoff, sound and signage together with feel-good sustainability concepts and good neighbor assurances. For a moment, we were all transplanted to one giant Happy Meal ecotopia.

However, beyond the two-tone brick facade lies the drive-thru and its three – yes three – points of ingress and egress to and from Woodward Avenue. McDonald's calls it two points of access (into and out of the drive-thru), but the traffic flow pattern as delineated on the site plan also allows for restaurant parking/patrons to leave the parking lot via Woodward Avenue – hence the three points of ingress and egress. Woodward Avenue is yet further impacted by the addition of three dedicated parking spaces adjacent to the proposed McDonald's on the street. Speaking on behalf of Woodward Avenue residents, this is unacceptable and must be addressed firmly in the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

I will admit that the building proposal itself was an upgrade over the initial building design, but it will never be mistaken for an architectural treasure, rather just a step or two above the standard utilitarian McDonald's – it's not bad or good - it just reeks of mediocrity and Lakewood deserves better.

As the evening progressed, culminating in the Architectural Board of Review's conditional approval to the McDonald's building and property site plan, the only serious objections raised by the board as part of their conditional approval were building and property signage issues and what the proper color and materials used for the perimeter fence should be. In addition, the board also requested as a condition that windows be added to the corner of the proposed structure in lieu of a brick wall. It was obvious to the Woodward Avenue residents that the impact and design of the drive-thru and its traffic flow burden placed on our street fell far down the list of priorities for this project review.

At the prior Architectural Board of Review meeting in regard to this proposal, a member of the board stated that one of the primary goals of this review process is "all about traffic circulation" – in that regard this board failed Woodward Avenue residents and the concept of residential amenity.

At this Architectural Board of Review meeting, a member of the board stated that "traffic flow is a Planning Commission issue". My question to the board is what changed or transpired from one meeting to the next in regard to traffic circulation falling off the radar?

Mike Lewis, McDonald's lead spokesperson for this proposal, stated that McDonald's primary business practice is to capture the existing traffic flow along a particular street and he further acknowledged that they are not a destination type restaurant. Per McDonald's Detroit Avenue traffic flow study, over 10,000 cars a day travel past the Detroit Theater property and it is their primary goal to capture as many of those cars as possible on a daily basis. The problem lies in the fact that if the proposed site plan is approved, Woodward Avenue will be inadvertently capturing much of the McDonald's traffic to the detriment of our residents.

As previously mentioned, the board raised its most serious objection to the proposed size of the monument sign that McDonald's depicted in its presentation to be located at the Detroit Avenue entrance. In this regard, I feel that the Architectural Board of Review played right into McDonald's hands and fell for the manipulative tactics they use to make the McDonald's corporation appear to be willing and able to compromise without much of a fight.

The board fell for the show/stunt presented by the McDonald's contingent, as they claimed that they needed this massive and ugly 8-foot high, fire-engine red monument entrance sign as their dominant corporate presence display, knowing full and well that it would be universally rejected by the board. As soon as the board raised its objections to the size and scale of the entrance monument, low and behold, someone standing along the back wall of the auditorium sprang forward with an alternative concept drawing show-

ing a much smaller signage monument to placate the board. It was theatrics designed to show that they are willing to willingly compromise in hopes that the board would gloss over other critical aspects, such as traffic flow and residential impact – and it worked.

After the meeting adjourned, I quickly sought out Mike Lewis, McDonald's lead spokesperson for this proposal, and asked him to clarify a comment he made in response to my public comments to the Architectural Board of Review, that if in fact it was true that they had a prior site plan denied at the onset of this process by the Architectural Board of Review, and that plan had the entrance and exit for the drive-thru solely on Detroit Avenue, with no point of access to and from Woodward Avenue - he said yes. I asked him to re-confirm and he said yes again.

It seems that the Architectural Board of Review was deeply rooted, and dare I say fixated, on the concept of the new McDonald's structure abutting the sidewalks along the corner of Detroit and Woodward, which, by the way, the Detroit Theater currently does not. I know it's the board's job to look at the big picture for the preservation of Lakewood and the qualities that make it an attractive and desirable place to live.

Having lived elsewhere, in places where no Architectural Board of Review even existed, I value our volunteer board's service to Lakewood and the protective oversight and due diligence they bring to the preservation and planning process, but I feel they lost sight of the big picture on this project in regard to the overwhelmingly negative impact it will have on the residents of Woodward Avenue as they try to deal with a drive thru entrance and exit AND an additional parking lot exit, part of the McDonald's plan which every member of the board approved.

My greatest fear, aside from the obvious negative impact this decision places on the residents of Woodward Avenue, is that this ruling now establishes a precedent for future Lakewood drive-thru commercial development in which residential streets are willingly sacrificed in favor of the siting of a particular structure.

I, along with my many friends and neighbors on Woodward Avenue, feel that given the relatively small footprint of the proposed McDonald's structure in relation to the size of the parcel, that there is ample room to both accommodate the building abutting the sidewalk of Detroit Avenue (as it architecturally should) along with placing the entrance to the drive-thru and restaurant parking off of Detroit Avenue; and having said drive-thru wrap around the back of the structure and exit back onto Detroit, on the other side of the building. This would preserve the urban architectural environment so justifiably important to Lakewoodites and the members of the Architectural

Board of Review, as well as preserving the equally important quality of life issues for Woodward Avenue residents.

Councilman David Anderson eloquently stated the case on behalf of his constituents: that there is a need to more strongly consider and measure the impact of drive-thru business as it negatively impacts our residential amenity. This is the case not only with regard to the proposed McDonald's, Councilman Anderson said, but also for proposed construction yet to come. The city does not want to be caught flat-footed as future development unfolds. We should all appreciate his leadership on this issue.

The elephant in the room, the obvious solution to this equation, is an outright ban on drive-thru business in Lakewood from a go-forward basis, allowing those that presently exist to remain. Every Lakewood resident that I have spoken with about a drive-thru ban thoroughly supports the idea – regardless of which address they may reside.

If Lakewoodites truly desire to empower our city with the best defenses and tools necessary to preserve and accentuate the Lakewood we already have – the protection of our best economic and lifestyle assets being in large part the architecture and function that physically distinguishes our streets and neighborhoods from the doldrums of suburbia – taking up the cause of a drive-thru ban is path well worth taking. Do we have the guts and fortitude to pursue this worthy endeavor? This would help marginalize those people who want to knock Lakewood down because they think that's the best way to make money. We far too often seem to pre-occupy ourselves with obtaining shiny new objects rather than accentuating and building upon the many great assets we already have.

As the evening drew to a close, Lakewood Planning and Development Director Dru Siley, made some terrific closing comments. He reminded us that the south 70-feet of the Detroit Theater property is not zoned commercial, but rather residential, and that a conditional-use variance would have to be granted to McDonald's as part of the Planning Commission approval process. Apparently, it can also be revoked at any time due to traffic impact issues.

At this point, it appears that the Planning Commission may offer us a glimmer of hope in addressing our grievances and brokering a more residential amenity-centric solution on behalf of Woodward Avenue residents which would set the proper precedent going forward for future commercial/residential development scenarios.

Not to sound melodramatic, but I keep thinking about the last words ever spoken by Robert F. Kennedy, the night he won the 1968 California primary just before he was assassinated. His last words were, "And now it's on to Chicago and let's win there."

So, fellow Woodward Avenue residents and Lakewood concerned citizens, it's on to the Planning Commission and let's win there.

# Lakewood Public Library Events

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

**Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Lakewood Historical Society: From Slavery to Freedom**

*Main Library Auditorium*

During the first half of this powerful lecture, Dr. Deborah Abbott appears as a runaway slave, risking her own freedom to teach the audience about the ways of the Underground Railroad. Listen carefully! Her knowledge and hard-earned experience just might save your life. In the second half, the former professor and past president of the African-American Genealogical Society reveals the secret routes that ran through Ohio and discusses the state's impact on the movement. All the while, she never forgets the people who risked everything for simple human dignity.

**Saturday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Lakewood Art House Cinema: "The Dreamers"**

*Main Library Auditorium*

It is 1968 and Paris is burning with the fever of revolution. Outside the chained gates of the Cinematheque Francaise, a naïve American student meets Isabelle and Theo, beautiful French twins, and with one puff of smoke from her perfectly pouted lips his fate is sealed forever. An innocent dinner invitation leads to fast friendships and soon a game is revealed where the boundaries between love, lust and cinema are blurred with abandon.

**Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Sunday with the Friends: Vibrant Wind Dancers**

*Main Library Auditorium*

Every dance is different. The Vibrant Wind Dancers bring a Middle Eastern style to Celtic, Spanish, folk and pop music as they float across the stage with long, hand-dyed silk veils and scarves. This wind will take your breath away.

**Monday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Health and Wealth: Dominate the Competition with Online Marketing**

*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.

**Saturday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Film Neo Noir: "The Long Goodbye"**

*Main Library Auditorium*

Robert Altman drags detective Philip Marlowe kicking and screaming into the '70s in the body of Eliot Gould. While Raymond Chandler's legendary gumshoe investigates the disappearance of a friend, a mysterious blonde shows up asking him to look for her novelist husband, Sterling Hayden. Does she really want him found? Altman seems to be making a Film Noir and taking it apart at the same time. Leigh Brackett, the celebrated screenwriter of *The Big Sleep* (1946)—arguably the greatest of Marlowe's onscreen adventures—lends a hand.

**Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Sunday with the Friends: Crossen Combat Chronicles**

*Main Library Auditorium*

Author Richard "Chip" Heyl presents a unique animated lecture chronicling one brave Lakewoodite's journey through the Second World War. Follow John R. Crossen and the 135th Field Artillery Battalion through the tricky terrain of the New Georgian, Bouganville and Luzon campaigns in stunning detail.

**Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Health and Wealth: Preventing Cancer**

*Main Library Auditorium*

When the doctor said her leukemia was caused by toxins in the environment, Joy Wright became an expert at naming and eliminating the surprising number of poisons in her home. Now cancer-free, she wants to share this knowledge with you.

**Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Tech Class: Beginning Genealogy with Ancestry.com**

*Main Library Auditorium*

The popular Ancestry genealogy resource is now free to use every day at the Library. How far back would you like to trace your family tree? Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to use Ancestry to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices. Unravel your history with professional results.

**Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Lakewood Historical Society: Preserving a Streetcar Suburb**

*Main Library Auditorium*

Lakewood's history as a streetcar suburb may be the key to its future. The city's many small storefronts offer excellent affordable incubator space for new, locally-owned businesses. Dense, walkable communities with a mix of unique retail are also experiencing greater popularity. Michael Fleenor, Director of Preservation Services at the Cleveland Restoration Society, will talk about the development of traditional storefronts and how restoring character-defining features of these buildings is good for business and good for the community.

**Saturday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Lakewood Public Cinema: "Rushmore"**

*Main Library Auditorium*

Falling in love is a great excuse to be foolhardy. And being a misunderstood teenager is the best reason to throw your life away on a dream that isn't even yours. But Max Fischer, the greatest genius and worst student in the history of Rushmore Academy, will lick his wounds and rise again in this bittersweet comedy about the troubled relationships that befall idols and their pedestals. Did we mention Bill Murray's mustache?

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Celebrate Autumn With The Vibrant Wind Dancers

by Amy Kloss

When Mary Bodnar and the Vibrant Wind Dancers take the stage at the Lakewood Public Library on September 25, forget everything you think you know about belly dancing. What we in this country call belly dancing actually harkens back to an ancient tradition believed to have originated in Egypt.

Bodnar, founder and director of Vibrant Wind Dancers, calls their style Middle Eastern interpretive dance. Their beautiful, exotic performances incorporate costumes of flowing skirts, decorative hip scarves, nine-foot silk veils, world music and poetry.

The term “belly dance” is a literal translation of “danse du ventre”, which was popularized at the 1893 World’s Fair in Chicago. When the uncorsetted dancers gyrated their hips in exotic costumes, Americans of the time were shocked. Although Victorian society was affronted, men flocked to burlesque theaters and carnivals to see belly dancers. Americans throughout the 20th century continued to be fascinated by belly dancing, and interest in Middle Eastern dance as an art form and exercise regimen grew.

When Bodnar was introduced to this art form at an Artist’s Way retreat in 2006, she admits to having a bias herself. “Belly dancing had a negative connotation to me,” she says. However, when other participants raved about the workshop, she decided to try it.

“I was instantly hooked,” she says. She enjoys the meditative nature of it, which

helps relieve physical and mental stress. “It’s extremely well-fitted to the female body,” says Bodnar. “It’s good for women of all ages and can even be therapeutic for those with arthritis.” Although all parts of the body are involved, many movements in belly dancing involve isolating core muscles of the body. This improves flexibility of the torso and lengthens and strengthens the entire column of both spinal and abdominal muscles.

Bodnar does all of her own choreography, which incorporates standard rib, neck, hip and hand moves. “Working with a nine-foot veil is really intense,” she says. She likes to use different types of music, including traditional Middle Eastern, Celtic, New Age, South American, classical, folk, pop and rock.

At their appearance in the Auditorium on September 25, the Vibrant Wind Dancers will perform Autumn Air, a program of six interpretive dances, along with poetry from around the world. Appearing with Bodnar will be dancers Chris Blosser, Betty MacDonald and Lorelei Suehrstedt.

Although Bodnar has actively pursued performance opportunities since founding Vibrant Wind Dancers in 2009, she says stagefright is a problem for her. Even after dancing over 30 times in a variety of public venues, she still has to do deep breathing and meditation before she begins. “It’s horribly stressful for me,” she says. So why continue? “The big motivation for me is the mission to give back and teach people,” says Bodnar, an active community volunteer in other areas as well. “I love watching people’s faces when we perform.”

Join us to celebrate a new season when the Vibrant Wind Dancers perform Autumn Air at the Lakewood Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue, on September 25 at 2 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. This event is generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Friends of Lakewood Public Library.

Children And Youth Events At LPL

compiled by Arlie Matera

**Saturday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Zap the Magician**  
*Main Library Multipurpose Room*  
Join us for an evening of magic, comedy and fun with master magician Bob Durante, aka Zap the Magician. This family performance is free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, September 27 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Tie-Dye T-Shirts**  
*Main Library Multipurpose Room*  
**For youth in sixth through twelfth grade**  
Create your own tie-dye t-shirt at the Library! Bring a dark 100% cotton t-shirt and the Library will supply the rest.

**October 5 -November 16**  
**Hogwarts Express**  
*Main Library Multipurpose Room*  
**For students in fifth through eighth grade**  
Back by popular demand! Meet us on Platform 9 and ¾ to travel into the magical realm of Harry Potter. All registrants will be granted admission into the School of Magic. While enrolled, students will compete in Harry Potter-themed games and activities for the chance to win the house cup. To register, stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

**Thursday, October 6 – Friday, November 4**  
**Lakewood Public Library Spelling Bee**  
*Main Library Multipurpose Room*  
**For students in fourth through eighth grade**  
Can you spell c-a-c-o-p-h-o-n-y? If you can, or want to try, then be a part of the spelling bee! Grab your dictionary and get ready to “bee” the best speller in Lakewood. To register, stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

**Preliminary rounds:** Choose one date: October 6, October 13, or October 20 at 4:00 p.m.

**Competitor Meet and Greet:** Thursday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

**Spelling Bee Championship:** Friday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

**Saturday, October 8 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Tail Waggin’ Tutors**  
*Main Library Multipurpose Room*  
**For school-age children**  
Bone up on your reading skills by reading to a dog! Drop in for a one-to-one session with one of our dogs and owners that have been certified through Therapy Dogs International.

**Family Weekend Wonders**  
*Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium*  
Make the library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. We will provide materials and ideas for families wishing to continue reading and storytelling at home. All programs feature tips and techniques to help develop early literacy skills. These free programs are offered every weekend throughout the year at both Lakewood Public Library’s Main Library and Madison Branch. No registration is needed. Check out our website ([www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth)) for times and upcoming themes.

**Monday – Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Homework ER**  
*Children and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch*  
**For students in kindergarten through eighth grade**  
Need a little help with your homework? Come to the library for extra help and resources. There is no need to register in advance. Homework ER will be closed for school holidays and vacations.

**Discussion Groups For Parents Of Teens**  
by Andrew Harant

It’s no secret- teenagers can be very complex individuals. As their bodies change with hormones and their brains undergo a period of development on par with the rapid development we find in young children, they attempt to distinguish themselves and test the boundaries of rules, expectations and norms, setting the stage to become individual adults. These years may pose challenges for many families.

Lakewood Public Library, Lakewood Council of PTA, and Lakewood City Schools have teamed up to offer guidance and support to parents of teenagers through a 6-week discussion course which focuses on the book *Please Stop the Rollercoaster! How Parents of Teenagers Can Smooth Out the Ride* by Sue Blaney. There are two sessions from which to choose: Wednesday evenings (7:00-8:30 p.m., October 5- November 9) or Thursday mornings (9:30-11:00 a.m., October 6- November 10.)

Author Sue Blaney has a background as a Certified Professional Behavior Analyst and is a frequent speaker and national media expert on parenting teenagers. Her book, which is grounded in research and offers a wealth of practical, succinct information, guides parents of teenagers to examine and discuss the most important issues they are likely to face.

Each discussion group will be led by a trained professional, and copies of the book will be provided at no cost to the participants. For more information, visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/rollercoaster](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/rollercoaster). To register, please call or stop by Lakewood Public Library’s Children’s and Youth Services at (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

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Author Richard “Chip” Heyl To Present

Animated Lecture On The Crossen Combat Chronicles

by Morgan Maseth

Like many children, Sue McCreery only half listened to the stories her father told her of his life. It was not until she was older and her father had passed that she wanted to learn more about about him and his time spent in the Philippines during the Second World War. Fortunately, when the desire came to discover more of her father’s life she was able to turn to her childhood friend and author, Richard “Chip” Heyl to research it. The end result is The Crossen Combat Chronicles, the biography of Lakewoodite John R. Crossen. Join us for Heyl’s animated lecture on The Crossen Combat Chronicles at the Lakewood Public Library on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Heyl’s near forty years worth of experience in the US Intelligence Community as a full time Intelligence analyst made him just the person to take on writing a vivid, historical biography. His presentation will focus on John R. Crossen and the 135th Field Artillery Battalion detailing their New Georgian, Bougainville and Luzon campaigns. The Crossen Combat Chronicles presentation will not only create a better understanding of the Pacific War, but will also enlighten the audience to the contributions made by the Ohio Divisions.

Join us on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Auditorium for this unique and engaging presentation chronicling the journey of the brave Lakewoodite, and his fellow members



of the 135th Field Artillery Battalion. Books will be available for purchase and signing. This event is free to the public and funded by the Cuyahoga Arts Culture and the Friends of the Lakewood Public Library. For more information on the Crossen Combat Chronicles go to CrossenCombatChronicles.com.

Discover Your Family With

Ancestry.com, Library Edition

by Andrea Fisher

Did your ancestors arrive on the Mayflower? Was your great-grandfather a WWI hero? Unlock the story of your family’s past with one of the Library’s newest online resources. Ancestry.com, Library Edition can make this tremendous undertaking a little easier by providing access to thousands of records that will help you fill in your family tree. Genealogist Dr. Deborah Abbott will be here on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium to show you the ins and outs of genealogical research using Ancestry.com, Library Edition and other online resources.

Beginning this summer, Lakewood Public Library and all public libraries in the state of Ohio gained access to one of the most powerful tools in online genealogical research. Ancestry.com, Library Edition allows users to search census collections, immigration records, as well as birth, marriage and death records, and more. This resource is available for free to cardholders, but can only be accessed from the Library.

Dr. Abbott comes with a vast amount of experience as a genealogist. In addition to being the former president of the Cleveland African-American Genealogical Society, she is an adjunct faculty member at the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research at Samford University in Alabama. Abbott has presented lectures at many genealogical societies, libraries, schools, and churches throughout Ohio and surrounding states.

Join us on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about Ancestry.com, Library Edition. With Dr. Abbott’s expertise, you will learn to use this tool to gain knowledge of your family’s story and be able to share this history with future generations.

Spellers Wanted For Third Annual

Spelling Bee!

by Tracie Forfia

Attention Spellers!!! The Lakewood Public Library is hosting its third annual Spelling Bee for students in fourth through eighth grade. Last year, twenty-three students competed in the excitement-filled bee, and two participants were crowned champions. If you missed the fun last year, or want to relive it, now is your chance! Preliminary rounds will take place October 6, 13, and 20. You need only attend one preliminary round for a chance to qualify for the championship, which will be held on Friday, November 4. To register, call 216-226-8275, ext. 140 or stop by the Library. See you at the Bee!

Reverse Tie-Dye For Teens

by Stephanie Schuerger

Attention Teens! Not only does the Lakewood Public Library have an ever-expanding selection of books for you to peruse at the north end of our New Books Room, but we have a plethora of programming taking place between now and the New Year! To kick it off, we will be tie-dying a few t-shirts, but not in the traditional way. This time we’re going in reverse...as in dark colored shirts sprayed with bleach to lighten them up with cool designs and varying shades.

So join us on Tuesday, September 27 in the Main Library Multipurpose Room (15425 Detroit Ave.) at 7:30 p.m. Please bring your own dark-colored, 100% cotton t-shirt. (And please wear old clothes you don’t mind the risk of ruining with the bleach spray). This is a drop-in program, so there is no need to register. Students in 6th through 12th grade only, please!

Stay tuned for future articles about October’s Teen programming which includes activities during Teen Read Week, October 16 – 22, and “Fright Night: Tales of Terror” on October 27. Call (216) 226-8275 x140 for more information, or visit our website: [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/youth).

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# Culinary Arts Students Working Alongside Celebrity Chefs

by Christine Gordillo

Every day culinary students in the West Shore Career-Tech's ProStart program enjoy a fantastic facility that offers them hands-on experience as they learn. Recently, however, they've ramped up the real-world experience and glam factor with a few recent high profile jobs that had them rubbing elbows with stars of the culinary world.

On September 10, Junior Instructor Devan Sharosky accompanied three students to the St. John Medical Center's Top Chef competition at Quicken Loans Arena where four local chefs competed for the Top Chef title and \$2,500. Each chef was assigned a group of culinary arts students from different Northeast Ohio programs and the West Shore students were assigned to Michael Nowak, chef of Ohio City's Bar Cento. Modeled after Bravo's popular Top Chef series, the competition was high-pressured and demanded much from its participants. The chef and his student assistants had to plate 1,000 appetizers and 1,000 entrees for judges and the audience under strict time constraints.

"It was intense but a lot of fun. It was one of the best events we've ever participated in," said Sharosky.

With the aid of his West Shore helpers, Nowak captured the competition, besting fellow chefs Rob Records of Johnny's Downtown, Sarah Shera-



The winning Michael Nowak team, including students Harley Bishop, Xylon Garay and Cheyenne Smith (holding plaque), instructors Devan Sharosky and Joey Corti (far right) and Michael Nowak (black shirt) and assistants.

pita of Luxe in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood, and Jonathan Guest of Washington Place Bistro in Little Italy.

That capped off a busy weekend for the students. Just the night before, on Sept. 9, seven ProStart students had joined Head Instructor and Chef Rob McGorray at the Lakewood Community Services Center's Got Green? event at Madison Park to assist Greenhouse Tavern chef Jonathan Sawyer, one of Food & Wine's Best New Chefs of 2010. Sawyer provided the food, much of it from the LCSC's Madison Park garden and local farmers, and did a demonstration for the fundraiser attendees. This is the second straight year the students have been asked to provide their services.

"This is LCSC's only fundraiser

and it is critical to have the best possible service for our donors and supporters," said Trish Rooney, executive director of LCSC. "And Chef Jonathon has really high standards, which are hard to meet when serving 300 plus guests from an outdoor kitchen. In his comments at the event he once again praised the Culinary Arts students and also mentioned how exciting it is for him as a chef to meet young people interested in

making food their careers."

While the Top Chef and Got Green? events featured locally based food stars, last May culinary students had the privilege of working with a celebrity chef who is known worldwide. Guy Fieri brought his high energy act and platinum spiked hair to Playhouse Square in May for his interactive food show and the West Shore students were given the opportunity to plan and prep some of his demos side-by-side with Fieri and his crew.

"Each student got a behind-the-scenes look at a professional culinary event...and had the pride of knowing they were an integral part of that evening's show," Sharosky said.

The public will have a chance to enjoy the Culinary Arts students' talents come October 25 when the Ranger Café at West Shore opens its doors for lunch. The restaurant, which is student-operated, will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 529-4165.

## Lincoln Students Salute Safety Forces



Lincoln Student Council advisors and teachers Kathy Sisson (from left), Erin Hennessey and Gina Scavelli deliver the banner full of thanks from Lincoln first-graders.

by Christine Gordillo

In honor of this year's Patriot Day to honor September 11, Lincoln Elementary students and staff focused on thanking the safety forces for risking their lives every day to keep them safe. Primary grades wrote letters and made drawings about firefighters and the older grades did the same for police officers. First grade classes also created a banner that included poems, class letters and drawings from the three classrooms of first-graders.

One class wrote about "Firefighters," one of "Bravery" and the third about "Heroes." The banner was delivered to Fire Station #1 on Madison Avenue and was hung for display during the dedication of the 9-11 Memorial on this past September 11.

## Rangers Celebrate Victory Away

by Randy Varcho



Lakewood Rangers varsity players Jovon Young (2), Dan Angelo (76) and Deven Williams (40) share a post-game cheer with visiting fans after turning in a convincing 34-14 victory over host the North Olmsted Eagles. Junior tailback Young rushed for two fourth quarter touchdowns in the Fri., Sep. 9, game. The Rangers are 2-1 on the season.

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# September 11, 2011 - A Personal Reflection

by Jillian Snyder

**Stop dredging this up, I thought to myself. The memorials, the flags – there’s been plentiful commemoration.**

**And here I am, sleepless, almost tearful, about September 11, 2001, before I fall asleep on September 14, 2011.**

I was sixteen on September 11, 2001. I was a junior at Lakewood High school. It was a normal Tuesday. Without describing too many mundane details, just picture a sixteen-year-old girl in a semi-cool American Eagle Outfitters outfit carrying a gym bag containing Adidas shorts and an oversized t-shirt for cross country practice. I got to homeroom in plenty of time to socialize with my friends on that day, which is saying a lot, because to traverse the entirety of the high school takes at least seven minutes at a moderate pace. Moments after arriving in homeroom, my teacher related what seemed a somewhat unconfirmed story of a plane “crashing” into one of the World Trade Center towers. Was that in New York? I didn’t really know what the World Trade Center was. Maybe if she had said, “Oh, you know, that building that they show in When Harry Met Sally” I would have instantly known. But, being a naïve junior, and never having been to New York City, I didn’t really comprehend the magnitude of that news. There were two towers? After walking to Spanish class, I was told by one somehow informed peer; “Oh, they flew a plane into the Pentagon, too.” It didn’t register with me. What was even going on? No teacher explained what had happened, maybe because they didn’t really know what was going on either. On the afternoon of September 11, 2001, I can honestly say I was more concerned with conjugating Spanish verbs than with those unbelievable but confusing newswatches. Cross country practice went on, too. I don’t remember the practice, but I know I still wasn’t fazed. The reactions at Lakewood High School had no real impact on me. Coming home after school and practice, my parents flipped through every network for any scrap of news they could collect about the event. It seemed completely horrifying to me

that a commercial plane had crashed into an office building - but school resumed as normal, cross country practice commenced, homework was due. Life was not interrupted, and I was exhausted. My world didn’t change.

Two years later, I went to college to major in history and political science. Of course I can’t recall a politics course I took that didn’t integrate September 11, 2001 in its discussions. It was nearly impossible. Especially those foreign policy courses I took, which were defined by the tragic and unfathomable events of that day. Everything was marked by September 11, 2001. Math is a laughable weakness of mine, but I can do the math here: a decade passed since this horror occurred and just now, after majoring in political science and garnering a special interest in foreign policy, I am finally shook up, sleepless, scared, worried. What is my problem?

To refresh my memory, I recently took an admittedly peculiar, perhaps morbid, approach to the tenth anniversary of the attacks in the form of YouTube video searches. I have been searching “September 11 footage.” When I thought about it, it was almost as though I was a jury member who had been living underground, completely ignorant of the most popular current event of the millennium. I watched the different networks’ broadcasters react to the second tower being struck. The disbelief, the fear, the immediate grief, the attempted stoicism so bravely adopted by these news personnel impressed and saddened me. I was at first disappointed in myself that I had not really, truly, grieved about this tragedy personally before. I considered it in my essay answers in my exams in college, contemplated its repercussions in term papers, but had I ever really thought about what President Bush considered an act of terror by faceless cowards? The answer is no, I had not. I was ashamed.

I voted for President Bush in 2004. Many of my friends did not, and you can believe me, they were proud of not having done so. After the controversy, the uncertainty, and the overall anger revolving around our involvement in Iraq, I certainly second-guessed my deci-

sion to vote for this man and I often found myself avoiding the topic completely, or simply agreeing with the most liberal of my Democratic friends. But there is one thing George W. Bush had right. I’m 99.9% positive he didn’t write it himself, but he said, “America was targeted for attack because we’re the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining.” That statement has stuck with me.

At work the other day, the fire alarm went off. It was not a drill. I’m still not sure what happened – it was probably an overheated coffeemaker. But, having recently watched YouTube videos about the September 11 attacks, I was obsessed with the horror and the remote and yet real possibility of such a terrorist event occurring. But as I walked down the 18 flights of stairs, overheated, anxious, and frustrated with my lollygagging coworkers as they plodded down the stairs while conversing about what an inconvenience the exodus was, I remembered to myself that September 11, 2001 will never happen again. Our nation, our state, our municipality – is safe. I can’t say whether I would have felt this way had Al Gore been elected. I honestly don’t know. I neither condone nor praise President Bush for his foreign policy measures, but I do honor him and the civilian heroes of that day. The heroism and courage of our president and of our people – the victims, the NYFD, fire departments across the nation including the Lakewood

Fire Department – rose above the cowardice of those despicable terrorists. While my irrational fear of a terrorist hijacking a plane crashing into my twenty-floor, rather than less “skyscraper” in downtown Cleveland never entered my mind at inopportune times, I’m better. Our nation has been strengthened at the expense of brave men and women while that fact saddens me deeply, it comforts me all the same.

I can sleep knowing I am safe. I will be able to properly, personally thank those who gave me the power and confidence to make that assertion, which is why I want you – don’t let a decade go by before you reflect upon the events of September 11. Confront it, contemplate it, commemorate it. Be grateful that we live in the land of the free and remember why we are free.

**Sleep well. Be well. We are safe.**

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photo by Jim O'Bryan

Clockwise from top of opposite page: The monument in moonlight. The huge crowd that showed up to see the monument unveiled. The monument in daytime. People lining up to get their photo taken in from of it.

## Thank You

by Jim O'Bryan

I have had the pleasure of watching the entire 9-11 Monument Project from beginning to end. And in the end I think it turned out better than anyone could hope for. I had been strangely removed from the emotional side of this project, but felt it grow as I saw the pride in everyone associated with it. From the Lakewood High Students to Fire Inspector Tim Dunphy, Seth Andre and other firefighters to the city workers headed up by Public Works Director Joe Beno. Everyone radiated pride while working on this project. The other night Tim lent me a copy of “9-11 The Documentary.” It was made by two French brothers who just happened to be making a documentary about becoming a firefighter when the planes hit. It is their footage that is always shown of the first plane hitting the building. At no point in their next 6 hours of filming did a single fireman show anything but extreme bravery and extreme dedication in saving lives. If you get a chance, watch it it is amazing, and inspiring.

Thank you to everyone involved in this project. You did an amazing job for Lakewood, and for the memories of all of the lives that have been lost, before and since that terrible day.



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9-11 Monument

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Their parents, their children, their wives,  
Leaving emptiness, where once was laughter,  
They’ll carry with them all of their lives.

Just imagining the total devastation,  
These men of daring had to fight,  
Puts their complete dedication,  
In very exceptional light.

The dastardly acts of psychotic terrorists  
Who took New York’s innocents, by utter surprise,  
Leaving death, ravage and waste,  
To be witnessed by millions of eyes.

We saw towering buildings,  
Standing so stately and tall,  
Against Skies so blue in the sunshine,  
Then suddenly crumble and fall.

These heroes they entered those buildings,  
Dust and smoke in their lungs and their eyes,  
Witnessing screaming and falling bodies,  
And hearing such heart wrenching cries.

But still they continued their mission  
In that inferno of chaos and death  
Rescuing, freeing and helping,  
Never quitting till their very last breath.

It’s many years since that tragedy happened,  
On that beautiful day in September,  
I know in our minds I can see it,  
And the whole world will always remember.

There’s no way we could ever repay them,  
For a task, where they gave it their all,  
Showing the highest limit of bravery,  
From the moment that they got the call.

Now these beams that make up this “Memorial,”  
From the towers that once stood so high,  
Are symbolic of our loss and our gratitude,  
And what we believe in and why.

So may God bless all of our firefighters,  
Yes all the brave women and men,  
Always here to serve and protect us,  
So that our Freedom Rings Again and Again!

Bill Knittel  
Poet Laureate of Lakewood, Ohio

photo by Jim O'Bryan





Lakewood Remembers

Did We Win?

I told myself not to. I suggested that my wife didn't either. I knew what my reaction would be, so I tried not to watch any of the coverage of the ten-year anniversary of the attacks of 9/11. But I failed. I guess it was just too prevalent; the shows were everywhere and on seemingly every television channel. And I guess my curiosity and solemn nostalgic reflection just wouldn't let me turn my head away. So I watched, and I remembered, and I cried, all over again.

As I sat quietly with my family on Sunday morning, the bells were rung, the names were read, and words were spoken in honor and respect for that fateful day. But with all the news and analysis of that day and every day since, I couldn't help but ask myself one question about the war on terrorism that kicked into high gear ten years ago: Did we win?

We chased Al Qaeda from strongholds in the governments of several Middle Eastern countries, but are we safer? We instituted tons of new restrictions when flying, passed many new laws and regulations, and even created a whole new federal department, but is our homeland more secure? We've won nearly every battle, we found and killed Osama Bin Laden, but have we won the war? I'm inclined to say no.

In a post cold-war world, we were the lone remaining super power, but since terrorism is a tactic that can be

carried out by a single person acting alone, no amount of military might can eradicate it from the world. When faced with unwinnable odds, radicals don't fight, they hide, they survive, they lie dormant and wait for their numbers or odds to increase and then they strike again. Regardless of how many bullets or bombs we use, only history will show the real effects of the military war on terror.

But, in the same way that our military force can't change their religious or political ideology, their psychological warfare is meaningless if we stay true to our way of life. Terrorism is powerless if we refuse to cower, and no amount of random violence can be effective if we resolve to be steadfast in our freedoms. But in the war of ideals the question remains the same... did we win? And again, I'm inclined to say no.

One of the products of the attacks of 9/11 was an almost immediate spike in church attendance. When faced with the horrible tragedy of that day, millions of Americans sought the guidance or even just the solace of their previously discarded faith. Yet, ten years later, the anniversary ceremony in New York was purposely kept nearly religiously vacant. Why? Are we scared that our religious freedoms might offend someone? Do we think

that the way to combat religious fanaticism is with secular cowardice?

This country was founded on the principle of individual freedoms, yet in the years since 9/11 we seem all too eager to give them up. In the wake of the 911 Commission Report, new legislation was formed which gave the government expansive powers. The Patriot Act brought us warrantless wiretaps and Homeland Security made it illegal to bring toothpaste onto an airplane. But the words of Benjamin Franklin were never more true: "Those who give up essential liberty to obtain temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Actually, the biggest reason I don't think we're winning the war on terror is because I'm not convinced that we're really fighting it. If we really wanted to strike a blow at terrorism, I can think of no more powerful response than rebuilding the very towers they knocked down, bigger, better, and faster than ever before. It took only 10 years to build the Panama Canal, yet ten years later we're still faced with a scarred skyline in lower Manhattan. As the saying goes, it's not whether or not you get knocked down, but whether or not you get back up again.

And our scars aren't just architectural. As a society, I see far too many

people walking on politically correct egg shells. We're acting like the victim of spousal abuse who, instead of standing up, apologizes to the abuser. Our thick skin and resiliency used to be a source of national pride, but one decade later, the same country that provided federal funding for a person to put a crucifix in urine and call it art now wordsmiths documents and speeches to remove so-called "insensitive" terms, and "inflammatory" remarks. And, newspapers that portrayed a vice president as Darth Vader shy away from printing political cartoons because the subject matter might be too controversial.

We're not winning the war on terror. We're not fighting a war on terror. Ten years ago, 19 hijackers took control of four planes; they killed thousands of innocent people and caused billions of dollars in damage. But everything they've taken from us isn't nearly as devastating a loss as what we've freely given up; our national pride, our multi-ethnic and multi-cultural perseverance, our 'melting-pot' mentality, and even our individual sense of humor. If we want to beat terrorism, if we want to strike a blow to religious fanaticism, then we need to return to being a society that can complete the sentence, "a Christian, a Jew, and a Muslim walk into a bar..." in some way that doesn't end in violence.

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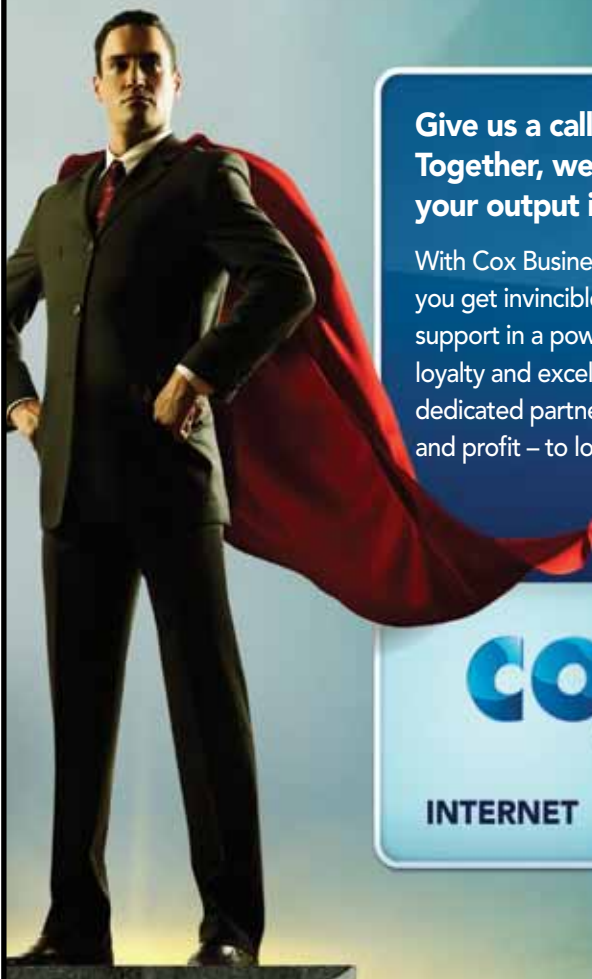
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Lakewood Is Art

# Lakewood Folk Musician Pre-Writes SB 5 History

by Brian Baddou

American folk music often stirs citizens about current events, or preserves the memory of past ones. A recent song may be the first that preserves history yet to unfold.

John Lennon sang “Give Peace a Chance.” Gordon Lightfoot immortalized “The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald.” Pete Seeger reminded those fighting for civil rights that “We Shall Overcome.”

And Jack Mizenko chronicled the hypothetical reversal of S.B. 5 in “John Kasich.”

“I was actually fooling around with the song ‘John Henry’ with some fifth-graders here in the spring, and the song ‘John Kasich’ sprung out of that,” he recalled. A retired Cleveland teacher, and now a teaching artist with local arts organization Roots of American Music, Mizenko has spent as much time in the classroom as he has with The FlipSide, a folk rock band, in which he sings and writes folk songs, and plays a bevy of



The FlipSide (L-R): Bob “Gib” Gibbons, Beth “Flip” Hyland, B. Ryan B., Mark Ronan, Jack Mizenko.

instruments.

His song predicts that “when the ballots were tallied, the people had

nor, the song’s namesake, as fallout from the controversy. Those predictions have proven popular with some of the band’s audience.

“More than any of our other original songs, this one has perked up our crowds this summer, and drawn some extra applause and fist-pumping,” said B. Ryan B., The FlipSide’s bass guitarist.

At a recent concert, Mizenko dedicated the song “to all of the public employees out there – state employees, county, city, suburbs.” The band is currently making the song available free-of-charge to the organizations behind the State Issue 2 ballot referendum.

The FlipSide is a Cleveland-based folk rock band, founded in 2004, and currently touring the Midwest.

The FlipSide band’s web site: [HearTheFlipSide.com/](http://HearTheFlipSide.com/)

Mizenko’s bio: <http://www.RootsOfAmericanMusic.org/staff-mizenko.htm>

## (Off) Broadway at the Beck: The Marvelous Wonderettes

Jukebox musicals on (and off) Broadway today are about as pervasive as simple love songs on radios of the 1950’s and 60’s. This month at the Beck, you can get both for the price of one in the upcoming production of The Marvelous Wonderettes.

Judging by opening night’s dancing baby boomers and gen Y-ers alike, it’s clear that the golden age of pop music still lives inside a lot of American audiences. But the “jukebox musical” genre has gotten a pretty bad rep critically—and with good reason. With thin, predictable plotlines tied together only by unrelated and re-purposed pop songs, the “jukebox musical” doesn’t push any boundaries or show us any-

thing new. Of course, we know that adage that there’s nothing new under the sun, and it’s true; adaptations often stand alone as beautiful, entertaining stories in and of themselves. But on top of the jukebox movement, the Disney empire has simultaneously been converting Shrek, Mary Poppins, The Little Mermaid and so many more Disney classics into stage musicals with varying degrees of artistic and box office success. It seems this unsurprising recycled material in general is overstaying its welcome.

There. I said it. My bias is out there. But in an attempt to strip myself of it, I

know that if it wasn’t for the admirable work of artists like four wonderettes at the Beck, singing, dancing and smiling their taffeta off, I’d feel more disconcerted. As it stands, bring on the bubble gum! These girls know how to use what they’re working with, and their hard work and good instincts are obvious.

Lakewood’s lucky to have Aimee Collier, Nikki Curmaci, Theresa Kloos, and Caitlin Elizabeth Reilly (including her absolutely adorable choreography.) Sure, they’re playing stereotypes, but director William Roudebush’s casting and direction shows each actor’s strengths. Kloos showcases her delicate soprano voice (paired with hilarious unexpected moments of belting and some well-planned audience interaction). Reilly’s knack for comedy is front and center. Collier and Curmaci master the art of mean-girl cattiness—the magnetic Curmaci using passive-aggressive prom queen jabs while Collier does well to show Betty Jean’s more...blunt side.

The first act is fun enough, set in a gymnasium for their 1958 senior prom. But it’s the second act that I found myself really looking forward to, knowing there would be a ten-year reunion of those same quirky high-schoolers I came to love in the first act, despite (or maybe partly because of) the bright colors contrived song cues.

Find out for yourself what can happen ten years after their senior prom.

Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors (65 and older), \$17 for students (with valid ID), and \$10 for children (12 and under). An additional \$3 service fee per ticket is applied at the time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, September 15, is \$10 with general

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Beck Center’s production of The Marvelous Wonderettes is presented through special arrangement with Steele Spring Theatrical Licensing and is sponsored by Cox Communications, Ohio Arts Council and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

And read more about off-Broadway and the jukebox musical in the meantime with these selections available at the Lakewood Public Library:

Off-Broadway musicals since 1919: from Greenwich Village Follies to The Toxic Avenger” and “Something in the air: radio, rock, and the revolution that shaped a generation.




Pinky Promise: From left to right, Nikki Curmaci (Cindy Lou), Caitlin Elizabeth Reilly (Suzy) and Aimee Collier (Betty Jean) in The Marvelous Wonderettes at the Beck Center for the Arts, September 16 through October 16, 2011.

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# Lakewood Cares

## Ministerial Musings: Remembering Phil

by Rev. Dr. John Tamilio III

Once in a while, a name washes upon our shore: one not heard in eons. With those waves come a flood of emotions — emotions no storm warning could forecast.

Facebook and other social media have enabled people to reconnect with friends from yesterday. Recently, a childhood friend I have not seen in about eighteen years found me in cyberspace. It was great to reminisce with Darrell on-line. We recalled growing up on the North Shore of Boston — how we were street hockey fanatics and aspiring audiophiles.

In the course of one of our conversations, Darrell asked, “Have you heard about Phil?” I knew right away that he was referring to a good, mutual friend of ours from childhood: Phil Paluzzi.

“No, what about him?” I asked. “He died three days ago,” Darrell told me. When I asked what happened Darrell told me that Phil died from some disease he (Darrell) could not pronounce. I went on-line and read his obituary. Phil died after a long struggle with scleroderma.

I spent the rest of that afternoon in a funk. I made contact with other friends who had seen Phil more recently; they said he did not look good. He had lost a great deal of weight, he looked gaunt, and he seemed somewhat aloof.

Hearing about the death of a childhood friend — who died at the young age of 41 — brings one’s own mortality into bold relief. My friends

could have been talking about me on Facebook. It could easily have been me who passed away after battling a disease that was difficult to pronounce. All it takes is the death of one’s peers (especially one you remember as a child) to put your own mortality into focus.

It is true. We are only here for a short time. To quote Pink Floyd, “Life is a short, warm moment and death is a long cold rest. You get your chance to try in the twinkling of an eye: eighty years, with luck, or even less.” Morbid? Maybe. But true? Indeed.

So what’s the solution, since no one gets out of here alive?

As simple as it seems, we can fret about it or we can do something. In terms of the latter, I recall the words of Henry David Thoreau, who, in his pièce de résistance Walden, encouraged his readers to live life to the fullest, to suck the marrow out of life. We can see beauty and purpose all around us, rather than dwelling on the inevitable.

I once heard a story about a monk who was walking through the woods. All of a sudden a ferocious tiger jumps out of nowhere and starts chasing him. The monk runs to the edge of a cliff and realizes that he has nowhere to go.

He notices that there is a branch hanging just over the cliff, so he grabs hold of it and dangles just beneath the tiger who prances back and forth and sniffs — waiting for the monk to surface so he can devour him.

The monk looks down and notices that there is another tiger below, who is waiting for him to let go of the branch so that he can eat him instead.

The monk then looks to the side and notices another branch with a single, ripe, beautiful, red strawberry on it. He smiles, plucks the strawberry, eats it, and, delighted, declares that it is quite delicious.

We can go through life worrying about when it’s our turn. Might we get sick? Will we have an accident? Will we be old? Young? Alone? Surrounded by family members and friends? We can live or we can die. The choice is ours.

George Santayana put it best: “There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval.” I choose the interval, in honor of my friend.

**For Phillip J. Paluzzi**  
**October 4, 1969 – September 10, 2011**



John Tamilio III is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, an accomplished guitarist, and a nationally published author. His first book of poetry, *Blind Painting*, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Letters in 2003. He and his wife, Susan, live in Lakewood, Ohio with their children: Sarah, “Jay” (John IV), and Thomas.

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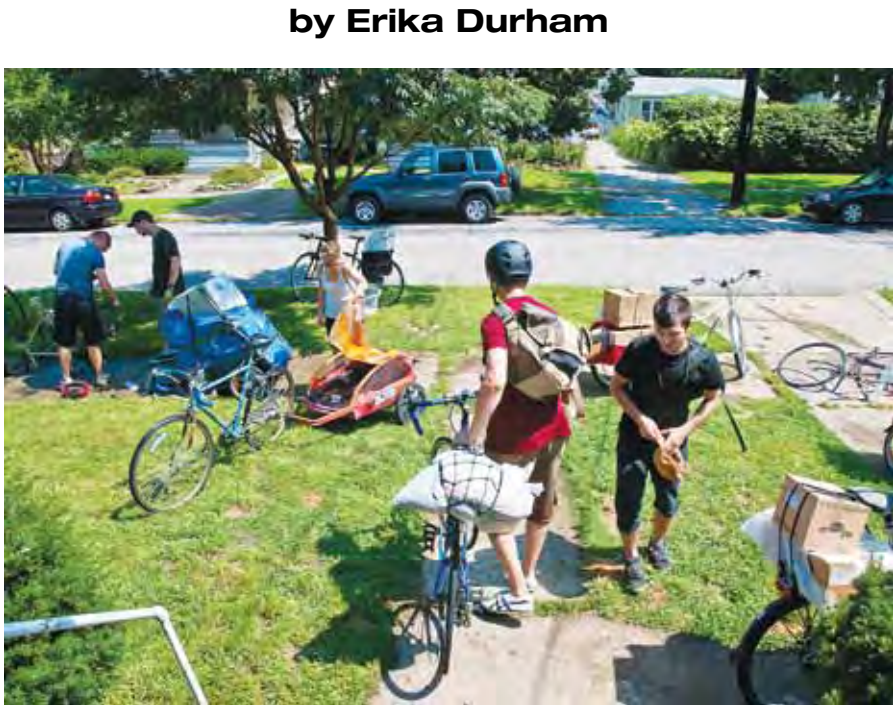
Lakewood Cares

Rad Times For Lakewood Bikers

Instead of featuring an individual cyclist this issue, I think it's time to talk about how awesome all of the Lakewood cyclists are as a group, and highlight some of the great things happening in this city.

Cleveland's first known Bike Move happened last month in Lakewood, as a group of about 15 cyclists moved almost all of Frank Lanza's possessions from his old apartment to his new one, a distance of about three miles. Using bike racks, panniers, trailers and Extracycles, everything was taken, piece by piece, in a matter of hours. A big thanks goes out to Frank for organizing such an exciting event, and also to the cyclists for their hard, history-making work.

Last week also marked the first ever Lakewood Critical Mass Ride, affectionately known as "Lakewood Sunday Mass". The first ride was a small one, but we are looking forward to its growth in numbers as it promotes safe cycling and a more positive relationship between cyclists and drivers. Lakewood Sunday Mass will be taking place on the second Sunday of every month, beginning at Lakewood Park (the intersection of Lake and Belle), with different routes planned for each ride. Information on meeting times and routes will be posted on the Lakewood Sunday Mass Facebook page, as well as on fliers and by word



Friends and neighbors gathered with bikes in tow to move Lakewood Observer contributing photographer Frank Lanza accross town entirely powered by bikes!

of mouth. At least in my opinion, there are few things in life that are as much fun as going on a long bike ride with a fantastic group of people. You should totally get in on this!

The Bike Lakewood group is also getting back on its feet after a brief hiatus, so any interested cyclists who want to contribute to the cycling community can get involved. Bike Lakewood, the sponsor of Lakewood Sunday Mass, will soon be working once again towards

safer streets and cycling awareness, as well as making an effort to bring cyclists together for group rides and productive discussions to support our growing community. There is also a group of Bike Lakewood riders who are working on collecting excess food from local establishments to donate to shelters in the area. The goal is to have all of the donations picked up and delivered by bike and trailer; the program will hopefully be rolling by the time this is in print.



The Cleveland Bike Summit was held on September 10 and 11 as a way for cyclists to come together to speak up about their needs for riding in the city. Issues such as bike lanes, bike racks, and building the cycling community were discussed by city officials, transportation officials, bike shop owners, and riders, as well as educators. Although many of the topics listed will take time to develop, keeping these discussions going is key to success.

Biking is not just a passing fad. As time goes by, more people are making the switch to bicycle in whatever way they can. The positives of riding are seemingly endless, with very few drawbacks. It brings people closer to their community, is a great form of exercise, is a literally zero-emission way to travel, and it just feels fantastic.If you're a rider, thanks for getting out there and helping to build the cycling presence in this city, and if you're a skeptic, just give it a try. You might find your life changed for the better by one of the simplest and most beautiful of machines.

Check Lakewood Sunday Mass and Cleveland Critical Mass on Facebook and/or visit [www.bikecleveland.org](http://www.bikecleveland.org) for more info...

...and don't forget to grab the next issue for a Two Wheels face-off of polar opposite bikers!

Jersey Boy For Adoption!

by Dawm Pyne

Jersey is a beautiful long-haired male tuxedo, about 2 years old. He loves being petted and will even roll over for you to get his belly! His long fur makes him

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# Business News

## There Is No “Wrong Door” For Economic Development

by Valerie Mechenbier

The City of Lakewood’s Planning & Development Department, LakewoodAlive, and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce receive calls every day from residents and businesses regarding economic development issues. Dru Siley, Director of Planning and Development for the City of Lakewood, stresses that there is no “wrong door” when it comes to economic development and that any of the above-named organizations are equipped to answer questions and point callers in the right direction. It is important to note, however, that each of these organizations has a specific mission and purpose.

The Department of Planning and Development coordinates long-range planning, zoning, and economic development for the City of Lakewood as well as administers the federal Community Development Block Grant Funds awarded to Lakewood by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

LakewoodAlive Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2002 by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce as Lakewood Community Progress Inc. LakewoodAlive is a nonprofit economic development corporation whose mission is to facilitate economic stability and growth in the City of Lakewood. LakewoodAlive’s three programmatic areas are downtown Lakewood revitalization (using the Main-Street™ approach), housing outreach and community engagement.

The Lakewood Chamber of

Commerce is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit membership organization that is the leading business association for the advocacy and advancement of business interests in the greater Lakewood community. There are nearly 400 members in the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

These often-asked questions and answers might help to further clarify the roles of these three organizations:

**I own a business that I’d like to relocate to (or within) Lakewood. How do I find the appropriate building or storefront for my business?**

The City of Lakewood Planning & Development Department has information regarding available commercial space in Lakewood. The City can assist you with finding space, identifying technical & financial resources, and securing your certificate of occupancy.

**My office is in downtown Cleveland, but I live in Lakewood and do plenty of business here. How can I meet new potential clients and customers in Lakewood?**

From seminars, monthly meetings, and various committees and task forces, the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce can help you make new contacts, gain referrals and meet people who can help you with ideas and additional ways to grow your business.

**I’m a Lakewood resident and I’d like to make a tax-deductible donation that benefits Economic Development in my city.**

Become an investor in LakewoodAlive, a resident-based 501(c)(3) organization that was founded to advocate for citizen engagement in economic development issues.

**I’m a Lakewood business trying to grow my business and become more visible in the community. Who can help?**

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce offers a wide range of affordable advertising options and sponsorship packages for businesses and non-profit organizations. Membership also provides free marketing opportunities as the Chamber is always looking to publicize member-related news and events.

**I’m a merchant in the downtown Lakewood footprint (Detroit Avenue between Bunts and Arthur) and I’m interested in partnering with neighboring businesses on upcoming events and beautification efforts.**

Join your fellow business owners in the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance. The DLBA is a committee of LakewoodAlive dedicated to building and branding Lakewood’s historic business district. The DLBA meets regularly to discuss issues specific to downtown and to collaborate on marketing efforts, cross-promotion, and downtown events.

**I’d like to make a tax-deductible contribution to an organization that focuses on improving Lakewood’s housing stock.**

Support LakewoodAlive. The LakewoodAlive Housing Outreach Program provides free services to Lakewood

residents who need help or financial assistance with maintaining their homes.

**I’m a business person who is interested in saving money. How can I obtain less expensive health care and other business services?**

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is a member of NOACC (Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce). Through this partnership Lakewood Chamber members have access to substantial savings on Anthem (health, life, disability) insurance, workers’ compensation, credit card & payroll processing, office supplies and services, FedEx shipping, Constant Contact email marketing, and more.

**How do I get my Lakewood business listed on the EXP Lakewood iPhone app?**

The EXP Lakewood iPhone app is a joint venture between LakewoodAlive and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. Businesses in the Downtown Lakewood footprint and Lakewood businesses that are members of the Chamber are automatically included in the app, as are parking areas, parks, and other points of interest.

Despite these challenging economic times, Lakewood is a city on the move. The City of Lakewood, LakewoodAlive, and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce are working together to make Lakewood a great place to live and to do business. Want to be a part of the renaissance? Knock on any door!

(Shannon Strachan of LakewoodAlive contributed to this story.)

## Northwesterly Welcomes New Chef, Susan Hunter

by Annette Kelly

Northwesterly Assisted Living would like to introduce you to our newest team member. Chef Susan Hunter has come to Northwesterly as our Director of Dietary Services. She is responsible for overseeing the dietary department and making our delicious and nutritious home-cooked meals from scratch every day. Susan has a passion for food and it shows through her creative collection of cuisines served to the residents of Northwesterly every day. Understanding how aging can impact our taste buds and

sense of smell, Susan selects ingredients and flavors that are tasty and smell delicious. In collaboration with our Registered Dietician, she incorporates residents’ personal recipes, special requests, old time favorites and specific dietary needs to our daily menu options.

Susan has been in the food service industry for 29 years. She has been the Chef at other senior living communities, exclusive golf clubs and family owned restaurants. Susan is a mother and a grandmother, she enjoys cooking, baking, reading and crocheting. Please help us to welcome Susan to our family, stop in to meet her and the rest of the Northwesterly team today!



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October 23 - November 1

West End Halloween Window Walk Painting Contest

Thursday, November 17

Joint Luncheon with Rocky River

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November 11- December 5

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## Lakewood Resident Christine Nelson To Head JobsOhio Regional Office

by Jenny Febbo

Team Northeast Ohio (Team NEO) recently announced the appointment of Christine Nelson as vice president, regional business development for the JobsOhio Regional Office in Northeast Ohio. As one of six JobsOhio Network Regional Partners across the state, Team NEO will oversee the new office, which is expected to be operational by October 1.

Nelson, an economic and community development professional with experience at the city, county and regional levels, will manage the office and direct a four-person staff that will assist companies and communities seeking support from JobsOhio for growth and job creation. She will report to Tom Waltermire, CEO of Team NEO.

“Christine’s diverse experience and strong relationships throughout our region make her ideally suited for her new responsibilities,” said Waltermire. “She has the expertise, energy and enthusiasm to drive success for the benefit of our region and the entire state.”

With the launch of the JobsOhio Regional Office, Team NEO will have two primary business lines reporting to Waltermire – business development, led by Nelson, and business attraction, led by Jay Foran. Foran, who is senior vice president, business attraction, will direct the organization’s business

attraction team and lead Team NEO’s efforts to bring new businesses and jobs to Northeast Ohio.

“Jay has been the backbone of our business attraction efforts for several years,” said Waltermire. “His knowledge of the region’s assets, businesses and high-growth industry clusters are without equal. He has built a highly skilled team of business attraction professionals who excel at developing relationships and leads with site selectors and corporate clients.”

Nelson, who joined Team NEO in 2008, most recently served as vice president, business attraction. Previously, she was the Economic and Community Development Manager for Cuyahoga County, where she was directly responsible for creating two national award-winning economic development programs leveraging research, consensus building, funding and implementation. Earlier in her career, she held economic development roles with the City of Bedford and the City of

Lakewood, where she designed, developed and implemented comprehensive economic development programs.

A graduate of Hiram College, Nelson also received a Master’s of Public Administration degree from Cleveland State University and is a Certified Economic Developer by The National Development Council. She is the President of the Board of Trustees for the Greater Cleveland Community Improvement Corporation, serves on the Steering Committee for The Community Partnership for Arts and Culture and is a National New Market Tax Credit Reader for the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

In addition to Team NEO’s existing role of marketing the region and attracting new businesses and its new role as JobsOhio Regional Partner, it also will facilitate the development of a regional economic strategy and increase collaboration among the region’s largest economic development groups.

The nine-member Ohio Third Frontier Commission recently awarded Team

NEO a one-year, \$4.1 million grant from the Ohio Third Frontier program to support its new responsibilities. The grant is part of \$14.8 million awarded to the six regional partners to foster job creation and economic development.

Northeast Ohio is the largest of the six JobsOhio regions, with more than four million people. The region spans from Sandusky and Mansfield in the west to Youngstown, Ashtabula and East Liverpool in the east and from Cleveland to Dover and New Philadelphia, north to south. Team NEO meets monthly with economic development organizations from each of the 18 counties in the region to share best practices and discuss new initiatives.

### About Team NEO

Team NEO advances Northeast Ohio’s economy by serving as the 18-county region’s private-sector economic development hub. It connects the region to the state’s JobsOhio program and attracts new businesses worldwide. Since 2007, the organization has attracted 47 new company operations, 3,800 new jobs and more than \$151 million in annual payroll to Northeast Ohio, leading to a total annual regional payroll benefit of \$257 million.

## The Reagle Beagle Under New Ownership

by Josie George Blackburn

The Reagle Beagle was purchased by entrepreneur couple Sharbel and Anita Boutros in March 2011. Since then, the couple has remodeled the facility, adding to the menu of services. We offer tradi-

tional barbering with old world style including hot steam towel shaves that I perform as house barber and General Manager. The Boutros’ believe that being a one-of-a-kind salon and barber spa brings the ultimate experience to all men who appreciate being catered to by an attractive, talented and experienced styling team. We specialize in giving you the most relaxing and fun experience you will ever have in any salon. We guarantee that you will keep returning.

The Reagle Beagle features flatscreen TV’s in our waiting area and in each of our stylist’s rooms. This hair salon & spa caters to men who appreciate precision-tailored haircuts, facial massage, body waxing, hand detailing, shaving, and massages. Coming soon are pedicures, two stand-up tanning beds, and men’s hair replacement. The managing owner Anita has been with the Reagle Beagle since the salon opened 7 years ago. Anita has developed a new menu of services based on the requests of clientele who frequently visit this one-of-a-kind establishment.

One of the relaxing featured services is the “Boss Cut.” This is our signature cut. It includes a personal consultation,

precise detailed tailored cut, moisturizing facial massage with reviving under-eye treatment, hot steamed towels, energizing shampoo with a menthol scalp massage, hot lava stone neck massage, finishing touch styling, and a complimentary shoe shine upon request. If you don’t need your hair cut and you just want to relax, try our stress reliever. This includes everything you receive with the “Boss Cut” except for the haircut, plus a paraffin hand dip. We also have programs for our clients who enjoy regular visits to our salon. They include a rewards program and a referral program. The Reagle Beagle also offers Groomsmen parties where the entire salon and the staff are yours. The morning of your wedding, you and your groomsmen enjoy a choice of services and lunch. Get “manscaped.”

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**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm**

October is breast cancer awareness month so join us at Northwesterly Assisted Living for an all you can eat spaghetti dinner! Bring in the family for a night of fun and entertainment all while raising awareness and funds to fight breast cancer. All proceeds will be donated to Susan G. Komen. Cost is \$5 per person and \$3 per child 12 and under. A 50/50 raffle and other games will entertain you and your family during this fun filled evening. **Please RSVP by October 3rd.**



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# Pulse Of The City

Our Centennial City...

## A Lakewood Kid's Food, A Half-Century Ago

by Gary Rice

I really don't like admitting this, but I just don't cook much. Being born without a significant sense of smell limited my time in the kitchen. Sure, I can taste whatever sweet, sour, salty, hot, and cold sensations the tongue can offer, but still, if you blindfolded me and alleviated the "crunch" factor, I would be hard pressed to tell you whether I was munching on a hot dog or an egg roll.

Having ear, nose, and throat conditions while growing up, I looked at food primarily as fuel for the body, and little else. I've been told that smell is one of the prime motivators to get the "hungries" going, so when I was young I was underweight and practically had to be forced to eat. When my parents took me out to a nice restaurant, they were often embarrassed when I told them that all I wanted was a grilled cheese while they wanted steak dinners. A throat condition also caused me to prefer softer food, as I had trouble swallowing from time to time. When I did eat a sandwich, I needed to have the crust cut off the bread first, and the sandwiches were all soft ones, perhaps containing mayonnaise, Vienna sausages, potted meat, cheese, or maybe bananas.

One funny story about this lack of a sense of smell comes from my childhood, and it concerned my discovery of a cute little black and white animal out in the yard. When I came in to tell Mother about it, I was quickly marched back outside and given a tomato juice bath in a galvanized tub in order to get rid of the skunk spray, something I had otherwise never noticed.

Now, I never said that I NEVER tried to cook. I did so...once...I was home by myself in my early teen years while the family was out getting groceries. As dinner time neared, the "hungries" reared their little heads, and I headed to the kitchen. At that point, I looked around for something to eat. Finding only a full jar of popcorn kernels, I decided that would have to do. The trouble was that I was unsure how to make popcorn. Knowing that Mom seemingly always preheated the oven to 325 degrees for most everything, I did the same. That quart jar of popcorn did



Scene of the crime- Our once-popcorn-blackened aluminum roaster, atop Mom's stove, along with a very poor imitation of a Prange's grilled cheese, ready for the grill.

not look like a lot of food to me, so I poured the entire contents into Mom's aluminum roasting pan, along with about half a box of salt, along with the same amount of sugar and a full stick of butter for good measure. I then put the lid on the roaster, put the mix into the stove, and went off to build a model car.

There was a swinging door that led into our kitchen back then, and I suppose it was the billowing black smoke coming from under that door that alerted me to the fact that things were not as they should have been. Entering the kitchen, I discovered that the oven door had been blown open by an ever-growing hoard of blackened gooey popcorn kernels that were incessantly making their way across our formerly pristine kitchen floor. Of course, it was at that exact moment that my parents came home.

My cooking days were over.

Back then, we did not have a great deal of money either. Dad's starting teacher's salary was pitifully low for the first few years, so our family got along the best we could. Beans, being low in cost and high in protein, were a dietary staple, so we often had beans and macaroni, beans and cornbread, or beans with whatever else could be found on sale at the market. Mom, however, always tried to ensure that we

had a balanced meal. We had to clean our plates as well, and we were always being reminded of those starving children elsewhere in the world.

One of the great "trip" foods that she prepared when we went out of town was a simple delicacy of peanut butter and vanilla wafers. That combination made for a tasty and nutritious blend of palate-pleasing lusciousness that made the miles seem to pass by so much more quickly.

We didn't always eat at home. Once in a while, we splurged by going out to some of the local restaurants. There was Beardens on Warren Road, close to where the Board of Education is now, and then there was Manners Big Boy on Detroit. Hamburgers, shakes,

## Plain Popcorn-What's Not To Like?

by Jeff Fritz

The popcorn you get at the movie theater is delicious, but it's expensive and unhealthy. At some theaters, your snack contains 1,200 calories, 60 grams of saturated fat, 1,500 milligrams of sodium, and costs a small fortune just for the small size.

Popcorn doesn't have to be unhealthy; it is, after all, a vegetable, I think. Plain popcorn, without additives of any kind, made at home in the microwave, is convenient, quick, easy, inexpensive, healthy, and tastes good. It's like a win win on steroids.

And popcorn doesn't have to cost ten dollars a serving. You can buy two pounds of unpopped kernels at Target for \$1.49. That's enough for eighteen large servings, each costing about eight cents.

Using a microwave popper, it takes less than three minutes to prepare, and since you didn't add anything greasy, it won't be necessary to clean the popper after cooking, or your hands, after eating.

A generous serving, six cups of

and fries were usually the order of the day at those places. We also occasionally enjoyed a trip to Kenny Kings in Rocky River, site of the present-day "Joe's." Kenny Kings was where you could find Colonel Sanders' famous chicken back then.

Once we went out to a Chinese restaurant. I'd never been to one and, unfortunately, I had recently seen a Korean War propaganda movie where our soldiers were being tortured by the "Reds." My imagination ran rampant, as I thought we might be poisoned! I pitched a royal fit, and also paid for that fit royally when the family came back home after their evening meal had been ruined by my behavior. Ironically, these days I absolutely love Chinese food.

My favorite all-time Lakewood kid restaurant food was the grilled cheese sandwich that you could get at Mel Prange's Diner, where the Golden Gate Chinese Restaurant presently sits at Hilliard and Madison. Mel made that grilled cheese sandwich in a special way by reversing a buttered hamburger bun on a hot griddle and pressing down on it, with that great cheese squeezing out between the bun tops. Although they do not offer grilled cheese sandwiches there nowadays, the Won Ton soup and that great Hong Kong Chicken presently available from Golden Gate comprise two of my favorite Lakewood dishes!

That said, I do keep bugging some of the other great places around town to bring back that great Prange's grilled cheese. I guess that deep down, I'm still a Lakewood kid at heart!

popped corn made from three tablespoons of kernels, contains less than 200 calories, has only 2.25 grams of fat, no saturated fat, no trans fat, no cholesterol, no sodium, and provides you with nearly thirty percent of your daily fiber requirement.

You might think that popcorn without butter, salt, coconut oil, and that greasy orange stuff that's in pre-packaged microwave popcorn won't taste good, but it does. It has kind of a natural exploded corn flavor. Give it a try.

I consume a large serving of plain popcorn nearly every evening before dinner, and never get tired of it. It's filling and makes you less hungry for less-healthy foods.

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# Lakewood Living In Autumn

## Lakewood In The Civil War: Anti-Slavery Activities

by Mazie Adams

*The Lakewood Historical Society continues to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War with a series of articles focused on Rockport Township (now Lakewood) during that time.*

At the time of the Civil War, Rockport Township (which covered what is now Lakewood, Rocky River and parts of Fairview Park and Cleveland), had a population of just 1,794. Rockport's population included African-American families and a growing number of people who were tacitly or actively involved in anti-slavery activities.

When George Peake (age 87) and his family arrived in Rockport in 1809, they became the first African-American family to settle permanently in the county. While the frontier claimed the lives of men half his age, Peake not only survived to the age of 105, he also made significant contributions to his new community.

Together with his wife and four sons, Peake constructed a log cabin and two years later purchased 103 acres near the Rocky River. (The property was probably just south of the site of Scenic Park on the other side of the river). The Peakes introduced a new form of gristmill to the community. Earlier settlers ground their grain with a stone pestle in a mortar made from a hollow oak stump. Neighbors found the Peake mill,



Rockport's Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland had strong ties to the anti-slavery movement.

which used mill stones about eighteen inches in diameter, far more effective at grinding meal. In 1816, Peake divided his farm and deeded some of it to his sons. As late as 1830, four Peake families still resided in Rockport.

The Farmer family was one of East Rockport's best known African-American families. Andrew Farmer, who was freeborn, had managed the Eliza Jennings estate prior to coming to Rockport to manage Dr. Jared Kirtland's farm in 1867. Andrew and his wife Phoebe had five children: Martha, John, Sarah, Colen, and Susan. The Farmer family lived on Winchester Avenue for many years. Kirtland also hired Elijah, who lived and worked on his estate.

Rockporters often joined one of the hundreds of anti-slavery societies that were founded across the state, including the Cleveland Anti-Slavery Society and the Cuyahoga Anti-Slavery Society. In 1848, a group of Rockport citizens met at the schoolhouse near James Nicholson's property. They created and published a set of eight resolutions that included their opposition to the expansion of slavery into additional states and their commitment not to support a slaveholder for President or Vice President. Taking a similar position, the Republicans of

Rockport (which included Thomas Hird, Jared Potter Kirtland and Collins French) launched a campaign against the extension of slavery.

While there are no documented Underground Railroad activities in Rockport, two early settlers participated in this system of helping African Americans escape slavery in other Ohio towns. Philander Winchester, who moved to Rockport in 1848, was best known for his role in the dramatic rescue of Milton Clark six years before. Winchester, then the manager of the Painesville Telegraph, a newspaper known for its strong support of anti-slavery activities, invited Milton's brother Louis Clark to Madison, Ohio, to lecture on the evils of slavery. The Clark brothers had both escaped slavery as young men. The day after Louis's lecture, Milton was kidnapped by slave catchers. Winchester was actively involved in the rescue plan that saved Milton's life.

Rockport's most famous resident, Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland, was also involved in helping escaped slaves prior to moving to the community. While at his home in Poland, Ohio, Kirtland entertained two slave owners while he was simultaneously hiding their runaway slaves in the kitchen. He is also said to have purchased the freedom of a runaway slave named Kitty. Both of these men no doubt continued their anti-slavery activities once they arrived in Rockport.

When President Lincoln issued a call to arms in 1861, the work of abolitionists was coming to an end. Ohio raised 320,000 soldiers, the highest percentage of the population of any state. Rockport, having had its share of abolitionists, also sent its share of soldiers to fight and die for the Union cause. Our next article will focus on some of the Rockport men who served during the Civil War.

2011 is the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War- an appropriate time for the Lakewood Historical Society to consider Rockport Township's participation in the war. For more information on Lakewood's fascinating history, go to [www.lakewoodhistory.org](http://www.lakewoodhistory.org).

## Shop & Save At LECPTA's Bargain Baby Bonanza

by Sharon O'Donnell

Fall is here and nothing from last fall still fits the kids. But don't worry because fall means it's time for the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA's Bargain Baby Bonanza. Don't miss this opportunity to buy gently used baby and youth clothing, accessories, toys, furniture, maternity clothes and more and save a fortune by outfitting your kids without paying store prices.

If you have gently used kid's clothes and toys from newborn to age 14 clut-

tering your closets why not think about being a seller. It's only \$20 (\$15 for members). You can download a seller application form at [www.lecpta.com](http://www.lecpta.com).

The Fall Bargain Baby Bonanza will be held at Emerson Elementary School at 13439 Clifton Boulevard on Saturday, October 8, 2011. \$5 admission, 9-10 a.m., \$1 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Make sure you treat yourself to the Bake Sale and check out our new Halloween Section.

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## Apply For Light Up Lakewood's New Scholarship Offer

by Christine Gordillo

The Fifth Annual Light Up Lakewood festival will take place this year on December 3. This year, thanks to the generous sponsorship by David Stein of Plantation Home, LakewoodAlive is instituting the First Annual Light Up Lakewood Festival King and Queen Scholarship for college. This scholarship is open to any Lakewood resident who is currently a high school sophomore or junior during this 2011-2012 school year.

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one male and one female recipient on December 3. The deadline to submit applications is October 14, 2011. The scholarship recipients must

agree to various obligations including attending the Light Up Lakewood Festival on December 3 and dedicating 20 hours of volunteer service to the community between December 4, 2011 and June 15, 2012.

LakewoodAlive and the Light Up Lakewood Committee looks forward to this new project and to awarding the scholarship to two deserving young Lakewood adults. Should you have any questions regarding the scholarship or the application, selection, award or post-award process please feel free to contact LakewoodAlive at (216) 521-0655 or email [info@lakewoodalive.com](mailto:info@lakewoodalive.com).

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## Excitement Builds For Spooky Pooch Parade

by Alanna Faith

If you have a K-9 on the end of a leash, everywhere you go these days the fire hydrant buzz is about the Spooky Pooch Parade.

The Spooky Pooch Parade is the Largest Halloween Dog Parade from coast to coast.

Redheaded Lisa leaned through the drive through window at a Rocky River restaurant and excitedly declared, "I've already stopped at Pet People for Lily's Spooky Pooch Parade costume."

Lily, a demur dachshund, is destined to be a festooned bumble bee on Saturday, October 15, 2011 when the parade steps off from 1347 St. Charles Avenue (St. Charles Green) in Lakewood at 2:00pm.

In Westlake, a T-shirt-clad man asked the German Shorthaired Pointer Sabrina, the unofficial electronics store mascot, if she'll be 'representing' in the parade as an 'iPooch'. "That would be perfect," her owner laughingly replied. "We've been talking about the Spooky Pooch Parade for months Pete, what's your dog going to wear?"

Word on the street about preparations for Lakewood, Ohio's Spooky Pooch Parade is spreading across Northeast Ohio as fast as fleas! (Note to self: pick up meds at Lakewood Animal Hospital & hand sanitizer at Drug Mart)

Cinder, a 'fashionista' border col-



Spectators lined Detroit Avenue as "spooky pooches" and their owners paraded through downtown Lakewood last October.

lie, was being groomed at the Mutt Hutt. Stylists kibitzed about how her owner will 'get Cinder's glam on' for the canine equivalent of walking the Red Carpet. The awards for costumes at Spooky Pooch Parade are a coveted title. "Did you see the 1st place winner last year?" was the query buzzing around the blow dryers. Ron agreed, "Spooky Pooch costumes were 'THE' topic of conversation when I picked up Mason and Dixon at Inn the Dog House." "It was the same at Pawsitive Influence," reported Chad, with Buster the boxer sitting 'eavesdropping' by his

side.

Munching on Pick Two combos at Panera, a table full of 20-somethings exuberantly competed for best costume ideas. Champion, a white boxer who resides in Euclid, will be coming as "Sitch" from that TV show, his 'mom', a Lakewood Hospital staffer, boasted. "We love the Parade!" she declared. "And - Spooky Pooch T-shirts are so cool! You know you have to pre-order them by October 5th to get one, right?! Just go to [www.DowntownLakewood.org](http://www.DowntownLakewood.org) - I've already ordered mine!"

On the benches of the Lakewood

Dog Park, owners barked about costumes and clever ideas for the big event. "You can't wait until the last minute!" warned Lynne, who has 2 dogs to be dressed in coordinating outfits. "I'm checking in at Pet-Tique every week to find what Ignaczi and Stephan will be wearing. Ignaczi has lost weight and wants to go all Hollywood," she joked.

"I saw some great things at Pet's General!" Dave chimed in. "I've already stocked up on 'clean up' bags - you can't have enough of those! And I'm getting Bailey a new collar and leash for sure!" As Maxine, the 'senior' black lab snoozes at his feet, Steve adds, "Yeah, the best part is that the Spooky Pooch Parade raises money for the Lakewood Animal Shelter and we all have a great time at the parade. Even though Max rides in a wagon!" he laughed, and gave Maxine a belly rub.

Yup, it's true, driving around with a furry head sticking out your car window and rockin' to tunes on Cleveland's V107.3, everywhere you go, all conversation segues to the Spooky Pooch Parade. It's the latest fire hydrant buzz among dog lovers and their furry pals. If you have a K-9, you know it's true!

Early Registration NOW on line at: [www.DowntownLakewood.org](http://www.DowntownLakewood.org) or call Lakewood Alive at 216-521-0655

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## Crafting For A Cause At Crafty Goodness

by *Christin Sorensen*

Each month, Crafty Goodness is going to select a different charity and host a crafting benefit to raise awareness and donations. Giving back to the community is so very important, be it on a small or grand scale. Remember, every little bit helps! For September we will be crafting for the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center of Greater Cleveland. Stop in at Crafty Goodness (15621 Madison Avenue) on Saturday, September 24 between noon and 7 p.m. and help support this wonderful organization. We will be making glass tile pendants at the shop, a very fun and low stress activity. All age groups are encouraged to attend, great activity for kids and adults.

Create as many as you want to take home with you, the cost is only \$4

each and the proceeds will be donated to the shelter. Glass Tile Pendants also make great gifts, start early on your holiday crafting AND support a great cause.

Not really crafty? Don't worry, we will teach you! Snacks and drinks will be provided, but please feel free to bring whatever you would like to share as well.

The shelter is also in need of certain items, please consider bringing with you:

1. Baby Items: Diapers, Wipes, Wash, Powder
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organization does can be found here: <http://www.domesticviolencecenter.org/>.

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important cause! If you have any questions, please call Chris @216-226-4880 or email the store, [craftygoodnesscleveland@yahoo.com](mailto:craftygoodnesscleveland@yahoo.com).

## Kucinich Commits To Northern Ohio Race

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being made. You spend money on wars instead of education, you spend money on wars instead of job creation, you spend money on wars instead of health care, instead of retirement security."

Spending on war to the detriment of domestic programs remains a key concern for Kucinich today, as the U.S. continues to go on the offensive across the globe. For Kucinich, there is a clear linkage between war and poverty, "War limits our economy's ability to grow. It limits job creation and creates conditions which undermine the nation."

His vision for the region and for the country is one based on fundamental changes to the existing economic system. From the need for a "coherent energy plan" to "renegotiating trade agreements based on human rights, worker rights and environmental quality principals," Kucinich spoke passionately about his plans for the future.

Next on the horizon for Kucinich

is his "National Employment Emergency Defense Act" (NEED), which he is introducing to Congress this week. NEED aims to put the "money power" back under government control- under the Treasury Department. By creating a mechanism of oversight for the Federal Reserve, Kucinich asserts that, "As government takes back power of the money, it can then invest in the economy...and ultimately put millions of people back to work."

Although his potential district is changing, Kucinich made one thing crystal clear throughout the interview, his resolve to be a voice for the changes he (and his constituents) believe in remains the same. "Challenge the system at its core- challenge the wars and now challenge the banks," he said, "The lives that the people in this region have built are all dependant on Washington making real efforts to change the structure of the economy." A tall order indeed from the Congressman, but one for which he is clearly ready to fight.

## ChocolateWalk 2011!

by *David Stein*

It's that time again!! Lakewood ChocolateWalk 2011 is October 27. This is the third year for this delectable event and tickets always sell out. With over thirty participating merchants ChocolateWalk is a chocolate lovers dream. For \$20 one can peruse participating downtown Lakewood merchants gathering various chocolate entities all

culminating in a fabulous hot fudge sundae! Tickets went on sale September 15 and like last year will sell-out quickly. Remember, general ticket sales begin September 15, Tickets are available at Plantation Home, Rozi's, Geigers, Lion and Blue, and Paisley Monkey, or by visiting [www.downtownlakewood.org](http://www.downtownlakewood.org). See you there!

## The First 8 Months Single Family Home Sales

by *Pat Murphy*

The chill is in the air. Vacations are over and the kids are back in school. Most everyone is back to work. So how is the Real Estate market doing in Lakewood?

At the end of the first 8 months, there were 211 single family homes sold in Lakewood at a median price of \$112,200. Comparatively, in the first 8 months of 2010, there were 239 homes sold with a median price of \$115,000. Prices have fallen roughly 2.5% and the number of sales down roughly 12%. In 2010, the year ended with 322 homes sold at a median price of \$113,750.

Figures released by The Ohio Association of Realtors are showing a 3.7% drop in prices statewide, and a 9.9%

drop in the number of homes sold. So Lakewood is doing a little worse than average in the number of homes sold, but a little better than average in maintaining prices. The months of September and October should tell us where we should end up for the year since the last two months are typically slow.

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