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School Board Race Is The Hot Race In 2011

Bill Call, CPA For School Board

by Bill Call

I am running for school board because I believe in public education and I believe that quality public education in Lakewood is at risk. I think my experience as a CPA and small business owner will help the Lakewood City Schools meet the challenges faced by the district. Those challenges include increasing costs, decreasing revenue, increasing enrollment, demographic changes and more unfunded mandates.

Which begs the question: How best to provide an adequate education, to serve the students and families of Lakewood, to offer fairness and equity to teachers

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Tom Einhouse, Highly Qualified Candidate For Lakewood School Board

by Jen Wynn

A school board needs to possess good business sense, a vested interest in education, excellent leadership skills, and the ability to manage conflict effectively. One candidate, Tom Einhouse, has a combination of all these strengths that will make him a successful choice for the Lakewood City School Board.

As our district continues through the final phases of our long-term school design project, Tom has already demonstrated his outstanding business savvy, having served as a co-chair of the "Designing Our Next 50 Years" Committee. Tom has spent thirty years in real

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Emma Petrie Barcelona, School Board Candidate Attributes Success To Lakewood Schools

by Emma Petrie Barcelona

I am running for the Lakewood Board of Education because

I believe my resourcefulness, passion, and range of experience combine for a fresh approach that would serve the homeowners, students and community well. The Lakewood City Schools fully prepared me for my career and for life in general. I can think of no better way to return my gratitude than to help ensure that the traditional exemplary education continues for all of children.

After graduating from Lakewood High School in 1995, I earned a BA from St. Mary's College of Mary-

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Spooky Pooch Makes Run At World Record



Lakewood has truly gone to the dogs. For the fourth year dogs hit the streets just weeks after they took over Lakewood Park's pool for their annual swim. LakewoodAlive were attempting a Guinness Book of World Records for most dogs in a costumed dog walk. We could not find a current record, but one of the members said they had certainly surpassed the number of dogs last year. More photos online!



Why I Am Running For The At Large Lakewood City Council Seat

by John Zappala

I have lived in Lakewood for my entire life. I was born in Lakewood Hospital, came through St. Luke's and Lakewood Public Schools. I choose to remain here, run my business and make my home here. I am seeking your vote for the At Large City Council race because I care for my hometown and want to see it continue to be a great place to call home in the future.

I believe the biggest challenge facing Lakewood is to continue to function responsibly in the current economy. Most of us have had to make tough choices and scale back our spending at home. It is imperative going forward that all the correct decisions are made regarding the public interest and trust of the people's funds regarding the maintenance and security of our wonderful City. Dwindling revenues require that those responsible for the expenditures always receive the best



John Zappala

value possible for their dollar. I believe that the city must be able to make do with a reduced amount of revenue..

As an owner of a home restoration business I know that spending money on the wrong things not only breaks the budget, but will result in a poor return on your investment. My goal as your Councilman would be to see to it that the city is maximizing the return it gets for every dollar spent. It is what I have to do in my business every

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Correction On Voters Guide

Council Ward Four, Four Year Term - Uncontested

Candidate Information, Current Occupation, Education, Qualifications For Office

Mary Louise Madigan

Program Administrator, Cuyahoga County Office of Health and Human Services
BA, Social Work
Experience and attitude

Question 1: What in your opinion is the most important issue currently in Lakewood?

Because decreased revenue is our reality projected for the next few years, we face the difficulty of prioritizing services and balancing expectations.

Question 2: If elected, how would you address this problem?

As a council representative, I will continue to inform myself about the local, state and national economy and work with the City's excellent Finance Department.

Last issue we ran the League of Women Voters Guide. During layout, Councilwoman Madigan's answers got dropped. Her correct answers are printed here.

Calendar Page

Wednesday, Oct. 19
**Lakewood Masonic Founda-
tion Dining for Dollars Benefit**
11:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Applebee’s West-
gate, 20705 Center Ridge Road,RR

The Lakewood Masonic Temple, a Lakewood landmark since 1916, is the home to many Masonic and community organizations and activities. Applebee’s Westgate will donate 15% of your check (dine in or take out) to The Lakewood Masonic Foundation to aid in the historic preservation of the Lakewood Masonic Temple and the Foundation’s charitable and educational purposes. You must present the coupon from the Foundation web site to your server. Click here for more information

Figuring Out Your Medicare Part D Options
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM, Senior Center East, 12400 Madison Ave.

Medicare open enrollment is almost here, and it is time to start making some serious decisions. Samantha Brooks from the Benjamin Rose Institute will be with us to help make sense of our options, as well as answer questions.

Thursday, Oct. 20
Coalition of Immokalee Workers
7:00 PM, WSUU Church, 20401 Hilliard

In 21st century America, slavery remains woven into the fabric of our daily lives. On any given day, the tomatoes in the sandwich we eat or the oranges in the juice we drink may have been picked by workers in involuntary servitude. The CIW is a worker-based organization striving to eliminate modern day slavery in the agricultural industry. They are on of only two US recipients of the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award. This is your chance to meet members of the coalition in person. They will be on hand to discuss the labor issues facing agricultural workers today and how action you take right here in Ohio can lead to change across the nation.

Friday, October 21
Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Meeting: Candidates Forum
11:30 AM, Sweetwater Landing, 1500 Scenic Park Dr. See Page 18 for details.

Halloween HullaBaboo Party!
6:00 PM - 12:00 AM, Lakewood YMCA 16915 Detroit Ave.

Join us for some ghoulish games, freaky fun, and frightening food! It will be fun for the whole family. Activities include: Games, light refreshments, trick-or-treat, costume contest. See Pg 9.

David Mamet’s RACE
8:00 PM, Shows also on Saturdays 8 PM, Sundays 3 PM through Nov. 20. Beck Center for the Arts, Mackey Main Stage, 17801 Detroit Ave. See Page 15 for story.

Saturday, October 22
Lakewood Public Library Fall Book Sale
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 15425 Detroit Ave.
See Page 5 for more info.

Vintage Varieties Sale
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, The Skate House at Lakewood Park, 14710 Lake Ave.

See Page 22 for story.

Crafty Goodness Halloween Spooktacular

12 - 7 PM, Crafty Goodness,15621 Madison Ave. A fun day filled with crafts and local art. We are very excited to feature a Forlorn Dolls Trunk Show throughout the day. The creator of these exquisite dolls, Samantha, will be on hand to discuss her art. We will also be having a special Halloween-Themed Drop In & Craft with spooky, creepy and cute \$5 projects for all ages. First 12 children will receive a special Halloween treat bag. 10% off all Halloween merchandise. Raffle Baskets. Face Painting & more. Lots of treats, no tricks!

Monday, October 24
Beginner’s Yoga Classes!
5:30 - 7:45 PM, “The Inn” at Lakewood Senior Health Campus, 1381 Bunts Road, 4th Floor

Two different class offerings: 5:30-6:30pm Beginner’s Classical Yoga Basics
6:45-7:45pm Beginner’s Vinyasa Flow
For those that are interested or curious about trying yoga but would prefer a “non” studio environment. All ages are welcome. \$10 drop in fee & every 4th class is free! Classes are led by certified yoga instructor, Marcia Hudgel. Childhood Nutrition: Healthy Choices for the Entire Family
6 - 7 PM, Garfield Middle School 13114 Detroit Rd

Are organic vegetables really better for my kids? When is it baby fat - and when is it time to change my child’s diet? Do vitamins work? Are you a parent who has similar questions to these? Join Metro-Health pediatricians Dr. Haddad and Dr. Pearlman as they explain the importance of childhood nutrition and how you can help your children live healthier lives as adults. Pediatric dietitian Susie Akers will teach kids about healthy snacks. To register for this FREE event: Call 216-778-1220 or visit www.metrohealth.org/peptalks.

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Dough for Diabetes
4 - 10 PM, Lakewood Donatos, 18100 Detroit Ave.

Enjoy a delicious pizza and support Lakewood Hospital’s Diabetes Assistance Initiative at the same time. The Diabetes Assistance Initiative provides medication, testing supplies and education to the uninsured and underinsured. Program funded solely through philanthropy. Mention Lakewood Hospital when ordering, and we will receive 20% of the proceeds from the sale. Applies to dine in, pickup or delivery.

Thursday, Oct. 27
Kiwanis Annual Donut & Cider Sale
Thursday & Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Lakewood Masonic Temple, Detroit Ave.
See Page 16 for more details.

Lakewood Chocolate Walk
6:00 PM - 12:00 AM, Downtown Lakewood. Sold out event.

Friday, October 28
Division of Aging Halloween Party in the Park
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Woman’s Club Pavilion, Lakewood Park

Prepare for thrills and chills at our annual Halloween Costume contest. Dress in your scariest or silliest costume and maybe win a prize. Warm up by the fire with a doughnut and some cocoa or apple cider. After our delicious box lunch, we will be bringing our bingo machine down to the pavilion for some exciting games of bingo. Cost is \$4. Reservations by October 19th. 216-529-5005.

Saturday, October 29
Babysitters Training Course

11:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Lakewood YMCA
Designed for 11 to 15 year olds, the Babysitter’s Training course can help you. Care for children and infants. Be a good leader and role model. Make good decisions and solve problems. Keep the children you baby-sit and yourself safe. Write resumes and interview for job. Much more. Cost \$75. 521-8400.

Pumpkin Palooza
1 - 4 PM, Lakewood High School 14100 Franklin Blvd.

Imagine lots of carnival games, tables full of crafts for kids to make, a haunted hallway, a costume parade, Halloween songs, yummy food, spooky storytelling, a pumpkin carver surrounded by an awesome patch of decorated pumpkins that anyone can win...all spread out in three giant spaces at Lakewood High. Celebrate fall and show off kids’ costumes before Halloween! Admission is free. Tickets are 25¢ each, with the majority of attractions priced at one ticket. Lakewood’s Divisions of Youth and Early Childhood, and many community organizations come together

to make Pumpkin Palooza possible. All proceeds benefit Lakewood Christian Service Center and Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation. Palooza-goers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items that will be distributed to Lakewood families in need. Anyone interested in decorating a pumpkin (no carved pumpkins) for the raffle should bring their finished creations to the East Cafeteria of Lakewood High School on Friday, Oct. 28th (3-5pm) or Saturday, Oct. 29th (10am - 12:00pm).

Sunday, October 30
Great Pumpkin Fun Run & 5k
Registration 7:45 AM, Lakewood Park
Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle
12:30 - 4:30 PM, 12608 Madison Ave.

Sponsored by Transfiguration Parish. Adult tickets are \$10.00, children under 12 are \$5.00. For tickets or reservations call Paul Namitks at 226-1134 before October 23rd. Enjoy good food, music, multiple raffles, and fellowship.

Grace Presbyterian Benefit Concert 4:00 PM, 1659 Rosewood Ave.
Linda Gardner, Concert Organist will perform works by American Composers. Featuring rarely heard organ works by H.Leslie Adams: “Offering of Love” and “Prelude and Fugue”. (Free will offering) reception to follow.

Monday, October 31
Halloween Trick-or-Treating
6 - 8 PM, Citywide
First Annual Kid’s Fall Fest
6 PM - 8:30 PM, Lakewood Masonic Temple parking lot, Detroit Ave.

Hosted by Lakewood New Life Church. A safe and fun Alternative to Halloween. All children 12 and under will enjoy bounce houses, games, candy and more. All are welcome!

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Lakewood City News

Council Opposes State Control Of Municipal Tax Collection

by Christopher Bindel

Council President, Mary Louise Madigan, called the October 3, 2011 Council Meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. She then recognized the presence of former Lakewood Councilwoman and current Sate Representative Nickie Antonio, who was in the audience.

The first agenda item discussed was a resolution presented by Mayor Mike Summers, Councilwoman Madigan (Ward IV) and Councilman Brian Powers (At-Large) opposing the State of Ohio seeking to take control of Municipal Tax Collection. Councilman Powers stated that Governor John Kasich has indicated interest in, and possible intent to centralize all municipal tax collection throughout Ohio within the State Department of Taxation. Powers, along with the Mayor and Madigan, believe that if the state were to do this it would have devastating effects on Lakewood's ability to function financially. The resolution cites several issues and concerns with the

idea of centralized tax collection. One of the main issues is how the state will effectively track down delinquent tax payers for each municipality. Lakewood has a pretty good system for doing this which is fairly successful. The City is also worried about how often the revenues would be distributed to cities and what impact that would have on their ability to function. There is also local customer service and ease of filing locally to be considered.

State Representative Nickie Antonio was recognized by Council to speak on this issue. She stated that it was important for municipalities like Lakewood to show their opposition to this move by that state and applauded the Council for taking this step. She also said she would take the resolution to Columbus and support it, and try to encourage as many of her colleagues as possible to support it as well. She

continued, saying that she is very concerned with whether Lakewood's tax dollars will stay in Lakewood.

Council passed the resolution and will be submitting a copy to the Governor's office and the State Legislature.

The next item was deferred from a previous meeting. Fire Chief Gilman asked Council to pass a resolution thanking businesses and individuals for their donations of goods, time and services towards the creation of the new Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial. He said it was a collaborative effort and could not have been done without their generosity.

The Council passed the resolution, then recognized Tighes Insurance Agency, Gene Dingess Trucking, NYNJ Port Authority, Design Surfaces, ADA Architects, West Side Auto Paint, Hungry Howie's Pizza, Donato's Pizza and Caribou Coffee.

The Director of Planning and

Development, Dru Siley then asked Council to consider the recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC is given the task every year of making recommendations to the Council regarding how the City should spend its CDBG and ESG grant funds from HUD. As HUD does not issue estimates of the amounts of the awards to be received by the City, they have to estimate it themselves. Next year the City is estimating that it will receive \$1.9 million dollars for the CDBG fund, which is down almost \$4 million from this year.

One of the CAC's Co-Chairs, Jennifer Overstreet, was present to make a few statements about their recommendations and the process they use. She stated that although the Committee of course wish they had more, after much deliberation they had come up with the numbers being presented to Council.

Council referred the Committee's recommendations to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

The last item on the agenda was an ordinance Law Director Kevin Butler asked Council to pass. Director Butler stated that in recent months, Council has passed ordinances that update some of the older ordinances regarding alcohol on public property. These new ordinances allow the restricted use of alcohol on public property when the City gives permitted use for a special event. The updates eliminated two criminal offenses from such permitted special events. This new ordinance includes two more criminal offenses that needed to be updated for the same reason.

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

Coming to the end of a short agenda, as there was no-one from the public signed up to speak, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:11 P.M.

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

City Of Lakewood, Community Relations Advisory Commission Presents Annual Report To City Council

by Greg Mahoney

The City of Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission serves as a general advisory liaison between residents of the city and city officials. The commission also works on projects and sponsors events that focus on community empowerment and involvement. The Commission consists of thirteen members all appointed by either the Mayor or a Member of Lakewood City Council. The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Jury Room at Lakewood City Hall. We invite and encourage the public to attend!

Since Members of the Community Relations Advisory serve as volunteers for the community, they are to serve under the citizens of Lakewood, the Mayor and Members of City Council. As part of reporting our work, the Commission is required by its bylaws to present an annual report to city council. For this year's report that was presented at the September 19th, 2011 meeting of Lakewood City Council, the Commission selected Vice Chairperson Rev. Paula Maeder Connor. Rev. Maeder Connor has also served as the Pastor of Trin-

ity Lutheran Church located on Detroit Ave here in Lakewood for the past 20 years and also serves as a member of the Lakewood Ministerial Association.

We would also like to educate the community about what was presented in the annual report and some of the work the commission has been recently working on with the readers of the Lakewood Observer. First, we would like to follow through on what the commission accomplished in the last year. In August of 2010, the commission sponsored a Summer Potluck with Italian dishes donated through community partners. This potluck was held in conjunction with the city sponsored Friday Night Flick film "Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs". The annual diversity potluck was held in January, 2011, and was sponsored by a collaborative partnership of the commission and the Lakewood High School RAD (Race and Diversity organization). This was a very well-attended event that also received food and beverage donations from local businesses and residents. The commission has proposed to host its annual diversity potluck again in January 2012, so stay tuned for further

details!

The commission has been working on creating a public educational campaign in regards to Lakewood Codified Ordinance 56-09, which is an ordinance regulating vehicle emission output in the city. The commission has been working on the Public Educational Campaign since last December by creating an action plan with ideas. This action plan was approved by City Council in May and we anticipate a full rollout of the campaign in the not too distant future.

Members of the commission have also begun efforts to reach out to members of the youth community. Last February, the commission hosted a youth conversation forum, spearheaded by Commission Member Nadhal Eadah. The program focused on a group of five panelists, all students of Lakewood High School, who shared their experiences and answered audience questions of what it was like to grow up as a youth in Lakewood. As a result of this effort, open gyms are now held for indoor basketball play and a non-competition agreement between the Lakewood City Schools and

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Lakewood Public Library Events

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Oct. 19
Meet the Author: George Bilgere: The White Museum
The curator of this particular collection is a poet with a predilection for American colloquialism. That is to say—he speaks like you and me with just a hint of that guy down the street. Most poetry is hard to judge, but this is easy to listen to... funny and free with just enough sadness that you don't look at your watch and make excuses. "I was pouring your coffee / and suddenly the whole house made sense..." It sounds better when he says it. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.
Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Oct. 20
Friends Book Sale: Members Only Preview
Thursday, October 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Oct. 22
Lakewood Art House Cinema: "Donnie Darko"
Jake Gyllenhaal is a troubled kid living in a strange world. He doesn't sleep right. The gaps in his memory lead to sinister clues. And wormholes, a giant talking bunny named Frank and a jet engine falling through the roof of his house are just a few of his concerns. Sometimes he feels like he's standing in the way of the world. At least he has one last chance to look around and appreciate the neighborhood.
Saturday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Oct. 22
Friends Book Sale
Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 23
Sunday with the Friends: Wordstage
From The Conqueror Worm to The Cask of Amontillado, the spine tingling tales of Edgar Allan Poe get a whole lot scarier when they're set to live, classical chamber music and read aloud by the performers of WordStage. We might even dim the lights, too!
Sunday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Lakewood Public Library Auditorium

Oct. 24
Stephen King's Colorado: Ed Rossman
The rugged landscapes of Boulder, Colorado provided a memorable setting for one of Stephen King's most popular works, The Stand. Back in 1989, our friend, local Librarian Ed Rossman, traveled to Boulder with Stephen King's permission to film a documentary relating scenes in the book to their settings. For this program, Rossman has incorporated photographs from that project and expanded upon his original premise to create a travelogue that showcases the natural beauty of Colorado and sheds light on the inspiration behind memorable scenes in The Stand, The Shining and Misery. Rossman will also take time to put King's career into context for more casual readers and discuss the author's current activities and upcoming releases.
Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Oct. 27
Health and Wealth: Numerology
Numbers are the foundation of society and civilization, but they also have a profound spiritual aspect that is rarely discussed in business meetings. Navarre G. Devureaux will show you how to cast your own chart.
Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Oct. 30
Sunday with the Friends: Joe DeJarnette
A jazz legend lives in Lakewood. As a teacher, a trumpeter and a bandleader, Joe DeJarnette works hard every day to keep the music he loves fresh and alive. Nothing can exhaust his passion. This special pre-Halloween concert, featuring Joe's handpicked ensemble of friends and rivals, will get downright spooky with slithering syncopation and creepy chromatics. You've been warned!
Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Nov. 2
The Lakewood Historical Society: Dennison, Tod & Brough
Ohio politics were in turmoil throughout the Civil War. Fortunately, the state was led by three very different but equally capable men who served as governor during this difficult time. Dennison, Tod and Brough rallied the citizenry behind the Union and backed President Lincoln when he needed it most. With an illustrated lecture, Magistrate William Vodrey makes it clear why Lincoln singled out Ohio, over all the other states, as the one that "saved the Union."
Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium



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Lakewood Public Library Events

Best Friends, Good Books And More

by Ben Burdick

If you love the Lakewood Public Library like we do, then may we suggest taking a little bit of it home with you? The Friends of Lakewood Public Library Fall Book Sale will take place on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Books will be on sale, of course—but also movies, music, old magazines and whatever else we think we can sell to raise a few bucks for the Library. There will also be a special preview sale on Thursday, October 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. where members get first crack at the best deals. Hint: You can join the Friends at the door for as little as two dollars—no initiation ceremony or complicated oaths necessary! Just walk through the doors and start filling your basket.

Prices are low at Friends' sales. In

fact, they haven't been raised since the 80s. The idea is to help both the Library and the Library lovers. Everybody wins.

Isn't that nice? The money raised helps the Library out in a countless number of ways—everything from summer read-



Man with an excellent hat overwhelmed by all the good deals at a recent Friends Book Sale.

ing programs for kids to free concerts and films for adults. The Friends' generosity in time, money and support know no bounds.

To learn more about the Friends and the first class entertainment they have planned for the next few months, visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/friends. There's even a big friendly volunteer button for you to press if you want to get involved and join their endless circle of goodwill and good reading.

Strokes Of Genius

by Julie Strunk

Try something new and get messy! Strokes of Genius is a program where aspiring artists with active imaginations come together. Sound like you? Listen to stories showcasing renowned artists and learn about their creativity, artistic styles, and lives. Participate in art activities and projects! Are you in second, third, or fourth grade? Just stop by the children and youth services desk at the library, or call 216-226-8275 ext. 140, to register.

Strokes of Genius meets Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Main Branch of the Lakewood Public Library's Multipurpose Room starting on November 2, 2011 and continuing until December 14, 2011.

Magistrate Vodrey Discusses Ohio's Civil War Governors

by Lisa Calfee

As politically divided as our country seems today, it still doesn't compare to the dark unrest of the Civil War. Ohio politics were no exception. Fortunately, three very capable Governors were elected in Ohio during that time and each played a large part in seeing our state and our nation through those difficult years. According to Abraham Lincoln, Ohio "saved the Union." Go Ohio!

Magistrate William Vodrey of the Cleveland Municipal Court and former president of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable is coming to the Lakewood Public Library's Main Library Auditorium on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. to speak about Governors William Dennison, Jr., David Tod and John Brough. Magistrate Vodrey uses his extensive knowledge of the Civil War to bring these three unique and competent politicians to life. This illustrated lecture is brought to you by The Lakewood Historical Society and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. And as always this program is free and open to all!

son Ave. on Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m. For more information call the Children's & Youth Services department at (216) 226-8275 xt. 140.

WordStage Presents An Edgar Allan Poe Spooktacular At The Lakewood Public Library

by Morgan Maseth

Halloween is almost upon us and the Lakewood Public Library has the perfect, spine-tingling way to enjoy the season. Join us for a special Sunday with the Friends program on Sunday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m., as the chamber music theater ensemble, WordStage, presents an Edgar Allan Poe Spooktacular.

After fifteen years in Vermont, native Cleveland and artistic director of WordStage, Tim Tavcar has returned to the area and is looking to share his

artistic talents with the community. Evolving from Tavcar's childhood love of radio dramas, WordStage was created to unite words and music in order to present the lives of historical figures in an exciting and unique way. Those who think costumes and stages are necessary to set the mood need only attend a single performance by WordStage to see that the true magic lies within the words. While the words mesmerize you, the music will complete the mood and transport you completely to the setting of the story, no additional props

necessary.

From the Conqueror Worm to The Cask of Amontillado, An Edgar Allan Poe Spooktacular will feature some of Poe's most eerie tales and poems. By setting these already frightening tales to live, classical chamber music, the result will be something truly chilling. Do not miss out on this special Sunday with the Friends event. This event is free and open to the public. It will be held on Sunday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Lakewood Public Library Auditorium.

Living Legend Returns To LPL

by Elaine Rosenberger

Sixteen-year-old Joe DeJarnette was on a walk with his grandfather when he first noticed a flash of gold in a music store window. DeJarnette would sneak down to the Cotton Club to watch Dizzy Gillespie perform. Later, dressed in a suit and carrying his trumpet, he would walk from Wade Park to the Shangri-La for jazz sessions. These instances, and the many music-filled nights that followed, launched DeJarnette's career and created a living legend.

Jazz trumpeter Joe DeJarnette returns to Lakewood Public Library for a hometown performance at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 30, 2011 in Lakewood Public Library's Main Auditorium.

between music and math. After high school he went on to study at the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Hruby Conservatory of Music, and the Phil Rizzo Modern School of Music, where he learned jazz. Following his musical studies, DeJarnette served his country and played in the orchestra with the 173rd Military Band. As a musician, DeJarnette's philosophy is "always give one hundred percent." He describes the incredible control and musicality required to play jazz ballads: "A musician playing a ballad has to have a good command of what he is playing. It offers you an opportunity to make musical statements. Silence becomes

music in some instances."

In addition to loving to perform, DeJarnette realizes the importance of musical education and devotes much of his time to helping young musicians. Working with Cleveland's Supplementary Education Center, Joe coordinated music education for twenty-six music teachers and more than one thousand students. He has also instructed numerous young musicians in music theory. The Joe DeJarnette Jazz Ensemble's Sunday with the Friends Concert is generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library.

Hey, Baby!

by Arlie Matera

Do you enjoy board books and bubbles? How about shakers, finger puppets, and dancing librarians? Have your parents ever wondered aloud what

to do with you on the weekend?

If you answered yes to the above questions and you are a child age two or under, the Lakewood Public Library has a program for you! Weekends With Wee Ones is a drop in story time for babies and their caregivers. The program is offered every weekend of the year, and there's no registration required. So pack your diaper bags and come on down to the Madison Branch for thirty minutes of baby-paced, baby-proofed, baby-approved fun!

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A photograph of a woman with long, multi-colored braided hair (blue, pink, yellow, green) and a headband with a large bow. She is wearing a light-colored top.

Your Feminine Connection

LPL Events

Thrills And Chills At Lakewood Public Library!

by Arlie Matera

So you think you know everything about the dark side of Cleveland? Well, think again. Come to the library on Thursday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m., when the library will present Fright Night: Tales of Terror, a program designed to scare and shock. Teens will hear stories and view presentations

about the Ohio State Reformatory, a prison closed due to inhumane conditions and Gore Orphanage, a home full of children who never rest. Participants will also have a chance to win a frightfully good book. Join us if you dare.

This is a drop-in program, so there is no need to register. 6th through 12th graders only, please!

Traveling Through Stephen King's Writing

by Susan Crane

Stephen King's descriptive prose has caused many of his readers sleepless nights. In one of his most popular works, "The Stand" the rugged landscapes of Boulder, Colorado provide a memorable setting. In this novel King portrays an apocalyptic vision of a world blasted by plague and embroiled in an elemental struggle between good and evil.

In 1989 librarian Ed Rossman traveled to Colorado to film a documentary (with Stephen King's permission) relating scenes in "The Stand" to their settings in

Colorado. Ed returns to Lakewood Public Library, at 7:00 p. m. on October 24, in the Main Library Auditorium. He will incorporate more beautiful scenes from Colorado to show King's inspiration for scenes in the books "The Shining," and "Misery" as well.

When asked why he writes, King responds: "The answer to that is fairly simple—there was nothing else I was made to do. I was made to write stories and I love to write stories." Ed will update the audience on King's very long and active career, and his upcoming releases.

Who's That Librarian?

by Arlie Matera

1. Name: Michael Dirse (pronounced "dur-cee"), Adult and Electronic Services.

2. Birthplace: Coral Gables, Florida

3. Tell us something interesting about you: My career in the music field. I joined my first rock band at the age of 11. Later I performed on the national stage with artists such as Neil Young, Cheap Trick, and AC/DC, to name a few. I was also privileged to have recorded alongside Bruce Springsteen, and worked with John Lennon's producer and engineer, Jack Douglas and Roy Cicala, at The Record Plant in NYC. During my time in NYC I produced and performed on a number of albums and songs that made the charts in their respective genres and time periods. Later, in Los Angeles, I worked for a major record label in the company of such artists as Michael Jackson, Sheryl Crow, The Fugees, Papa Roach, and Keb' Mo'. Currently here at The Lakewood Public Library I am responsible for choosing and purchasing all music for our collection. I reside in Lakewood with my beautiful family and enjoy a wonderful life.

4. How long have you worked at LPL?: 3 Years

5. What's your favorite spot in the Library?: The A/V Room. I love interacting with co-workers and patrons about new films and music, turning people on to things I like and being turned on to things I might never have watched or listened to. Also, I enjoy just seeing people come in and browse for hours, flipping through our CD's and DVD's looking for new and surprising titles and artists.

6. What are you reading right now?: The Grand Design, by Stephen Hawking.



7. If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three books would you want in your backpack?:

"The Master Key System" by Charles F. Haanel, "The Prophet" by Khalil Gibran and "Illusions" by Richard Bach.

8. Do you have a favorite childhood memory of the library?: I'll go with my son's: he said his favorite memory is the computer room in the basement of the old LPL and how nice all the grownups were. I concur.

9. Suddenly you find yourself living the life of a book character. Who are you and why?:

The Prince from "The Little Prince," because I too am always full of questions about everything.

10. What might surprise us about your work at LPL?: When I look at the scope of what we do here at the Lakewood Public Library, I find myself continuously reminded of the importance of the service we provide to our community and how truly rewarding and fun it is.

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Lakewood Schools

Markling Named “Outstanding Board Member” By OSBA

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood School Board President Matthew John Markling has been named the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) Northeast Region Outstanding Board Member. Markling received the award at the Northeast Region’s annual fall conference in Akron on Oct. 5. At the fall conference, Markling was also nominated for the All-Ohio School Board Award to be announced at the OSBA’s Capital Conference in Columbus in November.

A school law attorney and profes-

sor, Markling is in his fourth year as a Lakewood City Schools board member. He also is a member of the Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys.

With OSBA, Markling has served on the Legislative Platform Committee, Student Achievement Leadership Team, Credentials Committee, Arrangements and Hospitality Team and Northeast Region Executive Committee. He also represents his district in the OSBA Delegate Assembly and has served as Lakewood’s legislative liaison and student achievement liaison to the asso-

ciation.

In recognizing Markling, OSBA Executive Director Richard Lewis said, “He has participated in numerous OSBA conferences and workshops and earned the association’s Award of Achievement, along with the Master Board Member award, a lifetime distinction.”

Markling received the Master Board Member award, one of only four in the state given the award, in March 2011 and was given the Award of Achievement in both 2010 and 2011.

“Any recognition I receive as a

school board member is directly related to the constant mentoring and collaborating that goes on with my fellow school board members and the administration, not to mention the unwavering support of my wife, Katie,” Markling said. “The knowledge and experience I have obtained from working with Board members Chas Geiger, Betsy Shaughnessy, Linda Beebe, Ed Favre, and John Kamkutis, as well as Treasurer Rick Berdine and Superintendents Dave Estrop, Joe Madak, and Jeff Patterson, is priceless.”

Board Vice President John Kamkutis said of the Outstanding Board Member award: “For Matt Markling to achieve OSBA’s highest honor in such a short time clearly exemplifies the passion, dedication and respect Matt has for being a board member and advocating for the best interests of Lakewood City Schools.”

Markling’s other fellow Board members praised his dedication and work ethic as well.

“Matt is a dedicated and knowledgeable school board member. He has worked hard to earn this award,” said longtime Board member Linda Beebe.

Added fellow Board member Edward Favre: “Matt Markling is an active Board member who immerses himself in the job. He has great knowledge and background that he brings to our discussions. I have learned a lot working with him.”

In addition to serving as President of the Lakewood Board of Education, Markling is a founder of the state-wide law firm of McGown & Markling Co., L.P.A.; General Counsel for the Ohio Educational Service Center Association; an adjunct faculty member for the University of Akron School of Law; a member of both the Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys and North American Association of Educational Negotiators; and an Executive Committee Member of the Northeast Region Ohio School Boards Association. Markling is also recognized as one of The Best Lawyers in America® in the specialty of Education Law and included among the less than one percent of Ohio attorneys distinguished as an Ohio State Bar Association Certified Specialist in Labor and Employment Law.

OfficeMax Surprises Harrison Teacher With Free Supplies

by Christine Gordillo

Lisa Fuehrer, an Intervention Specialist at Harrison, was chosen as one of 1,000 teachers across the country who received thousands of dollars in free school supplies on October 4 from OfficeMax in honor of the company’s, “A Day Made Better” program.

Principal Philis Muth nominated Fuehrer. In her nomination letter, Muth said that Fuehrer “goes above and beyond high expectations our district holds for all teachers. She never hesitates to take the necessary time students need to achieve goals.” Muth also praised Fuehrer for her cooperation with all staff members and her commitment to Harrison’s Building Leadership and Response to Intervention teams.

OfficeMax’s “A Day Made Better” program was instituted three years ago as recognition that teachers spend a lot of their own money each year to outfit classrooms and provide students with supplies. Each OfficeMax store in the country selects a teacher to be the beneficiary of donations from the store as well as from customers and then comes to the school to surprise the honored teacher with boxes full of supplies. The



Some Harrison students join teachers Lisa Fuehrer (from left), Anita Shaughnessy and Mandy Fleming with the thousands of dollars in school supplies given to Fuehrer from OfficeMax.

Westlake OfficeMax store provided Fuehrer’s supplies.

Fuehrer’s large boxes of supplies were filled with crayons, markers, folders, pencils, rulers, paper and much more that students need throughout the year. OfficeMax also provided a box full of supplies just for the teacher. That box included a camera, printer, three-hole punches, organizational

items, planners, calculator and much more. Fuehrer even was given a new desk chair.

The largesse exceeded more than \$2,000 in value and contained more than one classroom could ever need, including hundreds of boxes of crayons, so it looks like all of Harrison’s teachers and students will benefit from Fuehrer’s good fortune.

LHS Well-Represented In Honors Music Ensembles

by Christine Gordillo

Fall is the time for the Ohio Music Education Association to select members for its All-State music ensembles. Once again, Lakewood High will be well-represented in the All-State Orchestra, All-State Choir and All-State band. The groups will perform in February at the OMEA’s conference in Columbus.

Members of OMEA’s Northeast Region Orchestra have also been selected and all 13 of the Lakewood High students who auditioned on Sept. 24 for this select group were chosen. Members for OMEA’s All-State Orchestra were chosen from those who auditioned for Region and out of the 13 who auditioned, six were named to the All-State group and three were named alternates. The six selected for All-State is the highest number for any school in Northeast Ohio.

Congratulations to the following LHS students who will be participating in the Region Orchestra, which

performs Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. at Cleveland State’s Wolstein Center: Andy Peng, first chair violin and concertmaster; Cooper Brown, violin; Kendall King, violin; Claire Gliozzi, violin; Devon Caskey, viola; Zach Prebel, viola; Bea Aldrich, viola; Chelsea Polk, cello; Danny Toner, cello; Moira Horn, cello; Matt Sims, cello; Jenny Hood, bass; and Katie Reading, harp.

All-State Orchestra members are: Andy Peng; Devon Caskey, Chelsea Polk, Danny Toner, Jenny Hood and Katie Reading, who will play harp if the ensemble uses the instrument in its arrangements. Alternates are Cooper Brown, Moira Horn and Zach Prebel.

Orchestra Director Beth Hankins is pleased that so many of her students will have the opportunity to play in these prestigious ensembles. “Lakewood has a strong tradition of participation in the NE Region Orchestra as well as Ohio Music Education All- State Orchestra. In the past few years more students from Lakewood have been auditioning and

more are being accepted. It is with great pride that I will send these amazing students to perform at Cleveland State and in Columbus, as they are fantastic musicians and true ambassadors,” she said. “I know that the Lakewood City Schools and the Lakewood community are excited to see so many Lakewood students striving for excellence and achieving it!”

Heading to Columbus for the All-State Choir will be LHS Mixed Symphonic Choir members: Abby Boland, soprano; Jack DeBaltzo, bass; Rachel Guetling, soprano; Grace Lazos, soprano; and Luke Lemmeier, tenor.

The All-State Band will also have Lakewood High representation as Lindsay Furtado has been selected to play the clarinet for the honors band.

These musicians and vocalists all practice for many hours each week and to be recognized as among the state’s top high school musical talent is a wonderful reward for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to all!



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Lakewood Schools

Help Us Be The Best!

by Mitchell Robida

The Lakewood City School Community Recreation and Education Department is looking for your feedback. We have put together a survey to get your input into the activities and programs we offer, so that we can serve this great community in the best way possible. It is our mission to provide safe and meaningful recreational and educational opportunities for kids and adults of all ages. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey at <http://tinyurl.com/4xrwovy>, which will help us to meet your wants and needs in planning for future recreation and education opportunities in Lakewood.

Fall Youth Programming

At The Lakewood Y

by Mark Edwards

Looking for something for your child to do at the YMCA? Check out our Fall 2011 Session II programs and events for more details on how your child can get involved and have fun with the YMCA of Greater Cleveland.

Youth Basketball League

League games begin the week of Oct. 31, 2011 and will group participating children by the following age groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, and 12-14. Registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011. There will be a \$5 late registration fee if after Oct. 30. Games will start on Saturdays at 9 a.m. on Nov. 5, with the youngest age group, and proceed according to age. The league is for members of the YMCA Lakewood, West Shore, and West Park. All games will be held in the Lakewood gymnasium.

Cost will be \$45 for YMCA members and \$85 for YMCA program members. We group participants based on age and skill level. Coach/Parent requests will be taken, but not guaranteed as we need to ensure team parity. We are actively looking for volunteers for the positions of: Head Coach, Assistant Coach, and Parent Helper (organize snacks/drinks for each game). You do not need to be a member of the Y to be a volunteer, but you are required to submit to a back-

We are always striving to make our programs the best that they can be.

Feedback from the community is a great way for us to look at ways to improve and continue programming

LHS Cinema Honored As “Outstanding”

by Christine Gordillo

The 2011 edition of Lakewood High School’s Cinema yearbook has been recognized as outstanding by the American Scholastic Press Association.

The all-color book, whose theme was Our True Colors, earned a first place award. Special recognition went to 2011 graduate Samantha Cross for

her outstanding division pages and original cover artwork.

In praising the Cinema, the judges said, “Your yearbook shows excellence in the fields of writing, creativity, and page design.” They awarded the Cinema perfect scores in the areas of general page design, content presentation, publication structure, and creativity

Yearbook adviser Dennis Ebner was surprised but pleased at the award as it was the first time the Cinema was entered in the annual contest.

Again, we thank you for your participation and ongoing support. Together we can make this Recreation Department the envy of all other cities.

“I had a great group of hard-working students last year who were determined to create a yearbook worthy of entering into competition,” Ebner said. “Earning a first place award is a tribute to their determination and hard work. My current staff has been motivated by this honor and has decided to go for two in a row. I guess it’s true that success breeds success!”

The students are already hard at work on the 2012 Cinema edition, “Picture Perfect.”

LHS Alum Debuts Orchestral

Work At Civic



Lakewood High School 2007 graduate Max Mueller offers gratitude to attendees of the Pops Concert, held Tuesday, October 12, at the Civic Auditorium. His orchestral work, “Heroic Overture,” received its debut performance by the LHS orchestras, featuring members of the Garfield and Harding middle schools. Mueller gave thanks to the school system for its longstanding support of the arts and, notably, Elizabeth Hankins (r.), LHS orchestra director, whose guidance helped him choose music as a career path. Mueller now resides in Los Angeles.

Volunteers Needed

Come Help A Child Learn To Read!

by Christine Gordillo

Do you enjoy reading? Do you have some extra time on your hands? Do you get a kick out of working with children? If so, Lakewood City Schools needs you.

Two of the district’s elementary schools are participating in a pilot for Project MORE, a reading mentoring program that aims to boost literacy among students with disabilities and students at risk for reading failure, and they need adult volunteers to make it work. Grant and Hayes elementary schools are looking for adults who can give 30 minutes of their time, two days a week to read with students.

More than 240 districts in the state are currently using Project MORE with great success. The program is affordable for districts while offering the one-on-one support these students need to be successful readers. If you are interested in being a reading mentor, please con-

tact Holly Bucci at Hayes at 529-4228 or Brenda Budzar at Grant at 529-4217. You can learn more about Project MORE at www.ohiopprojectmore.org.

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Rangers Impress With 17-0 Win Over Valley Forge



Junior tailback Jovon Young carries the ball during a fourth quarter drive in the varsity Rangers 17-0 victory over the Valley Forge Rangers at Byers Field in Parma Heights. The Friday, Oct. 7, win improves the Rangers season record to 5-2.

Lakewood Schools

School Board Receives Updated 5 Year Financial Forecast

by Gregory "Woody" Calleri

Why should you care about the School Board's updated financial forecast?

If you have kids they deserve to go to an "excellent" school for years to come. If you have no kids in the Lakewood schools, you still own property or rent and pay school taxes. If you own property - your property value can be affected by the school where you live. People like to live in cities with strong schools.

I care, so I attended the October 3, 2011 School Board meeting where district Treasurer Richard Berdine released and reviewed an updated 5-year (Fiscal Year 2012 to 2016) financial forecast for our School District. The forecast showed flat to declining revenue (property tax and state funding) and increasing costs (personal and healthcare) that will "require our attention now and into the future."

The presentation lasted approximately 20 minutes and included a PowerPoint presentation, an updated forecast and educational report, and a new 5 year financial forecast. If you are interested, it is available on the Board's

website (<http://lakewoodcityschools.org/districtBoardEd.aspx>).

What did the new forecast show?

The new forecast includes numerous new assumptions which reflect the economic reality the city, state and county are facing. Overall it shows an improved financial position next year (FY 2012) with a loss of \$1.5 million versus the original assumption of a loss of \$3.0 million driven by improved tangible personal property revenue and lower personal cost.

However, the next 4 years show deteriorating financials with losses of \$5.0 million in FY 2013 (\$4.9 million previously), \$8.5 million in FY 2014 (\$8.0 million previously), and \$11.6 million in FY 2015 (\$10.6 million previously). FY 2016 shows the District with a \$14.5 million shortfall that needs to be addressed (no prior estimate).

The final forecasted numbers are actually worse than these numbers due to an error in the original forecast that was found during follow-up meetings with the treasurer. The corrections are discussed in detail later in this story.

After all the changes, the takeaway for Lakewood is that despite a better near-term outlook we still have an approximate \$16 million shortfall over the next 3 years that must be addressed.

What happened after the presentation?

After the presentation, Mr Berdine opened the floor to anyone with questions or concerns. I was surprised to find that no-one in the audience or on the Board had any questions, given the scope of his presentation. I had numerous questions including:

- If property values decline 8% why does property tax revenue decline only 1%? (\$330,000 vs \$3.0 million),
- What happens if property values decline more than 8%? (other towns are seeing 15%+),
- What did the \$1.1 million in stimulus and \$6.3 million in state funding that we are losing cover?
- What is driving the significant increase in healthcare premiums from the 0-4% range to the 12%-16% range?
- And the most important question, who reviewed the financials and questioned the assumptions to ensure that we have strong processes in place to create a solid 5 year forecast?

What happened after the Board meeting?

I was not satisfied and felt that follow-up was needed. On October 5th I was able to meet with Mr. Berdine to discuss the five-year forecast and follow up on my questions. In that meeting I learned the following:

- Only the "inside mills" at \$4.8 million and the 2010 levy at \$6.3 million will show a decline in revenue due to a reduction in property values (a by-product of HB 920).
- If property tax values drop more than 8% these two revenue sources will drop with the lower values. Should property tax values decline more than 15% other sources of revenue will start to decline as well.
- The stimulus dollars covered several areas including some elementary school teaching positions that will have to be cut in the future.
- The increase in healthcare premiums is partially the result of increased utilization rates by employees which is

being offset by an increase in our stop-loss amounts which saves us \$200,000 a year in premiums.

On my last question about the processes in place to review the forecast, it turns out that there was limited review and discussion of the forecast prior to its release. Who wants to get involved in all these numbers, right? However, it is important that we have the processes in place to guarantee that someone does. Why? Because without the proper processes in place, errors happen.

Two errors:

During this meeting and a follow-up conversation, we found an error in the 5 year forecast pertaining to the loss of revenue due to declining property assessments. The error was the result of a bad formula which did not pull in all of the information. This mistake came to light because of my question about why property tax revenues were not declining at the same rate as property values. In reviewing that question, we discovered the error (it counted only the inside mills not the 2010 levy) which reduces forecasted property tax revenue by an additional \$480,000 a year. The revenue loss will be partially offset by cost reductions of approximately \$200,000 a year related to an additional error Mr. Berdine found in the forecasts.

The errors and their corrections have been reported to the School Board and will be reflected in the updated financial forecast presented to the Board at this week's meeting. A bigger question is, would this error have been found had I not followed up? One would like to believe so.

What can we do?

My background and expertise happen to be in finance. Because of that I was able to work with our administration on the forecasts and offer expertise the Board does not have. The biggest risk to our schools' "excellent" rating is the financial crisis we are going through and I am proud that I could help out. If you have an expertise, be it financial, legal, real estate, etc. you can get more involved. Attend School Board and Council meetings. Work with our elected officials to improve our city. Vote on November 8.

Only by working together will we navigate these tough times successfully.

Grant To Help Propel District As Leader In Fighting Teen Violence

by Christine Gordillo

Thanks to a half-million dollar grant recently awarded to the Lakewood City Schools by the U.S. Department of Justice, Lakewood is set to become a national leader in the effort to prevent sexual assault, dating and domestic violence and stalking among teens and adolescents. Lakewood City Schools is one of approximately 10 districts in the nation selected to participate in this grant program.

The grant, for \$511,832 over three years, is part of the Justice Dept.'s Office on Violence Against Women's Supporting Teens through Education and Protection Program, or STEP. Lakewood City Schools' partners in the program, the Lakewood Police Department, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center (formerly the Domestic Violence Center and Bellflower Center for Prevention of Child Abuse), will join in developing and implementing a comprehensive plan, dubbed "Ranger 360," that will increase middle school and high school student safety by accomplishing the following:

- Establishing a coordinated community response task force to address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking (SADDVS) by developing a comprehensive prevention and education program for community, parents, staff and students.
- Providing training to school administrators, faculty, counselors, coaches, security personnel and other staff on the needs and concerns of students who have experienced the impact of such violence.
- Providing a resource person on-site at the schools for the purpose of

strengthening effective prevention and intervention strategies for students experiencing such violence

- Establishing a student task force that will work on awareness campaigns.
- Establishing a parent task force to develop a parent outreach and engagement program.
- Providing educational programming designed to raise awareness of teen dating and sexual violence among students.

"We are fortunate to be able to partner with the City of Lakewood's Police Department, providing expertise in law enforcement, and Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center providing their comprehensive knowledge on teen dating and sexual violence and its impact on victims and families, to begin to systematically address an issue that threatens the safety of our students and therefore, impacts learning," said Superintendent Jeffrey W. Patterson. "This push for prevention and education will help protect our community's youth."

The partners involved in the grant have worked together in the past to provide personnel training and classroom education for individual teacher or principal requests in Lakewood Schools, but these programs lacked a sufficient depth and did not reach all students. In a survey of high school and middle school health classes, it was found that students were lacking knowledge of very basic facts about sexual assault and dating violence. In another survey of high school personnel, staff expressed needing more knowledge of these crimes and training in how to respond.

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City of Lakewood Pit Bulls Owners and Supporters in the 2011 Spooky Pooch Parade.

Halloween

“13th Shipwreck Isle” Merl Haunted House Is A Halloween Must-See

by Wes Carney

Halloween is one of the most well-known days of the year. Through numerous generations, October 31st has been recognized as the day of tricks and treats. How will you spend that day? Whether you're a thrill seeker, candy collector, or just simply someone looking for a fun way to spend their Halloween holiday, this event will be perfect for you.

Come experience the “13th Shipwreck Isle”, the scariest trick-or-treat

location in Lakewood and beyond! This terrifying set-up is made possible through the hard work and dedication of 14 teenagers who have put their skills and their time into making this performance the best that it can be. The 13th Shipwreck Isle will be featured in the driveway and garage of a local Lakewood resident.

The 2011 set-up is the follow-up to the past two haunted pathways: the Merl Witch Project of 2009 and the Nightmare on Merl Street of 2010.

The two set-ups rallied 500 guests during the past two Halloween holidays. The reputation of the pathway is very high, but your support will raise it even more. All guests support our cause simply by visiting! The more visitors there are the better!

All are welcome to the 13th Shipwreck Isle! Near or far, young or old, anyone may enter! The one thing to not fear about our haunted pathway is the age group. Although it is recommended that children under the age

of 8 be accompanied by a parent, our actors know when to scare and when to take care. The age of our audience is always taken into consideration.

So why exactly should you take time out of your holiday to visit this scary set-up? The 13th Shipwreck Isle is an experience like no other. It may look and sound impressive from the outside, but the performance itself is fantastic. Our wonderful actors will scare you out of your pants, and the scenery will send shivers down your spine! And to top off the terrifying trail, you will be treated to a candy of your choice, a glow stick, or even a silly band! We even reward a candy basket prize to the hundredth visitor of every 100 visitors we have!

Admission into the pathway is free to all visitors! However, there will be a donation box located near the exit. All profits will go toward the Barnstormers Drama Club of Lakewood High School. Since that group is struggling through these tough economic times, all donations are welcome and appreciated

Halloween is a day of horrors and sweets; don't miss out on either of those! Come down to the 13th Shipwreck Isle, located at 13303 Merl Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. The set-up will be open to the public from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Halloween night. All visitors support our pathway! And if you manage to come out alive, this will be an experience you will never forget!

Halloween Costume Race To Benefit Lakewood Charities

by Chrissy Kadleck Pursifull

Burn some ghoulish calories and warm up your Halloween costume Sunday, October 30 at the 7th annual Great Pumpkin Fun Run & 5K Race at Lakewood Park.

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

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

The best part? You'll be breaking a sweat to further worthy causes. Proceeds from the race benefit two local non-

profits: Lakewood Community Services Center and H2O – Help to Others.

But that's not all! Awards will be given in the following categories: top overall male and female runners; top male and female in each age brackets; and best costumes.

“The Fun Run is our largest fundraiser, which raises a significant amount of money for Lakewood organizations and an annual scholarship,” says Pumpkin Run Chair Ashley Clements. “This year is all about Halloween fun! We'll have spooky treats, fun decorations, painted pumpkins, and much more.”

Entry fees for the 5K run and walk are \$20 for adults 19 years and older and \$15 for youth 18 years and younger. The 1-mile Fun Run is \$12. The first 400 registered participants receive a t-shirt.

Registration opens at 7:45 a.m. at the Woman's Pavilion at Lakewood Park. For more information, call 216.623.9933 or visit www.hermescleveland.com.

The Lakewood Women's Club Seventh Annual Great Pumpkin Fun Run & 5K Race is pleased to have Rocky River Urgent Care as our lead sponsor; other sponsors of the race include local Lakewood businesses Geiger's Clothing & Sports, Norris Family Chiropractic, Root Cafe, The McHugh Group and Hinckley Lighting.

Lakewood Women's Club (LWC), founded in 1962, is a philanthropic membership organization that sponsors annual fundraisers with proceeds benefiting Lakewood organizations and scholarships. For more information, visit us at www.lakewoodwomensclub.com.



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LO Opinion

Occupy Yourself With Justice

by Chris Perry

My wife and I recently took our two young children down to Cleveland Public Square. It was our intent to join the Occupy Cleveland crowd gathered there to protest Wall Street greed as part of the Occupy Wall Street movements sprouting up across the nation and expose them to one of history's most important acts--civil disobedience.

They were both fascinated by the stories my wife and I told them of the many protests and acts of civil disobedience (some were very significant) that we have been part of in the past twenty-five years. We explained to them in great detail that the vast majority of gains made in the realm of social justice in this country would never have been achieved if people did not take to the streets in solidarity.

As fate would have it, I nearly bumped shoulders with former Lakewood Mayor and now Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald as I was demonstrating to my children how to hold your protest sign aloft so that it could be read and potentially caught on camera. It was quite the contrast to watch a person who could very well be the most powerful man in Cuyahoga County walk through the midst of a group of approximately 75 protesters with not a soul knowing who he was other than myself. To Ed FitzGerald's credit, he acted like it was nothing out of the ordinary and carried on with his stroll along Public Square--or as I later thought--maybe we all were just invisible to him.

The lords of finance in the looming towers surrounding Public Square, who, like their brethren on Wall Street, toy with money and lives; who make the political class, the press and the judiciary jump at their demands; who destroy the ecosystem for profit and drain the United States Treasury to gamble and speculate, took little notice of my family or any of the other activists on the street below them. The elites consider everyone outside their sphere marginal or invisible.

I have heard the corporate mouthpieces in the press, as they continue to puzzle over what those "Occupy People" want. What are their demands? Why can't they articulate an agenda? The goal of these so-called "Occupy People" is very simple and very clear. It can be articulated in one word--revolution. These protesters have not come to camp out on sidewalks to work within the system. They are not pleading with Congress for electoral reform. They know national electoral politics is a farce and have found another way to be heard and exercise power. They have no faith, nor should they, in the political system or the two major political parties. They know the press will not amplify their voices, and so they created a voice of their own. They know the economy serves the top one percent, so they formed their own communal system. This movement is an effort to take our country back. It has to start somewhere...why not with civil disobedience?

This is a goal the power elite cannot understand. They cannot picture a



Occupy Cleveland, the first night.

day when they will not be in charge of our lives. The elites believe, and seek to make us believe, that globalization and unfettered capitalism is a permanent and eternal dynamic that can never be altered. What those at the top fail to realize is that the revolution will not stop until the corporate state is extinguished. It will not stop until there is an end to the corporate abuse of the poor, the working class, the elderly, the sick, children and those being slaughtered in our imperial wars. It will not stop until foreclosures and bank repossessions stop. It will not stop until students and families no longer have to go into massive debt to pursue an education, and families no longer have to go bankrupt to pay medical bills. It will not stop until the corporate destruction of the environment stops, and our relationships with each other and the planet are radically changed. And that is why the elites, and the rotted system of corporate power they sustain, are in trouble. That is why they keep asking what the demands are. They just don't understand what is happening.

A couple more rants and raves later, I noticed a young woman standing next to us clutching a book tightly with both arms. I was most curious to know what this so obviously important book was that this person held so tightly to her body. And then, I caught a glimpse of the title and it was the most appropriate and relevant book that one could think of to bring to a protest--Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States."

I have been thinking incessantly about Howard Zinn ever since. He was one of my personal heroes who died a year ago at the age of 87. With his death, we lost a man who did nothing less than rewrite the narrative of the United States. We lost a historian who also made history. On a more personal level, Howard Zinn altered the course of my history--changed my narrative. Forever altering how I view America and the world.

Of course I'm referring to the way Howard Zinn spoke about history; it was from the perspective of having written "A People's History of the United States," a book that changed the lives of countless people like that young woman at Occupy Cleveland.

Count me among them. Back in

1985, when I was 20 and picked up a copy of Zinn's book, I thought history was about learning that the Magna Carta was signed in 1215. I couldn't tell then what the Magna Carta was, but I knew it was signed in 1215. Howard Zinn took this history of great men in powdered wigs and turned it on its pompous head.

In Zinn's book, the central actors were the runaway slaves, the labor radicals, the masses and the misfits. Howard Zinn wrote history as if written by Robin Hood, speaking to a desire so many share --to actually make history instead of being history's victim. His book made me come alive.

Anyone who believes that the United States is now immune to radical politics never attended a lecture by Howard Zinn. I am fortunate to have twice seen and heard him speak. The rooms would be packed to the rafters, as entire families, black, white and brown, would arrive to hear their own history made humorous as well as heroic. I will always remember that famous Zinn quote: "What matters is not who's sitting in the White House. What matters is who's sitting in!"

Like the people he wrote about, Howard Zinn was entirely authentic. When he spoke against poverty it was from the perspective of someone whose family became homeless during the Great Depression. When he spoke against war, it was from the perspective of someone who flew as a bombardier

during World War II, and was forever changed by the experience. When he spoke against racism it was from the perspective of someone who taught at Spelman College during the civil rights movement and was arrested sitting in with his students.

I always wondered why Howard Zinn was considered a radical. He was an unbelievably decent man who felt obliged to challenge injustice and unfairness wherever he found it. What is so radical about believing that workers should get a fair shake on the job, that corporations have too much power over our lives and much too much influence within government, that wars are so murderously destructive that alternatives to warfare should be found, that the interests of powerful political leaders and corporate elites are not the same as those of ordinary people who are struggling from week to week to make ends meet?

In addition to the shouts one can hear at Occupy Cleveland, I want to shout out a thank you to Howard Zinn for having the courage to peel back the rosy veneer of much of American history to reveal sordid realities that had remained hidden for too long until the printing of "A People's History of the United States."

Is this too radical? Hardly. I remember the propaganda that filled my old high school textbooks in American History--you will find our Founding Fathers portrayed as rugged frontiersman, soldier, democrat, man of the people--not the slaveholder, land speculator, executioner of dissident soldiers, exterminator of Indians. Thankfully, I was a receptive audience for his message, and Howard Zinn became my rock star.

It's easy to feel helpless about the ruthless corporate politics of our day, but the legacy of Howard Zinn will always continue to hold up a mirror to the power that we already possess to make change: the potency of our words, the strength of our convictions, and the long history of activism and resistance that is our birthright.

That he was considered radical says way more about this society than it does about him. We should strive to build on Howard Zinn's work and go out and make some history.

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Greater Cleveland YMCA was negotiated. Other ideas to improve the climate of recreational and youth activities are being brainstormed at the present time.

Last spring, members of the commission watched a filming of "The New Metropolis" which goes into great detail of the challenges inner ring communities such as Lakewood face in modern times. Metropolis goes into a two-part series in regards to policies in the Ohio State Government when it comes to funding first ring suburbs and how residents of a first ring suburb collaborate and make positive improvements to their community through citizen empowerment and involvement. The commission intends to

host a community conversations workshop in conjunction of publicly showing the Metropolis film for residents in March 2012, so stay tuned for this event.

The commission is working on efforts to reach out to its new residents. We have begun the process of revamping the "Welcome to Lakewood" packets that new homebuyers receive. We also propose to reach out to those new in our community with the proposed idea of hosting a "Welcome to Lakewood" event that is slated to be hosted in April, 2012. The primary purpose for this proposed event is to welcome our newcomers and make them feel accustomed to their new city. Further details on this event will be published when available.

Perspectives

Capitalism Vs. Capitulation

by Bret Callentine

Something is seriously wrong here. I'm completely confused by what I'm seeing on Wall Street and across the nation. As protesters flood in, the "Occupiers" tell us the system is broken. They complain that corporate profits rose as working wages stagnated, and we're told that capitalism is failing. When wages did go up, corporations desperate to maintain prices in a cost-conscious market used more automation and shipped more jobs overseas. But, when unemployment went up, we were told that the real culprit was corporate greed. Then, to save those American jobs, the government stepped in and gave billions to companies that had already mismanaged millions, and they told us it was because the free market didn't work.

As the housing boom erupted, property values went up, but people complained that the rising prices were unfair to lower income families, and that the American Dream was dying. So Congress passed laws that made money easier to lend, kept interest rates low and mortgages cheap, then told us everyone should be able to buy a house. But cheap money made for risky lending and a bubble that eventually burst. And now millions of people who borrowed money they didn't have for houses they couldn't afford have defaulted on loans they never would have taken in the first place had they not been convinced it was their right. And, while properties are foreclosed

and the investments evaporate, it's the banking practices that are most often condemned.

Education is important, but as tuitions rose we were told it was unfair that not everyone could afford to go to college. So, politicians pushed for more student loans to make higher education more attainable for lower income students. Schools with limited facilities were increasingly flooded with willing applicants, and yet, somehow people are surprised that universities that cannot turn people away for any other reason use an increase in tuition and fees to keep their enrollment in check. So as more and more kids graduate with debt that far outweighs any job their degree might possibly validate, we're told it's the lenders that need correcting and the loans that need forgiven.

Credit cards are now an integral part of an economy where once cash was king. Savings accounts and lay-away were quickly discarded as the "need it now" mentality took us from planning for what we could afford to arranging for what we could finance. Through a downward spiral of personal debt, families became apathetic to the thought of throwing thousands of dollars a year out the window on interest payments alone. Yet, when the credit limits were maxed out and the payments brought too much pain, it was the ethics of the lenders that came into question. So regulations were changed and limits were set on how much a bank could charge, but as fees were raised to cover the resulting loss in revenue, even if it was well within the new rules, the customers continued to cry foul.

Years ago a man would work until one of two things happened: he either saved enough to retire or his dwindling faculties forced him to. But over the years we convinced ourselves that the realities of self reliance were oppressive. So the government stepped in with the promise of social security. But the safety net was judged as too small, so taxes were increased to care for those who couldn't work. And with a continuing call for compassion the

benefits were expanded to the point where half as many workers are now footing the bill for twice as many recipients, but when anyone dares question its solvency, they're called heartless, callous and cruel.

Something IS seriously wrong. But it's not the system. Blaming capitalism for a recession is like blaming gravity for a plane crash. Claiming the free market has failed because unemployment is high is like cursing electricity when your light bulb burns out. And protesting the rich for the plight of the poor is like hating the Yankees because the Indians didn't win.

Every year I hear more and more complaining that the outcomes are unjust because the rules are unfair. So the rules get changed and the system becomes more complex, and red tape and bureaucracy ensnare a whole new class of victim. So agencies are created and civil servants are brought on board to shepherd the unfortunate flock. But the only result seems to be an ever increasing dependency on the assistance of others, so more is drained from those who produce to care for the needs of those who consume. And, as the disparity between the two groups

increases we're once again told that it's unfair. We're told we are victims. And we're told that the rich are to blame and that the system is broken. So the masses protest and the rules are changed and the whole thing starts again.

Something is very seriously wrong, but it's not with the system, it's with the society. Capitalism isn't failing us, we're failing it. Our economy wasn't established on the basis of fairness of outcome but equality of opportunity. And, if we're not happy with the results we have no one to blame but ourselves. We keep changing the recipe and tweaking the rules and now we're complaining that we can't make clam chowder out of cake mix.

Step by step we've surrendered a system of limitless possible gain for the desire of a system promising limited potential loss. We've sacrificed much of the capacity for individual prosperity but have yet to realize the end of collective misery. We're told that we can't do it without government intervention, with their corrective legislation and compassionate regulation. But, with the growing demonization of success we submit more and more to mediocrity and fall further and further from being a nation where happiness was once a protected "pursuit".

Economic Justice For All

by Helen Brinich

The protest which is taking place on Wall Street is not a silly action by idlers who have nothing better to do. The problem they are addressing is dead serious. The United States of America is the oldest continuously functioning democracy in the world. Now after more than 200 years we are fast deteriorating into a plutocracy. The rich keep getting richer and more powerful and are close to being able to purchase the best government that money can buy.

The gap between the rich and the rest of us continues to grow. The rich are a tiny minority and each gets only one vote. The non-rich are a huge majority also with one vote each. Why is it that our legislators refuse to rein in the power of a small minority?

There is no single answer. Money is power. The wealthy interests are well organized and their organizations are well funded. The poor feel powerless. They feel they don't count. Their right to vote is being restricted by laws which require government issued photo I.D.s at the polling place. Workers Unions expanded and protected our nation's middle class. It was their efforts that

resulted in child labor laws, the forty hour week, safe working conditions. Their power is greatly diminished now and laws denying the right to collective bargaining are about to finish them off. This will leave no organization with enough power to stand up to the large corporations.

Our government is supposed to be of the people, by the people. and for the people. We, the non-wealthy are most of the people. What the Wall Street protesters want is economic justice for all. They are trying to remind us of our privileges and responsibilities as citizens. Apathy of the electorate is one of the biggest caaussions of our slide from democracy into plutocracy. The protesters will render a great service to the American people if they just wake them up.

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Lakewood Is Art

A Classical Revolution Comes To The Root Café

by Mark Moran

“When people think about the experience of hearing live classical music, they usually think of sitting in an expensive concert hall,” says Lakewood resident and concert pianist Shuai Wang. “It can be an intimidating atmosphere and sometimes people feel embarrassed if they do something wrong.”

In fact, hearing the world renowned Cleveland Orchestra in Severance Hall, for instance, is an experience any person should have. But Shuai is one of the leaders of a revolution that has been in progress for more than a decade—a Classical Revolution—whose aim is to bring live classical music and the elite musicians who play it, to popular local venues such as bars and coffee shops, where the dress is casual, the atmosphere is friendly and relaxed, and the goal is to have fun in a familiar place you share with neighbors and friends.

Classical Revolution began in 1996 when a group of string musicians began playing regularly at the Revolution Café, in the Mission District of San Francisco. Since then the revolution has spread to cities across the country and in Europe and Asia (see www.classicalrevolution.com).

In 2009, Classical Revolution-Cleveland was formed when Shuai and fellow Cleveland Institute of Music student William Johnston began gathering the regions’ finest musicians to play in the areas favorite neighborhood gathering places. When Johnston left to become principal violist for the Atlanta Opera, Shuai took up leadership of the project, and despite many other commitments as a teacher and performer she has turned Classical Revolution into a passion.

Under her stewardship Classical Revolution-Cleveland has found a home-base of sorts, at the Happy Dog on Detroit and 58th Street in Cleveland, with extraordinary live classical music performed there every third Tuesday of every month. Musicians are drawn from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and from the ranks of the regions symphony orchestras; in April, members of the Cleveland Orchestra played at Happy Dog. And in March, immediately following the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, Classical Revolution-Cleveland at Happy Dog raised more than \$300 for Red Cross relief efforts.

But Shuai has also been determined to bring the revolution to Lakewood, and on Sunday, October 23 from 4-6 p.m., Classical Revolution-Cleveland will come to the Root Café. The program is still being formulated, but Shuai says she will be playing keyboards along with flutist Madeline Lucas (the two have performed together as a duo they call “Digital Birds”). Admission is free (a donation jar will be passed and contributions are welcome) and Shuai encourages people to bring their children.

She promises a good time, and Shuai is a true believer in the capacity of music to transform any experience in memorable ways. (Her emails are



Madeline Lucas, on the flute, and Anthony Slusser, on the bassoon, perform at the Happy Dog in Cleveland.

garnished with an epigraph from Pablo Casals: “It is music that will change the world.”) A native of Tianjin, China, she came to the United States when she was 14 and studied at Interlochen Arts Academy. She graduated this year from the Cleveland Institute of Music with a Doctorate in Musical Arts, (among other degrees) and now teaches at the Institute along with providing private lessons in her home.

She is principal keyboardist for the Canton Symphony Orchestra and substitute pianist for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra; she has performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C and the Lincoln Center in New York. She lives in Lakewood with her husband George Bertalan, a physician completing his residency in internal medicine.

Shuai notes that there has always been a tension, or pendulum-like fluctuation, between classical music as a high art form for connoisseurs and its more popular presentation to the general public. In the Renaissance, baroque music was performed in the court for royalty; but beginning in the 18th century, instruments became less expensive and more accessible to commoners and performances began to be hosted in private homes for dances and parties.

It was only at the beginning of the 20th century that philanthropists began to build the grand concert

halls—classical architecture, high ceilings and chandeliers—that we associate today with elite musical culture. Now, with the high price of tickets and the easy accessibility of CDs, digital recordings have become the way classical music is popularized.

But Shuai fears that the uniquely intimate experience of live performance will get lost. ““Music really touches a sixth sense, touches you spiritually,” she said. “We can never be without music in our lives, but most people think of live classical music as a luxury only for people who can afford to hear it in a concert hall. I want to

allow the general public, including people who know little or nothing at all about classical music, to hear great music performed in a comfortable and popular location and to experience the fact that classical music can be as fun as hip hop or rock music.”

She urges everyone to visit the website at <http://classicalrevolutioncle.com> or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ClassicalrevolutionCLE>) to keep up with events (on the 24th Classical Revolution-Cleveland will perform at the Velvet Tango Room). And Shuai believes Classical Revolution-Cleveland can in time take its place as another major regional attraction for people visiting the North Coast. “In the same way that people who come to Cleveland want to see the Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall or the museums in University Circle, maybe they can also remember to check out the calendar at Happy Dog or the Root Café for great live classical music.”



Lakewood Is Art

By Pulitzer Prize-Winner, David Mamet

Beck Presents Regional Premiere Of "Race"

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts presents the regional premiere of David Mamet's *Race* in the Studio Theater, October 21 through November 20, 2011. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. Sundays. There is no performance on Saturday, November 12.

This riveting new drama by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning playwright David Mamet tells the story of three attorneys, two black and one white, who must defend a wealthy, white executive accused of raping a black woman. The Associated Press said "the questions *Race* poses and the answers its characters supply add up to an intriguing study of perception – from both black and white viewpoints. Which means there are no neat, easy conclusions to be drawn...not only on race but on the divide between men and women as well."

The talented cast includes Equity actors Justin Emeka and Tom Woodward



photo by Kathy Sandham

Attorneys confer on strategy to defend their client.

as Henry Brown and Jack Lawson, the black and white legal team forced to represent the indignant defendant, Charles Strickland portrayed by Brian Pedaci, with Aungelique Scott as the inexperienced young legal assistant, Susan, in

Mamet's controversial new work.

"I am thrilled to direct another provocative play in Beck's Studio Theater," says Director Sarah May who returns to the Beck Center after directing last season's highly acclaimed production

of *Wings*. "I know I've done my job well as a director when the audience leaves the theater deep in discussion about the show they've just seen," remarked May. "David Mamet's newest play is fast, funny and smart. It challenges all our thoughts about how far we've come on the topic of race. This is a play folks will be talking about long after curtain call."

To facilitate this post-show discussion, the Beck Center will host two talk-back sessions following the performances on Friday, October 28 and Sunday, November 6. The audience is invited to join the director, cast members and area experts to discuss the thought-provoking issues raised by *Race*. The October 28 session, moderated by Cool Cleveland's Thomas Mulready, will feature a panel including former Cuyahoga County Commissioner, attorney and actor Peter Lawson Jones, and Cool Cleveland columnist and Executive Director at Neighborhood Solutions, Mansfield Frazier. Ideastream producer and announcer, Dee Perry of Cleveland's NPR station, WCPN 90.3FM, will moderate the November 6 talk-back with panelists Prester Pickett, MFA, from the African American Cultural Center and Caroline Jackson Smith, Chair of African American Studies at Oberlin College.

Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors (65 and older) and \$17 for students (with valid ID). An additional \$3 service fee per ticket is applied at the time of purchase. Preview night on Thursday, October 20, is \$10 with general admission seating. Seating is limited in the Studio Theater and Preview Night is expected to sell out. Group discounts are available for parties of 13 or more.

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

Beck Center's production of *RACE* is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc. and is sponsored by Cox Communications, Ohio Arts Council and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

Halloween Trunk Show Set For 10/22

by Christin Sorensen

Lakewood-resident and Virginia Marti graduate Samantha Meyer will be hosting a trunk show, entitled *The Hollowed Gathering*, at Crafty Goodness on October 22nd. Her new line of Forlorn Dolls will be unveiled at the show.

Samantha started out studying Fine Arts at Lakeland Community College where she constructed her first sculpted art doll for a class assignment. She says, "It was a project I absolutely hated." Later she transferred to Virginia Marti and switched to Fashion Merchandising. Textiles and Costuming were two of her favorite courses, both of which would later be instrumental in the creation of Forlorn Dolls.

After graduation, art was put on the backburner. But while honeymooning in Salem, Massachusetts in 2009

inspiration finally struck in the creepiest of places: Lizzie Borden's home. While touring the home, a doll in the likeness of Ms. Borden was on display and caught Samantha's eye. While the doll was not for sale, a search online led her to the works of Joyce Stahl, the creator of this inspirational piece.

Fast forward to 2011, and Forlorn Dolls have been featured at quite a few local galleries around Lakewood. These amazing one of a kind dolls are all hand sculpted from polymer clay, with intricately detailed hand painted faces plus hand sewn clothes. Each doll takes between 20 to 40 hours to create. An upcoming line will feature fairy-tale themed characters such as Little Red Riding Hood with a Forlorn Dolls twist.

When asked why choose Lakewood, Samantha responded, "Lakewood has a unique culture

and feeling. When my husband and I first met at Virginia Marti College in Lakewood and started dating we grew a deep attachment to the city, you could call us Lakewood obsessed. We found our first apartment on Cook Avenue. Two years later we searched through forty Lakewood homes until we settled upon our dream house on the North end of town. We have decided we just cannot leave this city. Its history, the architecture, the arts and community events that hold it together have wrapped around us like a cozy blanket. The kind of blanket most people search their whole lives for. It's called home."

See these exquisite dolls in person and chat with the artist on Saturday, October 22 at Crafty Goodness, 15621 Madison Avenue.

Visit www.forlorndolls.com for more information.

Save The Date For The Fourth Annual Mayor's Ball

by Fran Storch

Mark your calendars to save the date for the 4th Annual Mayor's Ball hosted by Lakewood Mayor Michael P. Summers on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Beck Center for the Arts. Guests will enjoy elegant hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and live entertainment. The evening's festivities will also include an exciting raffle, silent auction and presentation of the Key to the City.

All proceeds from this event support the Beck Center's quality arts education and theater programs which benefit our community.

Tickets are available online at www.beckcenter.org. For more information, contact Holly Lauch at 216.529.6602 or holly.lauch@lakewoodoh.net.



Beck Center President and CEO Cindy Einhouse and husband, Tom, greet guests at last year's Mayor's Ball.

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Lakewood Cares

Ministerial Musings:

And Miles To Go Before I Sleep

by Rev. Dr. John Tamlilio III

Yes, Lakewoodites, as we saw animated in a recent edition of The Observer, I am often late getting my articles on the editor’s desk. More often than not, I run into my good friend and publisher Jim O’Bryan at the Root Café — on our way to our respective offices — and I ask him if I still have time to get my Musings in before the paper goes to print. Jim is always gracious, and I am always grateful.

Life is busy, is it not?
If you stop for a moment and think of all things you have to do, you quickly realize that you really do not even have the time to stop and think!
There is the shopping that needs to

be done, the dishes that are piled high in the sink, and the laundry crying, “Fold me!” There are the different schedules that vie for your children’s (and by default your) attention: soccer practices, piano lessons, play dates, and so on and so forth to infinity and beyond. And then there are those overdue expense reports that you need to get to your boss in the morning, so forget that episode of Boardwalk Empire that you recorded. It will have to wait, along with that novel your friends say is a must-read.
The woods are lovely dark and deep, but you have promises to keep...

I am exhausted writing this, knowing that so much of this defines my life. Always busy. Always on the go. So much to do. Calgon, take me away!
Why is it that the things that matters most — our spirits — are often the things we neglect first? We see our time to pray and meditate as luxuries, not necessities, so they are the first things to get erased from our “To Do List” when other demands surface.
Face it: if a client calls and asks you to go to lunch, it is perfectly acceptable to decline if you have a meeting with your boss. However, we would never

On Kiwanis:

Time Again For Incomparably Delicious Donuts

by Gordon Brumm

The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood will be selling donuts on Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28. I have already sung the praises of Kiwanis donuts, so I don’t need to tell you that they are the highlight of the autumn season. Instead, I will provide the details:
Donuts will be on sale at the Masonic Temple, Andrews and Detroit, on Thursday (the 27th) from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Friday (28th) from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Donuts will also be on sale at the

following locations:
Lakewood Hospital (bridge hospital entrance) on Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and on Friday from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Lakewood (Warren Rd.) branch of Keybank on Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
2Dads Restaurant (Detroit and Marlowe) on Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
The price is \$6.50 per box.
Cider from local orchards will also be on sale at the Masonic Temple at \$5.00

per gallon and \$4.00 per half-gallon.
Donuts will come in five varieties: plain, sugared, cinnamon, vanilla icing, and chocolate icing. A standard box has four plain donuts and two of each of the other varieties. However, buyers may place advance orders for customized selections.
To order, and to request a customized selection, e-mail: tseliot2@sbcglobal.net.
The work of making these donuts is done by members of Lakewood Kiwanis, members of Lakewood High Key Club, and other volunteers.
Needless to say, all proceeds from the donut sale (and all other Kiwanis fund-raising activities), go to help Lakewood community groups.

Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more **boldly.**
-Martin Luther

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U2Charist
by Paula Maeder Connor
Wow, some say this is “Church as it ought to be.” Others say, “Hmmm, a church service for a cause?” Well, yes and yes. U2charist is a Christian worship service using poetry and visuals AND the music of U2! It will be a blast, a comfort, a shared reality with a world (and our corner of it) which is hungry.
First Lutheran Church, Strongsville, is bringing the band to Trinity Lutheran here in Lakewood. First Lutheran has held U2Charists to support African kids who need shoes and a couple of other

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ever say, “I can’t, because I will be praying at that time.”
See what I mean?
But this is why we need to feed our spirits; this why we need time out, time alone with God. We need to create it for ourselves, because no one else will.
As with starting a new fitness routine, getting started and maintaining the discipline are difficult things to do. As with starting a new fitness regimen, we need to be deliberate, but we need to start slow.
Set a timer for ten minutes. Sit in the still silence. Breathe. You do not have to offer a well-crafted, erudite petition to God. Simply sit in the silence. Clear your mind as best as you can and focus on a word (such as peace, hope, joy, love) or a particular verse from Scripture. Repeat it over and over and then pause to simply listen — to listen for the still, small voice of God.
Do this each day for a week. Certainly you can spare ten minutes!
Once you get used to it, you can increase your time and vary the way in which you pray. The key is to just get started — to carve a moment out of your day for you and God to spend time together.
Yes, we all have miles to go before we sleep, but we will never make it if we try to travel the road alone.

amazing efforts to benefit...make good... for those in need.
Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach is one of many hunger relief opportunities right here at 16400 Detroit. TLCO serves 4 free meals a month, has free produce distributions during harvest months, and is a place for those in need to pick up a pantry bag once per month. Over 200 volunteers have been among TLCO’s gifted people.
Hunger Relief is unfortunately a ‘growth industry’ in Ohio and especially Northeastern Ohio. More than 300 meals are made and served through TLCO efforts in collaboration with the Cleveland Foodbank.
Come, celebrate life, listen to U2’s message of caring and relationship with people, share the message of the Christ to be with and of those in need. Sunday, November 6, 6:30 p.m. the band starts. Bring a toiletry item (like TP or tissues, soap, laundry soap) that folks cannot purchase with foodstamps as an offering at the door. Bring a monetary offering, too.
Hear good music, be inspired and moved to action. Eat a delicious home-made dessert afterwards. Be Bonofide!
Trinity Lutheran is located at 16400 Detroit Avenue. Contact us at 226-8087 with questions- visit Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach on Facebook or www.trinitylakewood.org for more.

Lakewood Cares

Fair Trade Raffle – No Purchase Necessary

by Donna Witmer

October is Fair Trade month. What does it take to create lasting positive change in the world? Often, it's the small choices that we make every day that can create the biggest benefit to people and planet.

Fair Trade offers respect for the hard work of talented people.

Fair Trade provides a sustainable way of life for developing communities.

Fair Trade is anti-slavery, anti child labor.

Fair Trade supports the conservation of the environment.

Fair Trade is a trading partnership based on dialogue and transparency seeking to create greater equity with the international trading system.

Simply come into GreenSmart-Gifts at 14534 Detroit and fill out a raffle

ticket and you could be the winner of a box of Fair Trade Certified delights. You can also go on our GreenSmart-Gifts Facebook page and like us and we will submit your name into our hopper. Winner will be announced on October 31.

Items in the box include:

Turn over a new leaf this autumn with the Art of Tea. The Tea Ceremony Sampler with Mint Green & Citrus Blossom Tea Sachets is an easy way to sample some of these unique & delicious teas. Make sure to share your boun-tea-ful harvest with friends and family at your next social gathering.

Choosing Divine as your chocolate of choice is a delicious way of playing your part in a more equitable trading partnership. In fact, Divine farmers own 45% of the company. Besides ensuring farmers a better deal for their

cocoa and additional income to invest in their communities, company ownership also gives farmers a share of Divine's profits and a stronger voice in the cocoa industry. That's a sweet deal.

Eat no evil with a good old-fashioned candy bar made with certified Fair Trade and organic ingredients. Angell Bars prove you can have your candy bar and eat it too. Enjoy a tasty treat made without reliance on petroleum fertilizers, harsh pesticides or unfair labor practices. If you've been praying for an organic, socially responsible candy bar, it looks like those prayers have finally been answered by Angell.

Ben & Jerry coffee ice cream way back in 2005. Today, Ben & Jerry's is even more committed to sourcing Fair Trade-certified ingredients and is working to create products that give back as much to the community and

environment that produced them as they bring happiness to the people who enjoy them.

Invigorate your senses with a pure aromatherapy body polish from Aura Cacia. Scrub away dull skin with Fair Trade Certified sugar cane granules, creamy shea butter, coconut oil and Vitamin E. Your newly pampered skin will thank you for giving it such a revitalizing and radiant rubdown.

Kiss conventional lip balm goodbye with this premium, gluten-free and organic lip balm. The Eco Lips ONE WORLD lip balms fuse Fair Trade cocoa butter USDA organic certifies ingredients and exotic oils from around the globe to bring you a beautifully crafted balm with amazing properties and packaging made with 40% recycled materials.

Don't be Square, Buy Fair!

Another Successful Year For Recess ROCKS!

by Corey Rossen

The Second Annual Recess ROCKS! event presented by Jordan's Family Foundation was attended by approximately 3000 people on Sunday, September 25 despite the overcast weather at Lakewood Park. The crowd was treated to nearly 60 stations of fun. This year's event surpassed last year's

attendance by nearly 1000 and added 10 more stations of activities.

Thank you to the community and participating organizations for helping Recess ROCKS! be a huge success again. We plan to do this for years to come!

Also, I would like to thank the incredible teachers, principals and school administrators for their enthu-

siasm and support of the event.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of the volunteers for their time, support and efforts to make the event go smoothly so that all of the guests enjoyed themselves.

Jordan's Family Foundation set up an incentive for Lakewood City Schools grades K – 8, awarding the school that had the highest percentage of students in attendance at Recess ROCKS! I am happy to announce that Grant Elementary won the Grand Prize (\$500) for the second straight year (with

nearly 50% of the school attending the event!). Second Place (\$200) went to Lincoln Elementary School followed by Roosevelt Elementary School (\$100). The money is to be used towards Physical Education equipment, playground equipment piece, or activity-based indoor recess equipment.

If I forgot anyone, I thank them as well.

Thank you all again, and we hope you join the fun again next year for the 3rd Annual Recess ROCKS! presented by Jordan's Family Foundation!



Barton Center Holiday Fair

by Curt Brosky

The Barton Senior Center will hold its annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas items and crafts will be featured, along with live entertainment, food, popcorn and hot chocolate. New this year is the Candy Room with homemade chocolate covered goodies. Also featured will be antiques, ceramics, arts and crafts, resale jewelry and knit/crochet. Raffles will be held for Cleveland Brown's tickets and a beautifully crafted doll house. The Snack Bar will include Sloppy Joes, hot dogs and potato salad. And the ever popular Bake Sale will carry delicious homemade bakery and deserts. The Hodge Podge resale store

will offer a large selection of clothing, furniture and household items. In addition, Barton Center's craft and resale shops will be open including: Book Nook, Fabric Shoppe, Greeting Cards, Greenhouse and Corner Store. Barton Center is located on the Ground Floor of the Westerly Apartments at 14300 Detroit Ave.

Proceeds will be used to fund the many activities and classes offered by the nonprofit Barton Center, including transportation and instructors for computer and exercise classes. To learn more about Ohio's first senior center, call the Barton Center office at 216-221-3400.



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Please send to the above address, attention Treasurer, and note "For Little One's Ministry"

Business News

Chamber Brings Centennial Year To A Close

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce will end its 100th anniversary year much as it began – with a busy calendar of business-related programming and public events.

Let the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce help you to become an informed voter by hearing from the candidates for Lakewood City Schools Board of Education and Lakewood City Council at the October Chamber luncheon. The Candidates Forum, sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve, will be held on Friday, October 21 at 12 noon at Sweetwater Landing.

Another October event that has become a Chamber tradition: the West End Halloween Window Walk. This marks the 7th year that the Chamber and the Beck Center for the Arts have teamed up to present this community window - painting contest. Stroll the West End (Detroit Avenue, from Arthur to the bridge) from October 28th - November 1st to patronize your favorite West End businesses and view over 100 Halloween-themed masterpieces.

November brings an opportunity to network at Westwood Country Club at the annual joint meeting of the Lakewood and Rocky River Chambers

of Commerce on Thursday, November 17. Cox Business presents author and small business expert Jane Applegate, the leading small business speaker for Bloomberg Television's Idea Exchange speaker series.

On November 11th the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce will kick off the 3rd annual Holiday Bid & Buy online auction. Shoppers will be able to bid on goods and services from their favorite Lakewood businesses and organizations. Donations to the auction are being accepted now, so don't delay. The Chamber would love to help promote your local business with over two months of great publicity. In conjunction with the auction, the Chamber is selling raffle tickets for a Sony 46" HDTV, courtesy of Chamber member and Grand Prize Sponsor Costco Wholesale of Avon.

The holiday season continues with the 5th annual Fourth Grade "Why I Love Lakewood" Essay Contest. The winning essay writer will win a \$100 cash prize, ride in the Light Up Lakewood first ever Holiday Parade and "flip the switch" with Santa and other dignitaries at the holiday lighting ceremony on December 3.

The year ends with the annual Chamber Holiday Party at Sweetwater

Landing on December 8th. In addition to featuring food from many of Lakewood's finest restaurants, the Chamber will draw the winning ticket for the Sony 46" HDTV at this event.

A Look Back

2011 began with a partnership effort between the Chamber and LakewoodAlive on a marketing initiative that the founding members of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce could never have imagined in 1911: the EXP Lakewood iPhone app. The Chamber then celebrated it's 100th birthday at The Centennial Gala on April 9 at the Beck Center for the Arts, kicked off

summer by hosting the 8th Annual Taste of Lakewood in June, then worked with Team Spin and the City of Lakewood to bring the first ever Lakewood Criterium to town on July 30. Community engagement and partnerships - plus monthly meetings, networking events, and educational opportunities - position the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce to continue as the leading membership organization for the advocacy and advancement of business interests in Lakewood for the next 100 years.

To RSVP, participate, or learn more: 216-226-2900 or info@lakewoodchamber.org.

Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce Upcoming Events

Friday, October 21

Monthly Meeting: Candidates Forum

Sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve

11:30 a.m., Sweetwater Landing

Friday, November 11 - Monday, December 5

3rd Annual Holiday Bid & Buy Online Auction

Grand Prize Sponsored by Costco Wholesale in Avon

Thursday, November 17

Chamber Spotlight: Meet Our Chamber Of Commerce Student Intern

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is happy to host a student intern this fall. Zeinab Abdi (also known as Zei) is a student at Lakewood High School in the West Shore Career-Tech Business Management program. She is a senior and is planning on attending college in the fall of 2012 to study architecture.

Zei will be working at the Chamber office on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Welcome Zei!

Joint Monthly Meeting with Rocky River Chamber of Commerce

Cox Business presents Author and Small Business Expert Jane Applegate
11:15 a.m., Westwood Country Club

Did You Know...

that payments for monthly meetings, membership dues, event tickets and raffle tickets can be made via our Chamber store website at www.lakewoodchamberstore.com? Thanks to The Lakewood Observer for hosting the site!

Rotarian Of The Year Award

by Lynn Donaldson

Stew Buchanan (left), past district governor for Rotary 6630, has presented Jim Lechko, member of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, with the Rotarian of the Year

Award for 2010-2011, in recognition of Lechko's outstanding leadership and service to the district and Rotary. There are 56 clubs in the Northeast Ohio district with over 2,300 members.



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Lakewood Health Care

North Coast Health Ministry

Offering Benefit Bank Counseling

by Elizabeth O'Brien

North Coast Health Ministry (NCHM), a free clinic serving the low-income uninsured of Greater Cleveland, is now offering assistance to members of the community wishing to apply for public assistance programs through The Ohio Benefit Bank™. Individuals interested in learning about programs they may be eligible for are guided through an online application process by a trained Benefit Bank counselor. These programs can provide resources to individuals who may be having a hard time making ends meet, and include food and nutrition, health care, energy and child care assistance.

"It is our job as a free clinic to help our patients get access to all forms of assistance for which they are eligible," says NCHM Executive Director Lee Elmore. "If someone is eligible for Med-

icaid, for instance, it's our responsibility to assist them with their application so that they can get the benefits to which they are entitled. Our Ohio Benefit Bank counselors can help them through the process and, in many cases, help them access a range of other supports that positively impact their health, such as food, prescription, and utility assistance."

Each year, more than \$2.4 billion in public assistance goes unclaimed by Ohio citizens. Nearly 97 percent of these dollars are federal funds and must be returned for reallocation to other states or programs. The Ohio Benefit Bank™ strives to assist Ohioans in accessing these dollars because they are revenue for our local economies, they help stabilize families, and they help low- and moderate-income people overcome the devastating effects of poverty.

North Coast Health Ministry's Benefit Bank counselors are available by appointment only, and counseling takes place at 16110 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. For many of the programs supported by The Ohio Benefit Bank™, certain income guidelines must be met. Other programs have income guidelines as well as resource guidelines that must be met. Individuals who believe they may be eligible for assistance and are interested in scheduling an appointment with a counselor should call 216-228-7878.

About North Coast Health Ministry

North Coast Health Ministry is the West Side's free clinic for the low-income uninsured, serving more than 2,500 patients who have no other route to health care. With the support of approximately 120 volunteer physicians, nurses and other

caregivers, NCHM is able to provide primary health care, specialty referrals, prescription assistance, and social service referrals to the medically underserved. Founded in 1986, North Coast Health Ministry is a bridge to better health for our medically underserved neighbors in need.

About The Ohio Benefit Bank

The Ohio Benefit Bank is an Internet-based program that enables Ohioans to access a suite of applications that are administered through multiple agencies and organizations. By funneling many applications through one process, The Ohio Benefit Bank™ makes the application process simpler for those in need. The Ohio Benefit Bank is implemented through a public private partnership between the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks, the State of Ohio, and over 1,100 faith-based and community organizations across Ohio.

New Home For Hanson Services Inc.

by Eileen McShea

An empty building on Madison Avenue in Lakewood caught the attention of Maryann Hanson, founder and president of Hanson Services Inc. The building sat empty for years, but in an instant, Maryann knew it would be the perfect home for her 16-year-old home healthcare agency.

"I had been looking for a free-standing building that looked like a home. I wanted a place where I could hang our apple (Hanson's Logo) and invite clients and other guests."

Maryann's vision became a reality
this September when 17017 Madison

Avenue became the new home office of Hanson Services Inc. “The paint was barely dry and the renovations not quite complete, but we moved in and opened our doors,” Maryann said.

Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers made it “official” when he and Maryann cut a red ribbon at the front door. The ribbon-cutting ceremony kicked off a daylong celebration, broadcast live on WCLV Radio with Robert Conrad. WCLV listeners heard from Hanson Services caregivers and clients about the benefits of in-home care. Robert Conrad also interviewed Nancy Udelson, president of the

Cleveland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and Dr. Steve Landers, Gerontologist and Director of Cleveland Clinic's Homecare program. Roughly, 300 guests sampled food from "Italian Creations" and enjoyed European chocolate from "Sweet Designs." Both are

companies based in Lakewood.

Maryann Hanson is a strong supporter of Lakewood businesses, having founded Hanson Services from her dining room table in her Lakewood home. Hanson now has five offices in Northeast Ohio and Florida.

Grant To Help Propel District As Leader In Fighting Teen Violence

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“Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center has been pleased to work with the Lakewood School District providing dating violence awareness seminars to specific classes over the past several years. While these seminars are an important prevention tool, we all recognize that a more comprehensive approach is needed. This grant provides us with the resources and staffing needed to make a district-wide impact on teen dating violence,” said Linda Dooley Johaneck, Chief Executive Officer of the center.

“This collaborative project has the potential to significantly reduce rates of sexual assault and dating violence amongst Lakewood teens and we are thrilled to be a project partner,” Dooley Johanek said.

The Ranger 360 program will reach nearly 1,300 middle school students and 1,800 high school students as well as more than 600 faculty and staff of Lakewood City Schools.

Some sobering statistics about sexual assault and dating violence

underline the need for the type of outreach the grant will facilitate:

- Youth aged 16 to 24 are the most at risk of domestic violence of any age group.
- One in five teen girls reported physical and/or sexual dating violence.
- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before her/his 18th birthday
- Most rapes against teenagers are never reported to formal authorities.
- 57% of teens participating in an online survey stated that they know someone who has been abused in a dating relationship.

Said Megan O'Bryan, Chief Executive Officer of Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, "Way too many middle and high school students are being harmed, not by strangers, but by people they know, trust and even love. By talking openly about teen dating violence and sexual assault in the Lakewood schools and community, we will give students the tools to recognize abuse and the safe space to come forward and ask for help when they need it."



Maryann Hanson, Founder and CEO Hanson Services Inc. with Mayor Summers getting ready to cut the ribbon at Hanson Services new building.

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Politics Continued

Emma Petrie Barcelona, School Board Candidate
Attributes Success To Lakewood Schools
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land in 1999, where I majored in economics, public policy history, and political science. I subsequently earned an MA from Cleveland State University in 2003, in urban studies with a concentration in economic development. I attribute my collegiate success to the superior preparation in writing and analytical skills gained from our schools.

My husband and I are now parents of Edie, age five, who just began her own journey through the Lakewood school system at Lincoln Elementary. She will soon be followed by her

younger sister, Cora. My supportive husband, Rob, and I have been married for seven years. After renting in Lakewood for a few years, I purchased my first home in Lakewood in 2001, so I am attuned to the needs of the many renters in our community while I sympathize with the challenges and responsibilities of those who own.

Since 2009, I have been privileged to serve as a trustee for the Lakewood Alumni Association, a non-profit organization that provides funding and grant support within the school system. This has equipped me with firsthand knowledge of our schools - its students and its needs - as well as the

Tom Einhouse, Highly Qualified Candidate For
Lakewood School Board
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estate development. He has proven talent and experience with major redevelopment projects, including ideastream and the theaters at Playhouse Square. From these roles, he brings knowledge of long-term planning and experience, making tough financial decisions that will serve him, and our community, well on the school board.

Tom has an intense interest in the educational component of our schools. He is a graduate of the Lakewood City Schools, and has been actively involved in his children's education as they traveled through the Lakewood elementary, middle, and high schools. Tom continues to work closely with educators and administrators across the broad range of educational opportunities in our district to ensure great results for both his sons. He is familiar with the needs of families using Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), as he guides one son with learning challenges. As the father of another son enrolled in the Focus program, he acts as an advocate for the district's gifted and talented program. His family shares the same vision that many of us in Lakewood have--to raise our children in a diverse, welcoming community that offers excellent educational opportunities for everyone.

There is a direct correlation

between the success of our schools and the value of our residents' properties. As a real estate professional and homeowner in Lakewood for over 25 years, Tom understands that connection and works in the interest of not only our children, but also our home and business owners. I have heard Tom say that while Lakewood is a nice place to buy a starter house, it is an extraordinary place for a lifelong home!

My favorite attribute that Tom brings to the table is his calm demeanor. Tom's presence is very measured, very even, very reassuring. Even in the heat of debate, he operates from a position of fairness and common sense. He is an active listener, and keeps an open mind. He has used these traits frequently as chairman of both the Lakewood Board of Zoning Appeals and the Lakewood Planning Commission. His level-headed manner and experience with diverse viewpoints gives him a superior ability to handle differences and drive conflict resolution effectively.

To be an effective school board member, you need to represent all the stakeholders in Lakewood: the parents, the businesses, the educators, the property owners... Tom Einhouse has demonstrated his ability to work effectively with all the stakeholders in our community. He is a highly qualified candidate for Lakewood City School Board.

many resources in our community that can be tapped to enrich the education process.

My employment in the public and private sectors includes six years as an economic research analyst for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, four-and-a-half years as a grants and development officer for the Planning and Development department in the city of Lakewood, and a present position as the deputy director of the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium. With such experience, I have become well acquainted with government regulations, public budgets, and tax policy, not to mention the importance of building solid relationships with those whose expertise can be called upon to help inform my discussions with educators, Board members, and residents.

As a member of the Board, I would serve with versatility while striving for

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and other school board employees and protect the interests of the people of Lakewood?

My experience in the United States Army gave me insight into the importance of service and the need to respect those who serve in our public institutions both as employees and as elected representatives. I learned during those years that sometimes respect is lacking. I will remember that lesson.

I have great respect for our teachers and administrators and school board members. I understand how difficult the job is. Throughout this campaign I will offer my insight into how we can do better with the full knowledge that those currently serving do right as they see the right.

My experience as a board member of the Lakewood YMCA has given me an appreciation of the difficulties in making necessary changes. I once told a friend that it should be easy to get a group of people to agree to a sensible idea. His response was, "Are you kidding? I was once on the board of a boys' baseball team and we couldn't

fiscal discipline and a balanced budget. I would seek untapped revenue sources to support the schools, as I am strongly in favor of providing tax relief and revenue building by better utilizing existing school properties. Building on Lakewood's educational diversity is a key element of my campaign. Such diversity should be leveraged to achieve better relationships within the school system, new funding sources, and better use of our existing facilities to aid both the schools and the community.

I have been endorsed by the Lakewood Teachers Association and the Sun-Post Herald, in addition to many Lakewood residents. While that alone may not convince you to vote for me, my hope is that the qualifications I have laid out here, and the priorities I have specified, will give you the confidence to elect me to the Lakewood Board of Education on November 8.

even agree on what color tee shirts to buy." I have no illusions about the difficulties in being a member of the school board.

My 25 years experience as a CPA has provided me with the necessary financial background to understand school finances. I understand that Lakewood Schools are in serious financial trouble. Even with the most recent levy the Lakewood schools are faced with a multi-million dollar deficit, the possibility that the state will not pay its fair share of the Phase III school construction project and the likelihood that it's worse than we know.

My experience as a parent has taught me the importance of the schools in not only the educational development of children but also in the personal development of children. Most children will spend almost as much time interacting with teachers and fellow students as they do with parents. Schools can and should be run to serve the interests of students and their families.

It's time for straight talk and clear thinking about the future of Lakewood Schools.

Why I Am Running For The At Large Lakewood City Council Seat
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day. City Government should operate the same way.

I have decided to run for office as I believe our city is at a critical point in its existence. The decisions and direction going forward require common sense, leadership and hard choices. I pledge to never miss people yet to always make the best decision for our City's future. I can ask the right questions and always look to achieve the goal in the most responsible way. Two areas that are at the forefront are safety and housing. Our safety forces must be maintained to keep our homes and businesses secure. The physical condition of the structures that make up our homes and businesses must also be addressed in a responsible and efficient way. Our housing and

building department have made some good moves of late to try to deal with the mess that is foreclosure. More of the same good decisions are required to further supply this crucial division with the tools it needs to be effective to maintain Lakewood as the City of Homes.

I'm sure my story is like most of yours, I grew up here, went to Lakewood High School, paid my own way through Cleveland State, I work in Lakewood, raised my three kids here and watched them go through our city's excellent schools. I hope to spend the rest of my life in Lakewood with my wife of twenty four years, Holly. And just like you I am concerned about the direction the city could head. I have foreclosed homes on my street just like you. There is sufficient evidence to worry that what has

happened to Cleveland could happen to Lakewood too. One of the things that I would like to achieve as councilman is to get every Lakewood resident invested into our community.

There are many changes that need to happen on the state and federal level to ensure Lakewood has a future of continuing to be a great place to live, but I think getting the people of Lakewood invested into their community is the place to begin. I believe that everyone in Lakewood has to invest and pay something for that which they receive and rely on as a resident of our City. Most of us do, and you are probably the ones who are already greatly invested in our city like I am. The people who don't pay anything in taxes to the city are the ones who are less likely to be invested,

and less likely to care what happens to their neighborhood. Getting everyone invested would mean that they have an incentive to care about what happens in their city, and stand up to preserve it. I believe we can all contribute in a way that will restore our neighborhoods and keep Lakewood the great City that it is; Safe, well maintained and open and welcoming to all.

I am running for council because I love Lakewood and am proud that it is the only place I want to call home. If you feel the same way that I do, that Lakewood truly is a great place to call home, then I respectfully ask for you to consider voting for me for City Council At Large in November. I hope to represent you.

LO Opinions

Say Yes On Issue 2

by Cynthea Sabolich

I read a full page Letter to the Editor in last week's Lakewood Observer in favor of voting no on Issue 2. Really? Let's get out the violins and yank on your heart strings, or, if you are gullible enough, please believe all those TV ads which tell you that your police and fire departments, your schools, your hospitals, will all be empty of staff if you don't vote no on Issue 2.

Here is the reality: they are telling you that the city council man/woman you elected are criminals who want to steal your safety. Mayor Michael Summers wants to have your granddaughter burn up in a fire. Right? So instead of giving your elected officials the right to represent you, you prefer some unnamed, unelected, and unchecked union boss? God help us. Every time I see some city council voting to condemn SB5, I see a bunch of people who

are saying I can't be trusted, give my job to the union boss, because they are the ones really paying me.

Why not talk about the real problem? We have lied to those police and firemen and teachers and nurses. We can't afford their retirements. We can't afford them, period. And when we run out of money, the Mayor doesn't lay off his/her secretary, they lay off police and firemen and teachers. The ugly truth is that we are not looking at HOW our tax dollars get spent inside those departments, where we are top-heavy with senior people making the most while laying off the ones that would and could run into burning buildings. Instead of having this war demonizing the people who are in the center – the tax payer and the safety forces – why not vote to give your school boards and your city council the right to run your cities and give you the services you

elected them to give you? Here is something the unions are not telling you: SB5 takes away Binding Arbitration but gives you, the voter, the ultimate right to decide if you want to pay for more, more, more time off with pay, vacations, early retirement, etc. because if an issue becomes totally unresolved, it goes to the ballot box. Yes. That isn't being shown on those TV ads where they want to give you the con job and prey on your fears and emotions.

If you vote YES on Issue 2, you are voting to give back control to your local elected official (even if they don't want it). So ask yourself, is Ed Fitzgerald untrustworthy of deciding how to allocate tax dollars? I f



that is not true, then why did you vote for him to run Cuyahoga County? Voting Yes on Issue 2 says that you don't want to be laying off valuable safety forces so some can get unsustainable retirement packages and increasing benefits we can't afford. Saying Yes on Issue 2 says you want to make things sane and put the adults back in charge. Twenty six years ago, Governor Celeste altered the bargaining table and gave the union bosses power over our communities they have since abused. Maybe that was the right thing to do at the time but after all those years, we have racked up \$8 billion of debt in Ohio. That kind of behavior can't continue! Now we can fix that.

We still have the power to decide locally if Issue 2 is a YES, except now it will be more transparent and more honest because our city officials won't have their power taken from them. If you believe the rich and powerful are going to step up and hand over their money – because I have been to a Democratic meeting where they believe some rich guys are going to give up 96% of their money and smile while doing it - then vote NO on Issue 2. But the truth is, we are the ones who pay RITA. And ultimately, we are the ones who should have the right to say what we want and what we can afford, not some union boss. And we will still have that power if we vote YES. So ask yourself if you are going to say YES to sanity, YES to economic reality, YES to understanding that the City of Lakewood and State of Ohio are in economic chaos and we must take back control. Or are you going to be fooled by tears and emotional blackmail?

Early Voting Has Begun! LDC Encourages You To Vote

by Chuck Shaughnessy

Laws passed this year in Columbus have made it harder for you to vote. Although voters were able to put a stay on the majority of the new restrictions with the petition drive against HB194, we do have some limitations this year. The county is no longer permitted to mail you an application to vote-by-mail. To request a vote-by-mail ballot or check your voter registration visit <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/>.

You can generate a personalized application online that you just need to print, sign and mail to the Board of Elections. If you prefer to vote in per-

son at the BOE, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, please note the following dates and times: Weekdays through Friday, November 4: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 22: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Sunday, October 23: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 29: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and Sunday, October 30: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you prefer to vote on Election Day don't forget to go online to verify your polling location. You can vote in your neighborhood on Tuesday, November 8; and voting hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Don't forget to vote!

The Lakewood Democratic Club endorsed and endorsed as qualified the following candidates: Mayor: Mike Summers; Council At-Large: Ryan Nowlin; Council Ward 1: David Anderson; Council Ward 2: Tom Bullock; Council Ward 4: Mary Louise Madigan; School Board: Linda Beebe, Tom Einhouse, Kristine Pagsuyoin, and Emma Petrie-Barcelona. The LDC also endorsed a vote of No on Issue 2, to repeal SB5 the law that destroys collective bargaining for our police, firefighters, school teachers and other public employees; and a vote of No on Issue 3, to let Ohio participate in the health care reform.



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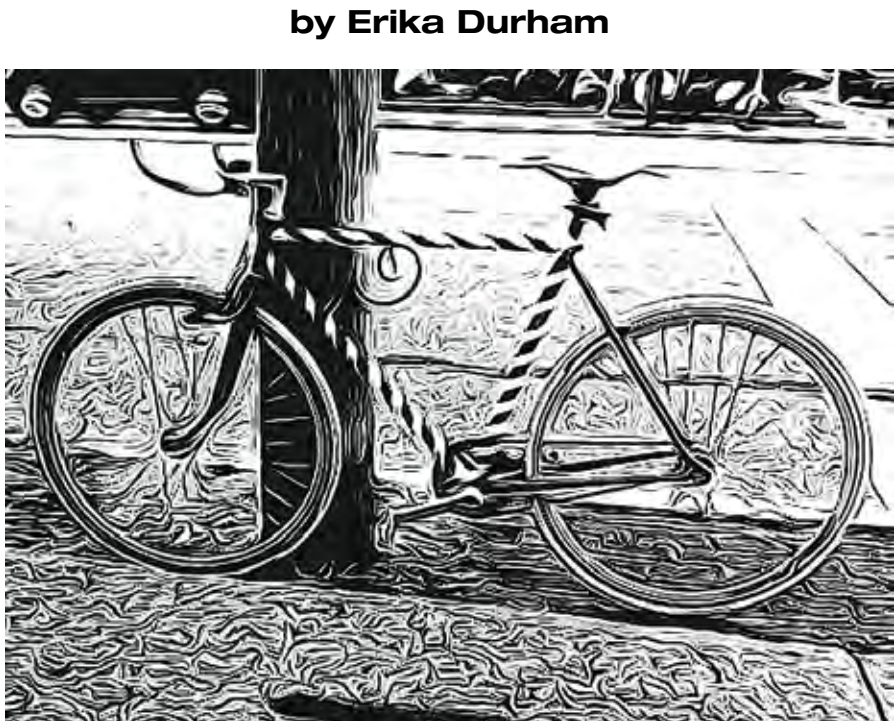
Lakewood Living In Autumn

Getting Back On The Bike

As some of you may have heard, I recently had my first major cycling run-in with a motor vehicle. I say "first," partly to be cheeky but also with a significant amount of seriousness. While I've come away from that experience as a continually living and breathing human being, I have been astounded at the amount of stories, similar to mine, that have been relayed to me from other cyclists since.

Stories range from the common close calls, car doors opened quickly without consideration of cycling traffic, drivers slipping by with that all-too-familiar hint of aggression in their gestures, to a wide array of tales involving serious collisions. In fact, the vast majority of those collision stories end, unfortunately, with the driver fleeing the scene. Thankfully, all of the stories I heard in the last few weeks were being told by the cyclists themselves, who were able to heal up their injuries and move on, all still riding their bikes just as much as before.

To be clear, I am not the type of person who is interested in propelling whatever feud exists between cyclists and motorists. While many cyclists have been victims of careless or reckless driving habits, it is also sometimes the case that the cyclist is in the wrong. What I am interested in bringing to the attention of our community is simply a heightened sense of awareness. We



Erika's bike sits outside of the Root Cafe, just one day before Erika and her bike would become yet another story of frightening cyclist accidents.

are all putting ourselves at risk in any number of ways every second of our lives, but there are certainly actions we can take to keep those risks at a fair minimum.

Many people still wonder why, as cyclists, we continue to put ourselves in what seems to be one of the most risky positions of all. For me, cycling brings a high sense of responsibility towards our community. I find myself continually more drawn to local businesses and events, I'm much more interested

in the people who surround me, and it's a good feeling to know that I can travel in a way that literally produces nothing that could be a detriment to our environment. There isn't anything complicated about cycling. No hidden parts, no mysteries. A simple, beautiful, human-powered machine.

And those are also some of the reasons I, and literally every other cyclist I've met who has had a similar experience, got back on the bike after what may seem like a deal-breaker. So where do we go from here? How do we change the way our community as a whole thinks about transportation, with patience and concern for one another?

I think, even in the short few years I've been a cyclist, these changes have already started to happen. I was overwhelmed after my incident with the amount of positive energy and thoughts that were sent my way, and still feel a major sense of gratitude as well as humbling gratefulness to be a part of such a wonderful community of people. What we need now is a conscious effort to make better decisions about our transportation, no matter which way we choose to carry it out. Whether in a vehicle or on a bicycle, we need to be exercising caution and patience with one another. We need



to get to know each other better in order to increase our consciousness of responsibility to our neighborhoods.

I guess all I'm asking in this moment is for everyone to take the extra second to think and act with patience and care for our surroundings. No one is perfect, we are all making mistakes regularly, but a few less mistakes might mean a few less accidents. A little more patience might mean a little more awareness and care. Consciousness, effort, and action will lead to positive change. Keep the dialogue going, continue to care for one another and continue to help make Lakewood be a forward-thinking and positive example.

Keep up with Lakewood cycling events!

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Vintage Varieties!

by Paula Reed

On October 22, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., the Lakewood Historical Society hosts its second annual Vintage Varieties sale at the Skate House at Lakewood Park, just behind the Oldest Stone House, 14710 Lake Avenue. This sale was intended to feature small furniture, of which we have a nice array, but we've also received donations of some beautiful larger items. Of note are a TV armoire; two corner china cabinets- one in gleaming cherry and one in lustrous oak; two dining room tables; a Victorian reproduction parlor set; wicker porch furniture and a most precious vintage child's roll-top desk and swivel chair. You'll also find

architectural salvage, including two porch rail sections; 35 leaded windows (double-hung, casement & fixed) and a pair of French doors to match. There will be vintage hardware, vintage and contemporary lamps and light fixtures; artwork in all styles and sizes; home decor items and some things that are just plain fun- like boxes of rocks. Just looking at all the interesting stuff will be a treat, but at these prices, better bring a truck! Don't miss this sale!

All proceeds benefit the programs and properties of the Lakewood Historical Society. Questions? Call 216-334-9495 or e-mail preed1208@aol.com.



Volunteer Teresa Ferrara highlights some of the treasures that can be yours at Vintage Varieties on October 22!



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It's A Buyers' Market For Real Estate Investors, Too

by Chris Bergin

Turn on any financial news program and at some point you'll hear the experts extolling the virtues of diversification. Real estate, even through the market downturn, has long been considered a conservative, long-term strategy to growing wealth.

In fact, that very downturn has created a historic buying opportunity for potential homebuyers and investors alike. The combination of lower home prices across America and historically low mortgage rates, two essential factors that usually don't trend in the same direction, have triggered a buyer's market in many areas of the country. For real estate investors who want to rent their properties, this can make the difference in achieving positive cash flow sooner or right off the bat.

While some seasoned real estate

investors make it look easy, to be successful, beginners should follow some basic principles.

Learn all you can. Before committing your cash, you should have a fundamental understanding of real estate. For example, be aware that, in general, investment properties are not liquid investments. Barring exceptional circumstances, real estate does not sell at a moment's notice. It could take days or months to sell a property, depending on the strength of the market in a particular region.

Consider cash flow. You'll need to have enough capital on hand to cover any short-term losses due to vacancies between tenants.

Start small. Look into buying a condominium, single-family home or a duplex. Leave large apartment buildings and commercial properties to the pros.

Inquire at the local Chamber of Commerce about companies relocating into or out of the area. Company movement is one indicator of demand for rental and/or office space.

Find a property that will be in demand. Look for a moderately priced home with three or four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a garage that sits on a quiet street.

Research the property. The most common way first-time investors lose is by failing to investigate a property thoroughly. Look beyond the front door. Investigate the reputation of the school district, the crime rate, and plans for expanding a nearby highway or developing vacant land. Ask a local real estate professional about the area, its history, and how fast (or slow) properties are moving.

Inspect the home you're considering for signs of water damage, such as stains on the ceiling and crinkling or gathering wallpaper; open and close every door and window; and check all electrical sockets by plugging in an appliance. Get an independent home inspection, roof inspection and termite inspection. Unexpected repair costs can eat away your cash flow. Because even the best inspection can't always predict problems, try to set aside some of the rental income for unexpected repairs.

Spend time driving the streets of the neighborhood noting the condition of other properties. Are lawns main-

tained? Are roofs in good shape? Are homes kept up?

Be ready to make fixes quickly and respond to the renter's needs. If you're not prepared to be a hands-on landlord, consider hiring a property management firm.

See your tax advisor for related planning and laws that can affect your investment decisions.

Remember, investing in a property is much different than living in one, and while emotion and attachment can be prime motivators when it comes to homes, it is return on investment that counts when investing in real estate.

Chris Bergin is a licensed Realtor with Prudential Lucien in Lakewood.

More Than Raking Leaves

by Eric Lowrey

After being under water for all of September we have been basking in the late summer early fall warm and sunny weather and this may be a distraction from needed maintenance on your home in preparing for the coming cold season. There are several things you should attend to that will ensure a warm, safe and dry winter.

Have your furnace or boiler serviced. Do not wait until it is twenty degrees to find out there are issues with your heat. A good cleaning and service inspection will make sure your furnace/boiler are func-

tioning both properly and safely.

Have the gutters cleaned and down spouts snaked out. You want free flowing gutter to help prevent ice dams and water intrusion into the foundation.

Have your chimney inspected and cleaned. If you have a fireplace have it inspected to make sure there are no birds, animals, or anything that might block the chimney. This can save a life.

Change the batteries in your smoke detector and CO detector. If you don't have a CO detector get one. This really can save a life.

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