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Featuring One Of Lakewood's Own

## Lakewood Arts Festival Celebrates 35 Years

by Margaret Brinich

Each year as part of its fundraising efforts, the Lakewood Arts Festival selects an artist's design to be featured on t-shirts sold at the festival- and this year is cer-

tainly no exception. In fact, as LAF reaches its 35th Anniversary, it is particularly fitting that 2012's commemorative design was created by one of Lakewood's very own, Brian Jasinski. Brian is perhaps bet-

ter known by LAF attendees as the artist behind the popular "Grey Cardigan" prints.

A Lakewood resident himself, this will be Jasinski's third year setting up shop at the Festival, but his connections to

the LAF run deeper than just vending. Long before Brian even conceived of "Grey Cardigan" he actually served on the panel of judges who select artists and then award prizes such as, "Best of Show" and "Best Creative Presentation". According to Jasinski this jury process is one aspect of LAF that sets it apart from many of the other festivals in the region. He explains that this time-intensive undertaking,

"Demonstrates a commitment to artistic quality and diversity by LAF and really the whole community that makes LAF a highlight of the year for many artists."

While LAF certainly owes some of its prestige to its size and visibility- it is one of the largest festivals in the area- Jasinski emphasizes that it is the community support that makes the experience at LAF

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## Lakewood Alumni Foundation Selects Interim ED

by Chuck Greanoff, LAF Board President

The Lakewood Alumni Foundation (LAF) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Missy Toms to the position of Interim Executive Director of the LAF. Ms. Toms, a resident of Lakewood with three children in the Lakewood City Schools, brings extensive fundraising and marketing experience to our organization. She has a history of community involvement and a strong commitment to Lakewood, having worked in leadership capacities in a variety of organizations, including Ohio Chautauqua in Lakewood, Lakewood Earth And Food

Community, Kauffman Park Friends, and the Help to Others (H2O) program.

The LAF is pleased to have a person of Missy's talents to lead our fundraising and marketing efforts in service of our mission—to help the Lakewood City Schools remain an opportunity-rich environment. In the past several years, the LAF has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and scholarships for anti-bullying programs, summer camps for athletes, teaching enrichment awards through the generosity of the late LHS teacher Margaret Warner, financial assistance for music lessons, numerous college scholarships through

the generosity of alumni and friends, etc.

The LAF is committed to retaining those qualities that make our schools unique, including and especially a broad curriculum and a rich array of clubs and extra-curricular activities—all for the sake of helping students become leaders, effective team members and engaged, contributing citizens. In light of evolving state budget priorities, the LAF support of the Lakewood Schools and our students is more important than ever. As we expand our fundraising and marketing efforts, we are pleased to have someone of Missy's capabilities to continue the legacy of previous executive directors Anthony Dibiasio and Theresa Coyne Andreanni, who built one of the most effective public schools alumni foundations in the state.

From 2008 to 2011, Ms. Toms was Director of Marketing for the Beck Center, having previously been the Director of Community and Media Relations for the City Club of Cleveland (2004-2008). Prior to 2004, she worked in Washington DC as Director of Membership and Marketing. In each position, she increased participation, contributions, attendance, etc. She joins Ms. Ellen Galmetz, our Development Director and Ms. Wanda Woods, our Executive secretary. Ms. Toms officially joins our team on August 20th. As we welcome Missy aboard, we are committed to doing the necessary work to maintain the opportunity-rich environment that has characterized the Lakewood City Schools for many generations.

## The Library's Unsung Heroes: The Friends Of Lakewood Public Library

by Lena Donofrio-Milovan

The Friends of Lakewood Public Library is a volunteer organization that has supported the Library with materials, programming and service since 1980. Originally brought together by a determination to keep good books from going into the trash, the group has grown with the Library to become an essential part of Lakewood's way of life.

Donations of old books, magazines, movies and electron-



LPL Board Member and Friend Paul Dimmick shares a moment with other friends.

ics are welcome every day of the year. While some of these materials make their way into the

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## Friends Of Lakewood Public Library Book Sale - August 4

by Lena Donofrio-Milovan

The Friends of Lakewood Public Library will hold the final book sale of the summer on Saturday, August 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the

Main Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood.

The Friends are the most powerful ally the Library has during tough economic times.

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## KB Confections Delights Customers In Iconic Lakewood Location



Photo by Ellen Brinich

KB Confections is located at 13519 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, Ohio and their hours are 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

by Ellen Brinich

Karen Bosworth has provided Lakewood residents for many years with delicious and creative cakes. So when KB Confections announced that they would be opening up a storefront in Lakewood, anticipation was in the air. For months now, signs of the KB Confections pastry and coffee shop have slowly been popping up at the well known greenhouse complex across from St. Edward's High School. As the demand for catered cakes did not waver all throughout the process of opening up the

shop, Karen quietly opened KB Confections on July 19th in order to keep up with requests. However, word quickly spread and the pastries flew off the shelves.

I walked down the street on Saturday morning to have my first taste of their sweets and was delighted at what I found. Though the sample cakes in the windows had been up for some time, it was amazing to see them up close. The intricate painting, decoration, and craft of each one can only truly be appreciated at close range. To accompany the

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## Wednesday, July 25th

### St. James Parish Reopening Mass

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The first Mass for St. James Parish in Lakewood will be celebrated on July 25, 2012, the feast day of St. James the Apostle at 7:00pm. Reverend Joseph Workman will preside, and will be assisted by parochial vicar Reverend Thomas Kowatch. All parishioners and community supporters are welcome to attend the liturgy. The Mass will be followed by a reception to celebrate the restoration of the parish.

St. James Church, Corner of Granger and Detroit

## Friday, July 27th

### Front Porch Concerts

7:00 PM - 12:00 AM FREE

Speakeasy Night — The Syncopated Sin Swing Band & the Get Hep Swing Dancers.

Lakewood Public Library Front Porch

## Saturday, July 28th

### “Clothes 4 Kids” Supersale

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

H2O is collecting gently used clothes, infant-adult, through July 21st at all 3 fire stations. At the Supersale, these items will be sold at extremely low prices. All money raised will go to the City of Lakewood’s H2O, “Help to Others” program, to support its Summer Service Camp.

Lakewood High School East Cafeteria, 14100 Franklin Blvd.

### Lakewood Criterium

3:00 PM - 8:30 PM

USA Cycling-sanctioned bicycle racing returns to Lakewood on July 28th for the second year! The Lakewood Criterium will bring racers from around the region and surrounding states to the West End of Lakewood. Organized by Team Spin and supported by the City of Lakewood and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, the afternoon of races will offer guests a multitude of opportunities for dining, refreshment, plus the thrill of watching high-speed competition.

West Side of Lakewood (Detroit, Sloane, West Clifton loop)



Lakewood Criterium July 28.

## Sunday, July 29th

### Summer Band Concert

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Join us for this free concert in the park. Ki Allen, Lady Jazz will perform at 7:00 PM.

Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue

## Friday, August 3rd

### Front Porch Concerts

7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Vance Music Studios Student Rock Bands

Lakewood Public Library Front Porch

15425 Detroit Avenue

### Shoremen Brass Classic

7:00 PM

Yeah it’s out of town, but too cool to miss if you need to feel the beat. The Drum Corps International (DCI) tour comes to Avon Lake Memorial Stadium.

This new event, “The Shoremen Brass Classic”, will host a dynamic lineup of seven drum corps from across the USA and Canada competing as part of “Marching Music’s Major League™”.

Each of the seven groups will perform uniquely arranged music and creative visual productions on the football field. The opening ceremonies will include a performance of our National Anthem by the Buckeye All-Star Band, led by guest conductor Mr. Jonathan Waters, Director of The Ohio State University Marching Band. The Buckeye All-Star Band is comprised of outstanding high school marching band students selected by area high school band directors.

Single tickets are \$8-12 Presale, and \$10-15 at the gate. Online tickets can be purchased at <http://www.dci.org/tickets> or at <http://www.Shoremen-BrassClassic.com>.

### ALHS Memorial Stadium

175 Avon Belden Avon Lake, OH 44012

### Starry Night - All Jazzed Up

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Lakewood Hospital Foundation is proud to host Starry Night: All Jazzed Up on Friday. The festivities include gourmet cuisine and lively jazz entertainment. Monica Robins, WKYC News senior health correspondent/anchor, is the Mistress of Ceremonies.

Proceeds from Starry Night benefit the Diabetes Assistance Initiative (DAI), a program that provides funds for diabetes testing supplies, medications and education to individuals who are unable to afford this life-saving support. The DAI is a program of the Lakewood Hospital Diabetes and Endocrine Center.

Tickets for Starry Night begin at \$100, and can be purchased at [lakewoodhospitalfoundation.org/starrynight](http://lakewoodhospitalfoundation.org/starrynight) or by calling 216.529.7009. This event has sold out in the past; please make your reservations early.

Under the stars on Belle at Detroit in Lakewood

## Saturday, August 4th

### Lakewood Public Library Friends Art

### Festival Book Sale

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

There will be great bargains on many gently used books, videos, music CDs, magazines and more at this big spring sale. The sale items’ subject categories include, art, biography, cooking, gardening, children’s, home repair, math, mystery, popular fiction, science, sports, travel, history and more. The revenue from this sale will be used to benefit the Lakewood Public Library with the purchase of materials, enhanced programming, and special projects at our branches.

### Lakewood Public Library

15425 Detroit Avenue

### Lakewood Arts Festival

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

35 Year Juried Art Festival

Downtown Lakewood between Andrews & Belle Avenue

### Jack Korbel (singer/songwriter) and

### John Estes (Poet)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Jack Korbel’s narrative songs recall The Decem-berists, The Mountain Goats, and Simon & Garfunkle. John Estes is a published poet and head of Creative Writing at Malone University.

The Root Cafe: 15118 Detroit Avenue

## Sunday, August 5th

### Summer Concert

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Join us for this free concert in the park. The Men of Independence will perform at 7:00 PM

Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue

## Friday, August 10th

### Front Porch Concerts

7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Free Live Concerts

August 10 — The Killer Watt Hours (Classic Funk/Rare Groove)

Lakewood Public Library Front Porch

15425 Detroit Avenue

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# Lakewood City News

## H2O "Clothes For Kids" Supersale!

by Emmie Hutchison

“Clothes 4 Kids Supersale” is Saturday, July 28.  
Now, where can you buy gently used clothes for an average price of about seventy-five cents per item?

It can be done! You can shop at H2O’s annual Clothing Drive Supersale on Saturday, July 28th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This massive one-day sale takes place in the East Cafeteria (under the overhang) of Lakewood High School. There will be thousands of clothing items for all seasons, from infant to adult sizes. And it’s just in time for back to school!

The purpose of the clothing drive is to provide low-cost clothes for area families, but it also serves as a fund-raiser for the City of Lakewood, Division of Youth’s H2O program. Every dollar collected at the sale will directly benefit Help to Others, especially in funding Summer Service Camp. Kids in H2O’s Summer Service Camp run the Clothing Drive as a service site, and they learn that it is difficult to provide clothes for every member of a family, especially for the range of weather in our area. They take great pride in sorting and pricing the donated items that can provide relief for this difficult task. Shoppers at the Supersale can expect to find winter accessories, coats,

shoes, belts, athletic wear, and too many clothing items to list!

H2O would like to extend its gratitude to the Fire Stations for hosting donation bins, the Lakewood

City Schools for the generous use of space and the help of supportive staff, and our wonderful adult volunteers who use their expertise, year after year, to make the whole effort

run smoothly. All these people come together to provide a winning combination of helping the community, service learning for H2O volunteers, and a meaningful way to raise funds for our program. You can be part of this great day by coming out to shop on Saturday, July 28.

## Voters Need To Register To Vote Or Update Voting Information For Presidential General Election

by Mike West

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is urging citizens who wish to Vote by Mail to register to vote, or update their existing voter information, as soon as possible.

The Ohio Secretary of State is preparing to send Vote by Mail applications to all Ohio registered voters. “In order to ensure that all voters get their Vote by Mail application we urge them to register or update their registration,” said Jane Platten, Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

“Voters who have moved or changed their name must update their voter registration records so the Vote by Mail application will go to the new address and include their correct name,” said Platten.

The Secretary of State will mail the first Vote by Mail applications just after Labor Day. Only voters who are currently registered, or have registered on, or before, July 30th will get an application in this first mailing. There

will be a supplemental mailing going out closer to the election, but election officials are urging voters not to take chances if they wish to Vote by Mail.

Voter Registration Cards are avail-

able on the Board of Elections website: [www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us), or by calling the Board of Elections at (216) 443-3298. Voter Registration cards are also available at all libraries.

## Lakewood Resident Wins National Photo Competition

by Aundrea Heschmeyer

Lakewood resident Tim Stoll--the event photographer, organizational secretary and all around Polish fanatic--was selected as the Grand Prize Winner of Lufthansa Airlines’ photo contest and was awarded two round trip tickets to Poland. The “Celebrate Polonia” photo contest’s purpose was to “showcase how you cherish and celebrate your Polish heritage.”

What’s unique and makes this a fun interesting story for your readers is thatnot only is Tim a manager at Airport Fast Park who has never been out of the country but he also isn’t even Polish by birth...



Tim with his camera.

Still, native-born Poles say he is more Polish than they are because of his “President of the Fan Club”-like approach to all things Polish!



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# Lakewood City Council

## Council Considers Woodward Traffic Concerns

by Christopher Bindel

Council President Brian Powers called the July 16, 2012 Council meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. He then asked the St. Edward's rugby team to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With the rugby team still at the front of the hall, Councilman Powers (At-Large) turned the floor over to Councilman Shawn Juris (Ward III) who read a communication recognizing the St. Edward's rugby team for their Division I state championship



Christa Craft from Lakewood's Farmer's Market on Saturday, congratulates Councilwoman-At-Large Monique Smith on the great news.

and finishing the season undefeated 15-0. Council then passed a resolution congratulating them.

Next Mayor Mike Summers read a communication thanking the Fourth of July Parade Grand Master Suzanne Metelko for leading the parade. He also recognized the parade winners which included the Lakewood Fire Department Honor Guard for Best Color Guard, The Goodwin Family for Best Float, Beck Center for the Arts for Most Original Entry, Emerson Unicycle Club for Best Bicycle, and H2O (Help to Others) for Most Spirit. Each winner was presented with a plaque from the city.

Council passed the resolution recognizing them all.

Councilman Tom Bullock (Ward II) then read a communication to

Council regarding a petition from the residents of Woodward Avenue for the city to address chronic cut-through speeding. Eighty-nine households on the street, between Madison and Detroit Avenues signed the petition, representing 74% of the street. They are asking the city to consider deploying traffic calming measures on the street in the hopes of slowing down the traffic. The residents noted that a 2011 study indicated that their street receives a much higher traffic volume than some of the nearby streets and that 69-77% of the cars were driving over the speed limit, 38% of which were over 30 miles per hour (the speed limit for the street is 25). A major concern for all the residents is the estimated 60 children who live and play on the street and the large number of Harding Middle School students who walk up and down the street every day.

Councilwoman Monique Smith (At-Large) said that she was supportive of the residents' efforts and has heard similar complaints from other streets that would probably be interested in trying the same thing.

Councilman Anderson (Ward I) said that he wanted to acknowledge the leadership of Councilman Bullock and the initiative of the Woodward residents on the matter. He also said he appreciated the Mayor helping with the consideration of this matter by having the traffic studies done.

Council received the communication for consideration.

Next Mayor Summers asked Council to consider two resolutions that would allow the City to accept grants that would help it update the radios for the emergency services. By January 1, 2013, all of the emergency forces in Ohio must comply with new regulations that require them all to use radios that work on narrow band frequencies. This requires the city to replace its entire stock of radios which currently work on UHF. The first resolution is to allow the City to accept a grant to help the city obtain 130 of these new radios. At \$2,500 dollars apiece the investment for the City would have cost \$325,000, but a grant from Homeland Security saved the city that initial investment.

The second resolution allows the city to enter into a two-year contract with MARKS (Multi-Agency Radio Communication system). MARKS is a 800 MHz radio and data network that provides statewide interoperability to subscribers throughout Ohio, which will include every safety force in Ohio by 2013. This new system will also allow Lakewood to forego the need of a transmitter. Each radio will have a monthly subscription fee of \$2.53. With 243 radios (including the 130 new ones) the fees would cost the city \$615 a month, or \$7,380 a year.

To help fund the remainder of the two projects not covered by grant funds, the City will use \$146,000 approved by Council in 2011 to use toward making much needed improvements to the existing aged UHF system. As that system is being replaced the money will be used to help replace it. Any additional cost not covered by those funds or grants will be addressed through Council's standard appropriation and budget processes.

### The Library's Unsung Heroes:

### The Friends Of Lakewood Public Library

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Library's collection, most items end up being sold at the Friends' seasonal book sales. The proceeds are used to sponsor free lectures, concerts and films at the Library and to pay for crucial materials like the Library's Program Guide and the Library's van which is used to deliver books to classrooms and those who are unable to leave their homes.

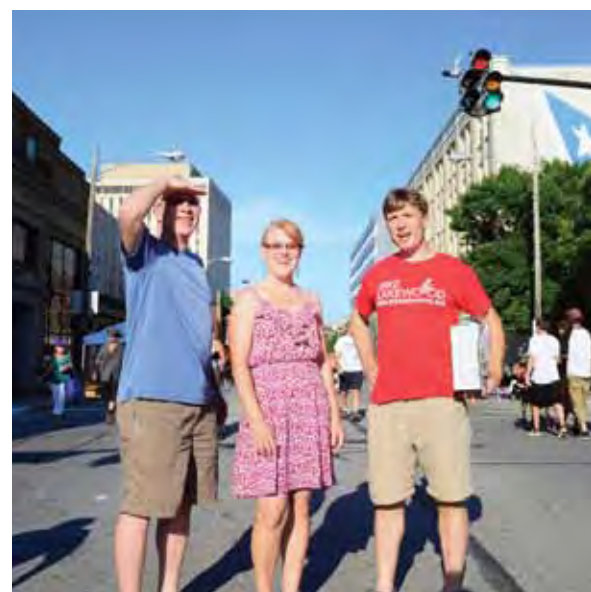
In the last few years, the Friends have begun selling rare books online to increase revenue. An ongoing, year-round

## World Party At Madison Park

by Arlie Matera

Calling all summer readers! Get ready to celebrate the end of another great summer with games and goodies galore. LPL's summer reading club, Around the World in Thirty Books, is drawing to a close, which means it's time for a party! Our summer readers have done a fabulous job, and now it's time to reap their rewards. All children ages birth through fifth grade will be treated to cookies and frozen yogurt courtesy of Menchie's. The games are open to all, but only those who completed 30 books or 30 hours of reading can participate in our soak the staff event. Bring your completed reading record for your chance to soak the staff!

The party will be held on Wednesday, August 15 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Madison Park Pavilion behind the Madison Branch at 13229 Madison Ave. This family event is free and open to the public. Call the Children and



The Schroeders take a second to talk with Ward 2 Councilman Tom Bullock at LakewoodAlive's Summer Meltdown.

Council passed both resolutions.

Coming to the end of the agenda, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:29 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 Tuesday, September 4, 2012. For a copy of the agenda or for any other information regarding the Lakewood City Council, you can find it at [onelakewood.com/citygovern\\_council.html](http://onelakewood.com/citygovern_council.html).**

book sale corner has been established in the Main Library Atrium. Reading material has been donated to Armed Forces personnel serving in warzones. And libraries devastated by floods and other natural disasters have put themselves back together with help from the Friends.

The Friends will never run out of ways to lend a helping hand. By the same token, they can never have enough volunteers. Visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/friends](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/friends) to learn more.



Scott Musser, store manager at Menchie's gives a thumbs up to the LPL Summer Reading Program.

Youth Services department (216) 226-8275 ext. 140 for more information.

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# LakewoodAlive's Summer Melt Down 2012



As the day was winding down and the race about to start, there were still a lot of people hanging around for the race and evening.



Michael Gill, inventor of the Water Moose®, checks out flow rate against enjoyment rate and sees it hitting 1,000 on the fun meter. Below Michael shows Ian Andrews, Director of LakewoodAlive, how to “shoot the moose.”



Mr. Melt, Matt Fish with Ken Brand, Marketing/Events Coordinator for LakewoodAlive. This was Ken's first event and it sure was a lot of fun!



Frank Revy and family enjoying the day, glad he moved back to Lakewood.



Eloira plays in the Water Moose.



Westside Skates had a nice block for the skateboarders.



Bike Lakewood was parking bikes.



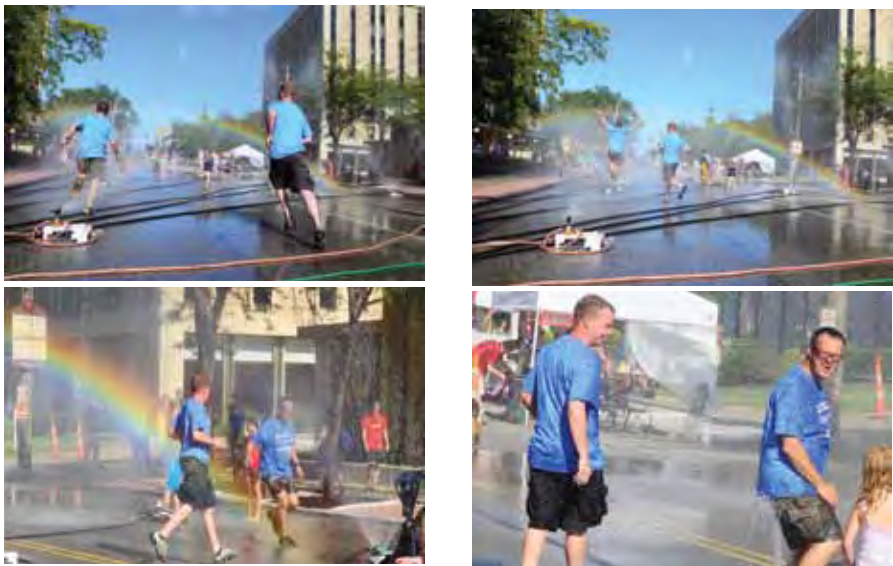
President of the Beck Center, Lucinda Einhouse with her husband, and School Board member Tom Einhouse.



Miss Donna from Silhouette Dance Studios



Acenda Yoga's Arabelle



Fire Chief Scott Gilman enjoying the best view of Downtown Lakewood at Rozi's Café with Rick and Paula Reed, and the Ken and Kathy Haber who looked like they had really settled in with good wine and good conversation. LakewoodAlive's Summer Melt Down, a fun, ever-growing event in beautiful Downtown Lakewood! To LakewoodAlive, DowntownN Lakewood Business Alliance, Ian, Ken, Hillary and all of the volunteers: thank you for a wonderful afternoon and evening.



## Lakewood Schools

# After-Prom Decorations Don't Die With Dance

by Christine Gordillo

Generations of school dance committees have spent hours and hours conceiving and creating fabulous decorations to create the perfect ambience at their students' prom or spring fling, only to see them all torn down and discarded once the fun is over.

This year, a group of parents has found a way to embrace the re-use, recycle movement when it comes to dance decorations. If you attended or were a chaperone for the Lakewood High School prom in May, you enjoyed the fabulous decorations for the "Rangers of the Caribbean" theme. The decoration committee, led by American Greetings artist Jenny Fitchwell, created a menagerie of ocean and tropical flora and fauna, including large cardboard sharks, murals of ships, mermaids, papier mache sculptures of palm trees, pirates and more. The committee spent countless hours, beginning around Christmas, perfecting the decorations.

During the preparation for the prom, a Garfield parent who saw how fantastic the decorations were turning out, asked if they could be used again for the 8th grade dance at Garfield in June. A group of Garfield volunteers agreed to take down the decorations following After Prom at 3 a.m. and haul them over to Garfield. On June 1, the Garfield 8th



Elaborate papier mache sculptures were part of the set.

graders enjoyed their last big event as middle schoolers surrounded by the repurposed decorations.

Even after the two dances, there was still life left in the decorations and surely a new site to be festooned. One of the Garfield parents who is also a member of Lakewood Congregational Church, asked if they could be used for her church's Vacation Bible School later in the summer which was using an underwater theme. Word got around about these traveling decorations and just last week, Lakewood United Methodist Church festooned their Vacation Bible School classrooms with them.

While we all know these pains-

takingly created adornments will eventually end up in the recycling bin, it's nice to know so many more young people were able to enjoy them before they reached the end of their use.

"I love the fact that the decorations are being reused," said Fitchwell. "It was just meant to be that the Vacation Bible Schools happened to have an underwater theme this year. For all the time we spent, and we poured our hearts into them, it's great that others can enjoy them."

Fitchwell wanted to make sure credit was given to all the parents, such as co-chairs Vicki Smigelski and Missy Neumann, who made After-Prom such a success. In particular a shout out goes to those who helped with creating the decorations that have now made their way around the city: Jeff and Missy Neumann, Evan Parke, Bob Szabo, Tom Reading, Cindy Einhouse, Jenny and Mark Grcic and Fitchwell's American Greetings colleague, Lisa Aten, who made the amazing papier mache sculptures.

And who knows where they will end up next?!



Lakewood Congregational Church re-used many of the decorations for their Vacation Bible School.

## Student Registration Under Way At Board Of Education

by Christine Gordillo

Student registration takes place at the Lakewood Board of Education, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Hours of operation will extend through 6:00 p.m. on August 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 21, 22, and 23.) Please call (216) 529-4279 or (216) 529-4201 for additional information. The Board of Education is located at 1470 Warren Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107.

No appointment is necessary. Be mindful, however, that you may experience some delay at peak times of the day or prior to the start of the school year. You may obtain a packet of registration materials at the Board of Education or online at lakewood-cityschools.org. School begins on Wednesday, August 22, 2012.

**Who may register a child for school?**

Only legal residents who are the parent or legal guardian of the child may complete the registration process. All certified court orders pertaining to guardianship and custody must be presented at

the time of registration. The Lakewood City School District does not grant temporary enrollment (OCR 3313.64 E).

**Kindergarten information:**

Ohio Law requires that all children complete a formal kindergarten program. Any child who is five years old on or before September 30 of the school year is eligible for kindergarten.

**Residency requirements:**

The Lakewood City School District will enroll only those students whose parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are residents of the school district. "Residence" for school purposes means that the custodial parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the student are full-time residents of Lakewood.

**Required information for registration:**

All documents must be presented at the time of registration to complete the enrollment. Please refer to the Checklist for Registration page of the Student Registration Packet that can be found on the district web site, [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org).

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Rally In The Alley: Sunday, July 29

by Leah Kubiak

What could make a typical Sunday afternoon in July in Lakewood a true “Sunday-Funday”?

**Rally in the Alley!**

The Second Annual Rally in the Alley is sure to be a great time, and you can feel even better about your Sunday-Funday endeavors because all proceeds go to benefit two local charities: Caring Continues Fund and Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach.

The Caring Continues Fund provides help and hope to cancer patients receiving treatment at the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center at Fairview Hospital. The fund helps patients with expenses such as rent, groceries, utilities and medications, resulting from

their cancer diagnosis.

Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach provides four hot meals a month, health screenings and health education as well as groceries through their pantry and fresh produce (April – November) in partnership with the Cleveland Foodbank to anyone in need in our community.

Rally in the Alley, being sponsored in 2012 in part by Around the Corner, Dewey’s Pizza, Jammy Buggars and The Root Café will have:

Live music: Come hear Xe La play between 2 and 3:30 p.m., Pop Rocks

between 4 and 5:45 p.m. and Tricky Dick to close us out from 6 p.m. until the end!

Activities: corn-hole, dunk tank, a basketball hoops game, activity books for kids and more! Come see if you know anyone “taking the plunge” in the dunk tank (you might be surprised by who’s “in”) – we’ll let you try to dunk folks even if you don’t know them!

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All the fun is being held directly

behind Around the Corner and Dewey’s Pizza in Haffermalz Alley, between Riverside and Detroit Roads from 2 - 8 p.m. Fun for the whole family especially between 2 and 5 p.m. (prizes offered for some kids’ activities!). Stay late and party on the patio at Around the Corner after the event!

There is no admission fee for the event. Food, beer and activities will require purchase of tickets available when you arrive (all transaction are cash only).

See you in the Alley!

Calling All Dirty Dogs: “Dog Days Of Summer” Dog Wash At Nature’s Bin

by Helene Gaidelis

Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS) in collaboration with Nature’s Bin will once again hold its “Dog Day of Summer” dog wash on Saturday, August 11th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, August 18th. Don’t be caught with a filthy tailwagger. Bring your pooch for a pampering bath and a sparkling clean look! Prices for the Dog Wash are \$10 for petite to small dogs, \$15 for medium to large dogs. Dog nail trimming services will also be available for an additional cost courtesy of Home Alone Pet Sitting. Please make sure your dog is non-aggressive and up to date on vaccinations. We will have compli-

mentary doggie treats and raffle prizes! Nature’s Bin is located at 18120 Sloane Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. They will be selling various grilled items and refreshments. All proceeds benefit the homeless cats and dogs at the Lakewood

Animal Shelter.

If you have additional questions or are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Helene Gaidelis at 216-521-8787 or [ellisperri@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellisperri@sbcglobal.net).



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Lakewood Cares

North Coast Health Ministry Seeking Volunteer Patient Navigators

by Elizabeth O'Brien

North Coast Health Ministry (NCHM), a free clinic serving the low-income uninsured on Greater Cleveland's West Side, is seeking volunteers for its patient navigator program. Volunteers will be trained to work directly with current and potential NCHM patients to engage patients as partners in their health care and facilitate the appropriate use of services.

Patient navigators screen individuals for NCHM eligibility, orient new patients about NCHM services, assist patients with applications for related services including pharmacy assistance programs, contact patients for appointments and referral reminders, and assist staff with utilization tracking and reporting.

"Patient navigators are critical to

helping uninsured individuals in our community overcome barriers to accessing the care they need," says NCHM Executive Director Lee E. Elmore. "We could not serve the growing numbers of individuals who come to us for care without the valuable contributions of our volunteers. The patient navigator role will be increasingly important as the health system in our region and in the nation at large continues to evolve."

Two information sessions for prospective volunteer patient navigators are scheduled for Monday, July 30 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and Tuesday, July 31 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. To register for an information session, contact NCHM Volunteer Coordinator Mary Ludwig at 216-228-7878 ext. 122 or via email at [mludwig@nchealthministry.org](mailto:mludwig@nchealthministry.org).

*About North Coast Health Ministry*  
North Coast Health Ministry pro-

vides free health care to low-income uninsured individuals and families on Greater Cleveland's West Side. In 2011, NCHM served 2,700 patients who had no other route to health care. With the support of 140 volunteer physicians, nurses and other caregivers, NCHM is able to provide primary health care, specialty referrals, prescription assistance, behavioral health care and social service referrals to the medically underserved. NCHM strives to be the medical home for its patients providing preventive care and chronic disease management as well as care for acute illnesses and injuries. NCHM's primary location is at 16110 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, Ohio.

H.E.L.P. Malawi Happy Hour August 9 At Harry Buffalo Lakewood!

by Andrew Domeck

On August 9 from 5- 7 p.m., H.E.L.P. (Hope, Educate, Love and Protect) Malawi, a 501c(3) non-profit organization located in Chagrin Falls

will be holding a Happy Hour fundraiser at the Harry Buffalo Lakewood located at 18605 Detroit Avenue. For \$20, there will be all-you-can-eat appetizers as well as all-you-can-drink well drinks and beer, all while supporting a great cause.

H.E.L.P. Malawi believes it is every child's birthright to receive hope for a better future, education to grow, unconditional love, and protection from disease and illness. All proceeds from ticket sales and donations will make it possible for our volunteers to teach in Malawi for an extended period of time, therefore improving the lives of numerous Malawian children through education. If you would like to donate to our cause, you may contact us anytime at [sam@helpchildren.org](mailto:sam@helpchildren.org).

In order to avoid any lines at the event, we suggest that you preorder tickets for \$20 at <http://shop.helpchildren.org/tickets/h-e-l-p-happy-hour-ticket>.



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## Lakewood Is Art

# Beck Center Receives Challenge Grant From The Nord Family Foundation

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to announce that The Nord Family Foundation has once again issued Beck Center a challenge grant to help the arts organization meet its annual fund goal for this fiscal year. For every contribution Beck Center receives from individual donors by

August 31, 2012, The Nord Family Foundation will match that gift dollar for dollar – up to \$10,000.

If you were thinking of making a donation to Beck Center, now is the time to do it! With the help of The Nord Family Foundation your generous gift will have double the impact. No gift is too small and truly makes a

difference. Beck Center relies on the generosity of community members to help offset costs so it can continue to provide quality, yet affordable, theatrical productions and financial aid and scholarships to students in need.

Donors may make secure, tax-deductible donations online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or mail contribu-

tions to Beck Center for the Arts at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. For more information, please contact Heather Johnson, Stewardship Manager, at [hjohnson@beckcenter.org](mailto:hjohnson@beckcenter.org) or call 216.521.2549 x19.

*Beck Center for the Arts is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization that produces seven professional theater productions each season on two stages including an eclectic mix of inspiring dramas, hilarious comedies and Broadway hit musicals. In addition, Beck Center also offers arts education classes for all ages and abilities in dance, music, theater, and visual arts; as well as early childhood programs and creative arts therapies sessions for special needs students. The artwork of talented regional artists is on display in Beck Center's many gallery spaces including the Jean Bulicek Galleria. These exhibits are free and open to the public. For more information, visit [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org).*

## “Jazz It Up for the Season!” At Georgetown And Support The Arts At Beck Center

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts invites you to attend the grand finale of its Talk of the Town summer party series – “Jazz It Up for the Season!,” on Sunday, August 12, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Georgetown restaurant located at 18515 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood.

Join Georgetown owner, Mickey Krivosh, and Beck Center board members, staff and supporters at this “jazzy” party to celebrate the close of Beck Center’s 2011/2012 Professional Theater season, preview the exciting new season, and

get an exclusive “sneak peek” of Georgetown’s Jazz Club. Jive to the sounds of the Bill Ransom Trio, enjoy hearty hors d’oeuvres, select beers and wines, homemade ice creams, and enter to win fabulous prizes including a trip for two to a luxurious Palm Springs resort courtesy of Abode Living.

Tickets are \$90 per guest when purchased by July 31, or \$100 per guest after that date. Purchase tickets at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or call Heather Johnson at 216.521.2540 x19. Raffle tickets for the Palm Springs vacation are \$20 each, 3

for \$50, or 7 for \$100. The winner will be drawn at the Jazz It Up! party, but the winner need not be present. Contact Holly Lauch at 216.521.2540 x43 to purchase raffle tickets. All party and raffle proceeds benefit the theater productions and arts education programs at Beck Center.

## Tease Hair & Body Parlor Hosts Artist’s Reception For Lori Bellman

by Susan Shaw

Tease Hair & Body Parlor, 15112 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood was once again transformed into an art gallery on Friday, July 13.

Native Clevelander Lori Bellman previewed her latest collection called “Doorways of Pairs” at the parlor. Live music was featured and refreshments were provided.

Bellman uses a variety of material and her work includes mixed media, charcoal, pastels, acrylic, metal and reclaimed wood. Texture, bold colors and working with reclaimed materials are key elements in her work. She

has created artwork for commercial, residential and public spaces and has hosted exhibitions in northeast Ohio as well as other cities in the U.S.

Her latest project includes vintage designs created from 100-year old barn wood, vintage textiles and reclaimed/antique hardware from salvaged residential and commercial buildings around Cleveland.

For more information, please call Tease 216-228-2440.

For more on the artist, visit: <http://www.etsy.com/people/loribellman>

For more on the parlor, visit: <http://www.teasehairparlor.com/>

## Lakewood Resident Kylee Koszela Featured At Exclusive Art Sale & Benefit

by Eileen Segura

Lakewood resident, Kylee Koszela, will be featured at an exclusive art sale and benefit on Saturday, August 11, 2012. The event, Art & Beer in Cleveland, is the first Annual ABC Benefit for Project Learn.

Project Learn is Cleveland’s renowned adult literacy organization, now in its 38th year.

The event will be held at Visible Voice Books in Cleveland’s Tremont neighborhood on August 11th from 1 to 6 p.m. Guests at the ABC Benefit will shop an exclusive Art Sale while sampling summer beers.

In addition to Kylee Koszela, who creates beautiful jewelry, the Art Sale will also showcase the work

of five other artisans from the group Cleveland Handmade: Jen Doss, prints on wood; Coretta Kutash, appliqué handbags; Melissa Major, soaps and candles; Lori Paximadis, jewelry; and Theresa Yondo, ceramics and hearts.

Schmid’s Brews & Blues will provide the beer tasting and music.

ABC Benefit tickets are \$25 each. Ticket sales go 100% to support the programs of Project Learn. Tickets may be purchased online (credit card) or at the door (cash or check only).

To find out more about this event, the Project Learn organization or to purchase tickets go to <http://projectlearn.org>.

## Kiwanis Hot Dogs At LAF

by Gordon Brumm

Lakewood Kiwanis will once again be serving up their delicious hot dogs at the Lakewood Arts Festival, Saturday, August 4.

In addition to the hot dogs and trimmings, there will be candy and snacks for sale at Pete’s Table.

Pete’s Table is a Kiwanis institution, begun and managed for years by the late Pete McGrew, Kiwanis president and Life Member. He would sell a wide variety of candies

as well as a few household items to Kiwanis members and guests at the weekly meetings. Once a year he would present the club with a handsome check representing the proceeds of his initiative.

Since Pete’s death, other members have carried on the tradition of Pete’s Table, branching out from the Kiwanis meetings to various fund-raising events – such as the Lakewood Arts Festival.



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# Lakewood Arts Festival

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## Lakewood Arts Festival Celebrates 35 Years

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so meaningful to artists like himself. In just the few short years since starting Grey Cardigan (the official debut of

the prints was Summer 2009 at another local art event called “Made In The 216”), he has been fortunate enough to develop a dedicated group of fol-

lowers at LAF and in the community at large. The vibrancy of the art community in Lakewood and in Cleveland has allowed him to develop a level of “artistic trust” between himself and a number of loyal followers of his work. He explains that this bond of trust gives him, “An opportunity to challenge myself artistically,” in ways that would not have been otherwise possible.

A graphic designer for Epstein Design for his 9-to-5 job as Brian Jasinski and resident printmaker at Zygote Press as “Grey Cardigan” on the side, he has traditionally focused Grey Cardigan on prints. However, this year LAF attendees will see the direct results of this artistic challenge in Grey Cardigan’s newly release letterpress cards, double sided wrapping paper and even a t-shirt of his own. In addition to these new product lines, fans will also be treated to a new set of prints just released this June.

Brian Andrew Jasinski is the artist/illustrator/designer behind Grey Cardigan, a line of prints and social continued on page 22



Brian Jasinski, a.k.a. Grey Cardigan, designed the image above which will be featured on this year’s LAF t-shirt. Jasinski is a Lakewood resident and LAF veteran of 3 years.

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# Family Music Memories

by Sharon Marrell

Was music a part of your life growing up? Was music something shared among family members? Did you sing at the dinner table, in the car, at a party? Or did your parents and relatives hear you playing and/or singing at the numerous band and choir concerts, musicals, parades, festivals, Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl or any other Bowl? Did you create a band with family members? Or did you have the garage band that was destined to be the most famous rock band ever, with you as the lead singer/guitarist? Did you receive an instrument passed down from generation to generation that you played in order to continue the legacy? Who was it that inspired you to create music?

Have I jogged your memory yet? What is your favorite family musical memory? I invite you write about that

special family musical memory and the meaning it has for you. Share it with others to create some feel good news that might touch, move and inspire others.

Here is an example of one that repeats over and over.

I really think its fun when you're having a conversation (nothing serious) and a phrase someone says

reminds you of a song lyric and you bust out with a quick one liner of that song. One that's said over and over in our family as we play dominoes, and this only works with Mexican train, is when you can't play your turn and you have to place a train on your spot. Well, we say "put a train on it" and somehow the inflection suggested Beyonce's song

"Put a Ring on it." So imagine singing, "Put a Train on it," and occasionally we'll do a quick couple of beats before it with na-nas.

Share a story or comment at <http://familymusicmemories.wordpress.com>.

Sharon Marrell, a Lakewood resident, owns Marrell Music and has been a repair technician for over 20 years.

# Somebody Made It

by Heather DePietro

We've moved to Lakewood, Oh and finally have the window shop we needed to attract art lovers of all kinds to see the hand crafted furniture, artwork, home furnishings, unique jewelry, adorned t-shirts and one of a kind news boy caps we make.

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Business News

# West End Businesses Welcome Cyclists, Spectators To Lakewood Criterium

by Valerie Mechenbier

On July 28, the Lakewood Criterium is coming to the West End of Lakewood. A Criterium is a popular form of high-speed bike racing that showcases the speed, agility and power of the cyclists. The course is a one mile loop starting on Detroit Avenue, turning onto Edanola, Sloane, West Clifton and back onto Detroit. With as many as 25 laps in a single race, racers' legs will be tested and spectators are sure to

be entertained.

The Lakewood Criterium is presented by Team Spin, our own Lakewood-based bicycle racing team that logged over 10,000 miles of racing in more than 350 events in 2011. The team stood on 102 podiums across the country last year, taking 70 wins in various race divisions. Team Spin's own Thom Dominic placed 3rd in last year's main event, the Men's Category 1/2/3 race.

In addition to the multiple-lap

racers for licensed racers (Men, Women, Juniors 10-18), the Lakewood Criterium will also offer events for the community at large. The Lakewood Criterium includes a Community Fun Challenge (one lap) and a Kids' Challenge (ages 6-12). Visit [www.lakewoodcriterium.com](http://www.lakewoodcriterium.com) for a complete race schedule.

In anticipation of the event, Lakewood's West End businesses are preparing to welcome the racers, their

families and friends, Lakewood residents, and cycling enthusiasts from throughout the region to watch elite cycling in a fun festival-type atmosphere. Blackbird Baking Company is the official Race Sponsor of the Men's Pro Cat 1/2/3 Race. Nature's Bin is the host and sponsor of the Nature's Bin Racers Hospitality Tent. Several businesses have ordered cowbells — the traditional cheering device used by spectators to cheer on their favorite Criterium athletes. Visitors and race fans are encouraged to walk the Criterium loop to see the race from multiple vantage points and to stop at race-route businesses along the way. Pick up a late-lunch pizza, buy the kids a cookie or a muffin, stock up on healthy snacks, grab a cold beverage, have dinner — you can do it all in the West End before, after, in between, and during the races!

Test your legs and your bike handling skills, come and cheer on your own Team Spin (look for the blue and orange jerseys) — and, most of all, enjoy a summer Saturday afternoon at this unique and family-friendly event in Lakewood's West End.

For more information about the Lakewood Criterium or to volunteer at the event, visit [www.lakewoodcriterium.com](http://www.lakewoodcriterium.com).

## Chamber Member Spotlight: Scott Duennes, Cornucopia Inc.

by Valerie Mechenbier

Scott Duennes has been the Executive Director of Cornucopia and Nature's Bin since 1986. Nature's Bin serves as a training site for a unique and successful program that provides vocational training leading to employment for people with disabilities. In addition, under Scott's direction, annual retail sales have increased from \$325,000 in 1986 to over \$6 million in 2011.

Scott has over 30 years experience in the retail foods industry. He is past president of the board for a Cleveland area residential service provider for people

with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, and a member of the National Rehabilitation Association, the National Nutritional Foods Association and the Vietnam Veterans of America. He is actively involved with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and is highly visible at a number of community events on behalf of Cornucopia. Scott was also named Lakewood Chamber of Commerce's "Business Person of the Year" in 2010. Scott is very excited about the acquisition of the McDonald's on Sloane Ave for the expansion of Cornucopia's vocational training and food



service programs. It has always been part of Scott's long-term vision for Cornucopia to stay and grow in the local community.

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Business News

Attorney Terry Vincent New President Of The Sunrise Rotary Club

by Larry Faulhaber

On July 11, Terry Vincent of the Brouse McDowell, LPA, law firm was installed by Rotary District 6630 Assistant Governor, Shawn Mueller as the sixth President of the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club. Terry joined the newly formed Club as a charter member in June 2007 and has served on various club committees over the last five years. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2008 and Vice President in 2011. Terry has also served the community in various other ways including, Chairman of the Board of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce from 2009 to 2011. He has been active in many organizations in Lakewood. Terry is also an avid supporter of sports programs at Lakewood High school, where his son, Johnathan was a starter on the football and basketball teams and a Regional qualifier on the track team this past school year. Terry and his wife Candace are also the

proud parents of two daughters, both currently attending college.

At the July 11 meeting Assistant Governor, Mueller also installed Officers, Chuck Drumm, Vice President; Treasurer, Tim Hill; and Secretary, Tom Giffels and Committee Chairs; Community Service – Mike Hamed; International Service – Marty Harris and Jean Vahue; New Generations – Barb Sabal; Vocational Service– Patty Ryan; Membership Development – Kathy Berkshire; RI Foundation– Jonathan Clark; Public Relations – Larry Faulhaber;; Children of the Dump Shoe Box Project – Bill Gaydos; Sgt at Arms – Todd Kiick; and Fund Raising – Dave Clements and Randy Gray.

The Sunrise Club was selected as the Best Rotary Club, for its size, in District 6630 for the Rotary year 2010/2011. In 2012 the Sunrise Rotary Club received the RI President’s Citation, A Z Baker Award for the 2011/2012 Rotary year for its service activities in

meeting the objectives of Rotary and the Literacy Project Award for the Student of the Month in Rocky River. The Rotary Club of Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Club meets at 7:15 a.m. on

Wednesdays at the Umerley Hall of the Rocky River Civic Center. Come to a meeting and learn how you can be part of community international service activities of Rotary International.

Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 28

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Did You Know...

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the following Lakewood businesspersons have been installed as new members of the 2012-2013 Chamber Board of Directors: Mary Johnson (Cornucopia, Inc.), Mike DeStefano (DMS Management Solutions), and Bob Wright (Buckeye Beer Engine). Goodbye, Good Luck, and Thank You! to retiring board members Bruce McNabb (Lakewood Senior Health Campus) and Ann Zabkar (PNC Bank).



New officers are installed at the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club.

Textbook Painting Joins Lakewood Businesses

by Ashley LeRoy

Textbook Painting has recently moved into the Lake Erie Building and is enthusiastic about working in the Lakewood community. Textbook Painting is made up of 28 branches across the Midwest, which are all managed by college interns. Branch managers do everything from hiring their own painting crew to executing marketing strategies. These managers gain a great deal of experience through this internship and are able to apply business concepts that have been taught in the classroom.

Bryan McCarthy, the branch manager in Lakewood, is currently a junior at John Carroll University. This is his second year working as a manager for Textbook Painting. McCarthy returned for a second summer with Textbook Painting after gaining a great deal of experience and success with the company last year. Last summer, he ran a branch in Westlake, and this year, McCarthy is excited for the opportunity to work in Lakewood.

“I love working in Lakewood. I have lived in Lakewood my whole entire life and know it like the palm of

my hand so it’s truly amazing to be able to work in this city,” stated McCarthy. “I get to work on streets that I’ve walked down my whole life and get to meet people throughout the area that I would never have had the chance to meet.”

Another local manager, Ted Bradfield in Rocky River, will be a junior at Miami University this year. He is creating his own major at Miami, which combines business law and entrepreneurship. Bradfield took this summer to gain more experience in the field of entrepreneurship by running his own branch of Textbook Painting.

“Because I’m creating my own major at Miami, which is a combination between entrepreneurship and business law,” stated Bradfield, “this experience has provided me with an insight into a future in entrepreneurship. This internship is unique because it has allowed me to experience entrepreneurship firsthand, rather than just learning about it.”

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# Pulse Of The City

## The American Experience... Woody's Mandolin

*Happy 100th Birthday, Woody!*  
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Woody was a man who often defied categorization and had a universal attraction to the whole human family. When he was hospitalized, he was reportedly asked what his religious preference was. His response, supposedly, was "all." When the registrar pressed for something more specific, Woody is said to have told her to list either "all"... or "none."

Woody was born on July 14, 1912, in Okemah, Oklahoma, and like everyone from my dad's generation, he had the chance to live through some of the most dramatic times in our nation's history. While Woody was born a century ago this month, he unfortunately lived an all-too-brief 55 years of that time, succumbing to a debilitating illness in 1967.

Woody was known for many things. Perhaps the most well-known was his singing and songwriting. I would suspect that his best known song was "This Land Is Your Land."

Sung in hundreds if not thousands of schools across our country, that song has traveled around the world. Written by Woody after he reportedly heard Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" sung by Kate Smith, one of Woody's earliest versions used "God blessed America for me," but Woody soon changed that. School book versions of that song also generally left out several of Woody's verses that dealt with hot-topic issues like social welfare and the idea of private property in Depression-era America. In 1941, Woody also worked as a songwriter for the Federal Government's Bonneville Power Administration, writing songs about the American Northwest. Woody wrote many songs about the American experience. Thankfully, these have been archived and cataloged by the Woody Guthrie Foundation in New York and are available for study online.

If you think that politics is a tough subject these days, back in Depression times politics was absolutely at the forefront of public awareness. Authoritarian political systems were deeply involved in a world-wide struggle. Fascism, militarism, and world-wide communism all came to power and

challenged the democracies in a series of events that culminated in World War II. When war came to America, Woody became a strong supporter of the war effort. He often put the inscription "This Machine Kills Fascists" on the front of his musical instruments. When an American destroyer, the U.S.S. Reuben James, was sunk by a German submarine, Woody wrote a popular ballad about that sinking that helped to inflame U.S. pro-war passions. Woody also served in the Merchant Marines during that war.

Woody was indeed an American, through and through. He often favored left-wing causes, although it is generally believed that he was never an official Communist. A common statement attributed to Woody went something like this...that he was not a communist necessarily, but that he'd been in the red all his life. Woody was, and remains, an American legend.

How all of this relates to Lakewood is a story that goes back to the very last instrument I fixed for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum before it opened. In a way, it was the most challenging of my repair jobs. Woody's mandolin had come into the



Gary's mandolin, used to save Woody's.

Hall for exhibition and the principals wanted it to be restored to playing condition. The instrument had numerous structural and cosmetic issues, but more importantly, it was missing some essential parts. Since Woody's mandolin was made nearly a century ago, finding those exact parts would have been quite a challenge in those early internet days. One solution would have been to purchase and strip out

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Opinion

# One Of Many Blunders

by David Skolyak

Six years ago, my fiancée and my brother talked me into buying a house here in Lakewood. We found a nice house on Coutant and have been busy fixing it up. By nature I am a lazy sort so I thought rather than having grass in my front yard I would plant a garden. What could be easier than pulling a few weeds as opposed to mowing and trimming once or twice a week? Boy, was I wrong!

At the end of the first season it was a cinch. The flowers bloomed and there was beauty all around: front yard, back yard, gardens galore. I amazed myself. Since it was the first season there were not many weeds, and it was quite manageable.

The second season brought more foliage and blossoms but also more weeds, requiring weeding daily, watering daily when it didn't rain, and fertilizing once a month. It turns out my plan backfired and I was busy working harder than if I just had a lawn.

During those two early seasons, total strangers would comment on the beauty of the garden. I would peek out my living room window and watch as cars would slow down and people would point and comment. My neighbors would come over and give me advice on how to better garden or tell me the gardens needed more watering and how to trim my roses, since I also planted those darn things that attack me and stick me everytime I trim them or cut them back. But still I was on a roll. I developed a green thumb that went well with my bloody fingers. I even put a bench or two in the front so people could sit and enjoy my work. I hung bird feeders throughout the yards. To my dismay, the birds came and fed and left lots and lots of presents all over the ground and the benches. Now, once or twice a week I have to wash or paint the benches.

If it wasn't enough that the birds called my house their home, then came the squirrels and chipmunks, those cute little creatures that dig and burrow and hide in any and all places. Those critters that find a way into your house and stampede around in your attics and basements along with the mice. It seems those critters loved the



The author's front yard garden in full bloom!

bird food, so they decided to become squatters. Every night at bedtime I could hear them running around. I would break out the flashlight and try to find them, not knowing what I would do if I did. I could never poison anything and was too afraid to try to catch them, but they didn't know that. They would hide when I went to where I thought they were. After no success I would leave the area and they would come out and start scurrying again. They were playing hide-and-seek with me and they were winning.

Being a dog lover, I figured I would rescue a dog that would play with the squirrels and chipmunks and mice and hopefully chase them away. My first dog was (and still is) an American Eskimo Spitz. My brother gave him to me and I love him dearly, but it turns out he was more afraid of them than I was. My neighbors were moving and had two Shih-Tzus. I thought they were small strong animals that could get the job done for me by chasing the critters out. Nope! They turned out to be lovers and not fighters. Now I am surrounded by dogs who want nothing more than my total attention and love and an attic and basement full of critters who just want to annoy the

hell out of us.

Another neighbor who was moving had a cat that needed a home. Now they are predators; they are stealthy, quick, unafraid gladiators. His coloration and build reminded me of Morris the Cat, so that is what we named him. The problem lies in his name. That is who he is: Morris the cat. Sure he will play with strings and cat toys, but he runs the minute a creature he is not familiar with approaches him. He is great at chasing and swatting at flies and bugs but nothing bigger.

Then my fiancée wanted hamsters. I tried to tell her that there were enough


rodents running around the house, but how do you argue with your sweetie when it comes to something she considers cute and cuddly? She took me to the pet store to look at them. Knowing I am a softy, she picked one out and gave it to me to hold. That soft furry coat and cute face won my heart and she picked another one. I converted our old 40-gallon aquarium into a hamster display and filled it with wood chips, food, water bottles and hamster toys. Hell, they were living better than I was and they didn't have to pay any of the bills.

Those tiny cute critters were smart though. At the pet store they let us play with them as they ran all over our hands and arms and on our chests and rubbed up against us like we were long-lost family. Now at home just minutes later my fiancée reached in to get the first hamster out of its carrying box. As she reached in, it bit her and drew blood. She screamed, the dogs barked and the cat jumped.

We are now at the present, six years later. I still have the front garden, I still have the fiancée, 3 dogs and the cat, along with the two hamsters, but guess what? No squirrels, chipmunks or mice, at least not in the house. I still am working hard as ever to keep the garden looking nice, still spending a fortune on bird food, dog food, cat food and hamster food. Still spending a fortune on my water bill for watering the plants and the light bill to light up the garden at night. Oh, and don't forget the vet bills. And all of this because I didn't want a lawn.



Asian lilies from the author's front yard




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## Opinion

# Paved Paradise, Put Up A Parking Lot....

by Edward Favre

A recent report by the North-east Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium confirms what we have witnessed in our region over the last few decades. The signs are everywhere.

Driving on I-90 through Avon, one cannot help but notice the vast tract of defoliated land along the highway. The acres and acres of destroyed clean air green space and loss of wildlife habitat appear a wasteland. It will soon be replaced with mortar, asphalt and flat-roofed boxes that will consume energy, generate more heat under the summer sun, create more air pollution, cause pollution-laden fast moving water run off into Lake Erie, and generate more vehicles and traffic. And for what?

There is no need for this wasteful development. We repeatedly read that there is no real population growth in our region. We are just rearranging people and consuming more land and natural resources.

Developers profit from flawed government transportation policy that adds more and more lane miles to highways that are then filled with

more cars. We are reaping the results of guaranteed, dedicated highway taxes that are dependent on high fuel consumption and are gobbled up by construction companies that, along with trucking, oil, and other lobbies, make huge donations to politicians.

Yet wealth is not really being created, it is being shifted. The highways have scarred established cities that have bled people and wealth to the gain of former rural areas. We have the same number of people spread over growing square miles that we support with taxes, utilities, and fees. Artificial "life style centers" try to recreate the genuine downtowns and cities this process has decimated.

In the 1960s, Lakewood's Clifton Park sacrificed its midsection, cut in half for the convenience of commuters to the west via the Clifton Bridge and its approach. How ironic that Rocky River has now chocked down Lake Road to make it more a residential and less a commuter route.

Lakewood's next sacrifice was in the late 1960s; the huge gulley known as I-90. A prime residential neighborhood in the southwest corner of our

city was gutted. Cleveland's west side and Rocky River were victims as well, to the initial benefit of the Westlakes and now the Avons. Similarly, the old Parkview corner of Fairview Park was placed on the ODOT altar in the 1980s. The new buzz word is "regionalism," which often plays better to those areas that benefit from this continued sprawl at the expense of places like Lakewood.

In and around Cleveland, neighborhoods have been damaged and adjoining areas devalued. Initially, the second ring suburbs benefited, and now the flow benefits the first ring counties. And it is not just in Cuyahoga County. The cities of Lorain and Painesville in Lorain and Lake counties have also suffered from the economic siphon of I-90. Similar losses occurred along I-71 and I-77.

Building more highways, generating more traffic which requires more highways is not economically, environmentally, or energy (oil) sustainable. [1] Our environment, land, green space, air, and water are finite, as is oil. We cannot keep paving, widening and polluting.

We are creating crushing future debt with miles and miles of added highway infrastructure that we cannot afford to maintain. Older sections of the 60-year old interstate highway system are already in shambles and need complete rebuilding. What we are going through just on the Inner-belt Bridge will be repeated over and over.

Even more collateral damage is done when school districts grow and shrink due to population relocation. This further confounds Ohio's already defective school funding process and facility needs, which affects the overall cost of education. The cost of medical care is affected by hospitals closing, downsizing and building anew while chasing moving customers. The Cleveland Clinic just opened a multimillion dollar facility along I-90 as they reduce services at other sites, such as Lakewood Hospital. (Another very serious issue for Lakewood.)

Utility companies rush to add these moving customers to their grids while maintenance of older infrastructure is deferred. Regionally, it is basically the same number of customers, just spread out and requiring more wire, poles, and pipe. Look around and see the above ground deteriorating electric structure. Rotting poles and frayed wires abound in the central city and first ring. On Hilliard Road a broken, splinted pole that was stuck by a car several years ago still awaits removal. Likewise, the underground natural gas system is failing, as evidenced by recent explosions and fires.

There is no doubt we all benefit from the interstate highway system. However its inherent unfairness is that some communities pay and suffer for the creation and prosperity of others. At some point, the "donor" cities, like Lakewood, should be equally and proportionally served. We need to rethink this unsustainable transportation policy to more traditional modes such as commuter rail, which quietly and cleanly anchors cities and communities rather than moving or bypasses them. Existing roads in urban areas need to be repaired and improved to the benefit of existing communities. Utilities must repair and maintain existing facilities to the same level as the new add-ons.

Last, but not least, we as individuals need to change from the Post World War II mentality of bulldoze, pave, drive, consume and sprawl. There is a limit to how much land we unnecessarily consume. We need to slow this erosion then anchor and reinvest in existing communities. Especially where there is previously developed and now vacant or otherwise available land that can be reused.

[1] "Sprawling From Grace: The Consequences of Suburbanization" was presented on CNBC in April 2011. It can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPS1y81b1Bw>

## KB Confections Delights Customers

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fantastic cakes, the lovely décor of the shop gives off a comfortable and warm feeling- a feeling which exudes from every Bosworth family member behind the counter as well. The inviting design of the shop is sure to translate wonderfully once the second part of KB Confections opens in the attached greenhouse where there will be seating for their extensive and already up and running coffee services.

However, eating the treats of KB Confections far surpassed any other aspect of this new addition to Lakewood. It was far too difficult to choose just one sweet, and, therefore, I picked out a raspberry caramel bar and a lemon tart to taste. The raspberry caramel bar was perfectly sweet and not overbearingly sugary, as caramel can often be. The fruit was very fresh and there was not a single bite without raspberry in it. Tarts are by far one of my favorite things, but never before have I had one so light, yet surprisingly rich and creamy at the same time. The crust was delicately handled and the lemon topping had just the right amount of sour lemon tang to



Left to right - Marianne Bosworth, Kendel Miller, James Bosworth, Matt Bosworth and Karen Bosworth

it. The custard filling to it was delectably velvety and its sweetness went wonderfully with the excellent cup of coffee I had from KB Confections.

Apart from these two specific pastries KB Confections also offers a variety of muffin, cupcakes, macaroons, bars, tarts, and, of course, beautiful cakes. Karen also mentioned that she is planning to add mini quiches

and her famous pudding to the menu.

These tasty treats, and many more to come, made by KB Confections are indeed an exceptional addition to the streets of Lakewood and I would highly suggest them to anyone.

KB Confections is located at 13519 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, Ohio and their hours are 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

## The American Experience...

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an instrument of similar vintage. That option would likely have involved considerable expense, time, and effort- and the Rock Hall was about to open. There was, after all, a deadline, and the exhibits had to be ready.

What to do?

After a sleepless night, I went downstairs to the basement to start the washing. Suddenly, I remembered that under the basement stairs was an

old broken mandolin, smashed somewhere on the shoals of life. Why I'd kept it around, I had no idea. Still, was it possible that the essential pieces to repair Woody's mandolin could be found on that broken wreck? Indeed they were. Although the mandolin was of a different brand, it was from the same era, and the needed parts matched Woody's mandolin perfectly! Woody's restored mandolin was there at the opening of the Rock Hall and,

last I heard, was later sent to the Smithsonian.

As for my old broken mandolin? Well, I still keep it around. On it, there is an inscription: "This Machine FIXED the machine that kills Fascists!"

We'll just finish up this column now with a little bit of Woody's advice: "Take it easy, but take it!" Yeah, Happy 100th Birthday Woody! As your song said: "So long, it's been good to know you," if only through your mandolin!



## Lakewood Living

# McCaffery Takes 3rd In 2012 CrossFit Kids Varsity Teen Invitational

by Troy Bratz

In the world of high intensity functional fitness known to many as the sport of CrossFit, the second weekend of July each year brings an opportunity for the world to witness those who fight for the chance to be named "World's Fittest Man" or "World's Fittest Woman". A sport that in the past 2 years has seen immense growth in popularity, due to the pick up of primary sponsor – Reebok, CrossFit has become a focal point of a new training regimen for many of the world's top athletes in the NFL, NBA, NHL, etc. In Lakewood, "CrossFitters" can often be seen at the corner of Madison and McKinley flipping giant tires and throwing barbells around the parking lot.

While CrossFit Cleveland is made up of many exceptional athletes, one young athlete stands out from the rest, 17 year-old Mike McCaffery. A soon-to-be St. Ed's senior, Mike, along with his father John, have been "CrossFitting" for over 3 years. Despite his age, Mike regularly surpasses the athletic prowess of men and women twice his age and experience level (including this author...sometimes).

After attempting to qualify for The CrossFit Games in 2011, he embarked on a year long strength program to increase all his major Olympic and power lifts. This allowed him to achieve extraordinary success not only as an endurance athlete, but also sig-



The McCaffrey family celebrates Mike's 3rd place finish with coach Bill Russell. Pictured from left to right are John, Mary, Peggy and Mike McCaffrey with Bill Russell.

nificantly increased his weightlifting ability. Despite weighing in at only 165lbs himself, Mike currently has a 355lb back squat, a 205lb snatch, a 260lb squat clean, a 275lb jerk, and a 445lb deadlift. At a modest 5'10" he also has a standing box jump of 54 inches, over three-quarters of his own height.

His hard work and dedication finally paid off when he became one of only 35 teens from around the country invited to compete in the first ever CrossFit Kids Teen Invitational. Though the Teen Invitational was not an official Reebok CrossFit Games event, it was held concurrently at the same site. These young men and women qualified through their performance in this past spring's "Gauntlet"

teen-only competitions around the country. Mike qualified by tying for second place at the CrossFit Kids Gauntlet competition held in March at The Arnold Classic Expo in Columbus. No other teens from Ohio were invited to California for the competition.

The Invitational was made up of four individual workouts. Mike had a very strict judge during his opening workout, who did not count at least 15 repetitions due to lack of depth in his wall ball shots. This landed him in a seventh place finish. He proceeded to win the second workout and came in second and third in the third and fourth workouts, respectively. Ultimately, this combination earned him a spot on the podium, finishing in

third place. Mike's coach and CrossFit Cleveland co-owner Bill Russell was on hand at the competition and explained, "I think it [his seventh place finish in the first workout] caused Mike to work harder to make up ground and he learned that tough and possibly unfair judging happens in competitions and you just need to roll with it."

The entire McCaffrey family made the trip to California to support him, including his father John, mother Peggy and sister Mary. Lakewood's CrossFit Cleveland owners Staci and Bill Russell also made the trip to help coach Mike throughout the competition.

Mike will most likely be able to compete at the CrossFit Kids competitions throughout his upcoming senior year, as well as being a viable contender at competitions against athletes of all ages throughout the region, hosted by other gyms in the CrossFit community.

Mike's journey with CrossFit will not end here. The young scholar-athlete from Lakewood is still determined to qualify and compete in The CrossFit Games as an adult. Considering how far he has come in just a few short years, Mike's commitment to his growth as an athlete leaves no doubt that he will someday find himself competing against the greats of the sport.

## Which Elementary School Will Close: Update

by Betsy Voinovich

I have gotten some responses to my article entitled, "Which Elementary School Will Close?" indicating that some readers are confused about just what's supposed to happen in August regarding the District's decision to close a school.

Right now we have 7 elementary schools, 3 of which are unrenovated. A budget cut proposed by Superintendent Patterson is the closing of one of the three unrenovated schools to save money. My article looked at the three schools in terms of number one, cost savings: which school's closing would save

the most money? (Determined by which buildings cost the most to maintain, which school is the most deteriorated in terms of the building's condition and the amount of money necessary to bring it up to 2012 standards.)

I also looked at the placement of the schools in terms of population density around each school, in order to keep schools near where the most families live in order to preserve the shortest, safest walks for the largest number of children.

The third thing I looked at was the academic health of the schools being considered, as an indication of what

would be lost, noting that two of the schools were THE TWO highest performing schools in Lakewood. In other words, not the ones you want to close.

The confusion may come from the fact that a couple of years ago, Lakewood's Board of Ed was working with the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) on "Phase Three" of obtaining funding to renovate our schools. The State at the time would pay for a little less than a third of the cost of the rebuilding. The OSFC evaluated the population of school children and determined that Lakewood didn't need seven

elementary schools; we could function with six. They didn't say that we HAD to close one, only that they would not kick in their less-than-one-third of the rebuilding costs on one of them. A controversial decision was made by the School Board at the time leaving much of the community wondering what criteria the members of the Board at that time used for making this decision.

Time has run out on that decision. Other Ohio districts outranked Lakewood in need and "our number didn't come up" in time. Now in order for Lakewood to partner with the State of Ohio in renovating our remaining elementary schools, the OSFC has to come back and start over. This is especially significant in light of two factors: 1) the elementary population of Lakewood has grown and the District could possibly qualify for state assistance on all THREE schools. And 2.) Now the School District is facing a 12 million dollar debt making it crucial that the right decision is made, because the wrong decision will be literally taken out of our children in terms of their losing programs and having fuller classrooms. We are already cutting programs, buying fewer textbooks, losing teachers-- saving a couple hundred thousand here, fifty thousand there. How could the Board make a decision that would require us to pay millions more than necessary and at the same time, continue to ask us to tighten our belts as they continue to cut into the

programming that makes this School District so special?

Whatever goes on with that discussion, the discussion about closing an elementary school for the purpose of saving money is a separate one; a point that our Superintendent has been very clear about. It is being studied on its own merits and from every angle.

A recent development is that at their yearly retreat, the Board and Superintendent Patterson discussed putting the August closure of one of our elementary schools on hold. He expressed the concern that the population of students is growing, and that it might be premature to lose any more of our elementary schools right now. Over-stuffed classes are not what our families want. Having our 5th graders forced to go to middle school because they don't fit in our elementary schools is another scenario our families do not want to consider.

It is a couple of years since the last school-closing discussions, we have a new Superintendent, new Assistant Superintendent, new Treasurer (as of this month) and new members on the School Board. Thus far, they have proven to be a very hard-working, responsive, and effective team. This latest discussion is encouraging.

To view or participate in the ongoing discussion concerning this issue, go to the Lakewood Observation Deck at <http://www.lakewoodobserver.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=11086>.



Lakewood elementary school students create a masterpiece on "Chalk Day."



Lakewood Living

# Hidden Gems Of Lakewood’s Past

Hidden in plain view are many items of Lakewood’s past.

Every day, at the heavily travelled intersection of West Clifton and Clifton for instance, hundreds of cell phone-locked motorists text their way past such an item.

If one looks closely, there is a concrete flower bed planter located on the north side of Clifton, near the crosswalk. But this item had a life prior to being a flower bed... as a horse trough.

Yes, in days gone by, horse troughs were common in Lakewood. According to Lakewood writer Dan Chabek, “Horse troughs, made of concrete and looking like bathtubs, once were spaced along the curbsides of Lakewood’s

main streets. They were a convenience provided by the city, which kept them full and otherwise maintained.”

“But all kinds of horses used them because everything in pre-car Lakewood was horse drawn. Horse-drawn wagons were used for delivering ice, bakery, fruits and vegetables, and for collecting rubbish and garbage. Horses hauled fire equipment, bricks, sand, lumber and beer barrels,” according to Chabek.

This explains to many younger beer drinkers the origin of the Budweiser Clydesdales.

The troughs, according to

Chabek’s research, each had a compartment at one end with a tank ball similar to that in a toilet. As the water entered from the bottom, via a hookup with the city pipes, the tank ball would rise, shutting off the intake valve when the trough was full.

City watering troughs were sprinkled throughout Lakewood. One was located on the south side of Detroit, about 100 feet west of Warren, near the present day Observer offices. Another was located on the north side of Detroit at Grace. Other troughs were located at Madison and Warren and on Madison between Grace and Cohasset.

As automobiles eased into common use during the 1920s and horses disappeared from everyday use, the troughs were removed and gas stations sprang up.

According to Chabek, attempts were made to remove the Clifton trough during construction of the “new road” through Clifton Park in the mid-1960s, but preservationist homeowners managed to keep the trough in its present location.

Horse water troughs: just another item of Lakewood’s everyday past hidden in plain view.

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## Beautiful Ohio: Not So Long Ago...

by Weldon Carpenter

Not so long ago, Cleveland was celebrating its 175th birthday as a city. The grand finale of the week was the celebrity dinner in the Grand Lobby of the Palace Theatre. We had moved all the beds, make-up displays and other paraphernalia belonging to the International Trade and Fair, then a tenant in the Palace. Hough Caterers needed to set the dining tables to accommodate such notables as Bob Hope, Sammy Kaye, Mayor Stokes, and Frank Lausche.

As we were preparing to escort our guests on a tour of the State and Ohio Theatres, we were unaware that an unpleasant surprise awaited us there. While we celebrated in the Palace, vandals had broken into the once beautiful Ohio Theatre.

The Ohio Theatre opened on February 14, 1921, with The “Return of Peter Grimm,” starring David War-

field. The State and Ohio were built for Lowe’s by the Four Lieshamann Construction Co., of New York. Thomas Lamb was the architect. The ceiling of the auditorium in the Ohio Theatre was an Italian Renaissance design. Three classical murals painted by Italian artist Sampitrotte adorned the lobby.

I went ahead of the group for a last minute check to make sure everything was ready. As I entered the auditorium, I was hit with water pouring out from the balcony. The ornate plaster underneath was falling off in huge chunks. Running up to the balcony, I discovered that someone had turned on the fire hose.

The Ohio was not new to defeat. Once a great legitimate theatre, the Ohio had closed due to financial difficulty. The Mayfair Casino entered and lasted only a year in the remodeled space. On July 5, 1964, a fire destroyed the beautiful lobby. The once jewel-like

beauty of the Ohio was now completely covered with red paint, the result of a previous “renovation.” There were huge holes in the ceiling, and only a few seats left in the balcony. Very little remained to indicate what this great theatre had once been.

The poor Ohio came last in the renovation plans of the Playhouse Square Association. Due to the terrible decay, damage caused by vandalism and broken water pipes, and difficulty working there in cold weather, renovation was postponed. The Ohio was the last theatre to open in the entertainment complex. The Ohio remained dormant and the focus was turned to the Palace and State Theatres.

Although the Ohio’s only real financial success had been during its days as a movie house, we hoped to open it again as a legitimate theater.

While Chicago had its February 14th St. Valentine’s Day Massacre, we had the February 14th (opening day, 1921) massacre in a theatre that could truly be called “the success of failure.”

Now in 2012 the Ohio has returned to live up to its motto, “The Beautiful Ohio.” Words can only begin to tell you how I welcomed the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival in 1983. They along with the Playhouse Square Foundation added to the great performers who have appeared in the Ohio. That list includes Eddie Cantor, David Warfield, Helen Morgan, Fred Astaire, Helen Hayes--the list goes on and on. They are all still there; if not in person, definitely in spirit. It will be hard to explain to coming generations the miracles the Ohio Theatre has seen. It certainly has been “not so long ago.”

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### Featuring One Of Lakewood’s Own Lakewood Arts Festival Celebrates 35 Years

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stationery. Citing posters, wallpaper, advertising, architecture, fashion, and furniture of the mid-20th century as his muses, Brian describes his work as a translation of aesthetics and ideals of the past presented in a modern voice.

Brian received his BFA in Design at the Cleveland Institute of Art, where he earned the Agnes Gund Traveling Scholarship for his Senior BFA Thesis. Other honors and awards include Best in Show at the 2011 AIGA Cleveland Design Competition, the 2010 Community Partnership for Arts + Culture Creative Workshop Fellowship, and was recently a featured speaker at the 2012

Weapons of Mass Creation Fest.

Brian is a resident printmaker at Zygote Press, and his work is carried in local retail shops including Banyan Tree, CLE Clothing, Inc., Native: Cleveland, Room Service and onesydneyroad.com.

Be sure to visit Brian at the Lakewood Art Festival at Booth #128.

The 35th Lakewood Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, August 4th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Detroit Rd between Marlowe and Elmwood. A full list of artists and special events throughout the day, along with a map of the Festival booths can be found on pages 12 and 13.

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Lakewood Living

# Five Tips For A Green Home

by Andy Tabor

Carbon footprints. Global warming. Energy-efficiency. These catch phrases have become part of our lexicon as we've become more aware of our impact on the environment and our role in protecting it. As a homeowner, there are some simple, inexpensive steps you can take to make your home more energy-efficient. Get started on the road to being "green" with these five tips:

### Change Your Light Bulbs

By replacing just five incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs, you can save \$100 per year on electric bills while using up

to 75 percent less energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the environment.

### Buy ENERGY STAR® Appliances

ENERGY STAR-qualified appliances, such as refrigerators, washing machines and air conditioners, meet a higher level of energy efficiency set by the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy than standard models. According to ENERGY STAR, if just one in 10 homes used ENERGY STAR-qualified appliances, the impact could be compared to planting 1.7 million new acres of trees. And, switching to these appliances is not only good for the environment, but

easy on your pocketbook. Although these appliances may cost more, they can reduce your energy bill by \$80 per year.

### Seal Up

Cracks and air leaks represent cash seeping from your doors and windows. Get rid of air leaks in doors, windows and other areas by caulking gaps and cracks. This will help decrease your heating and air conditioning bill. But make sure you use silicone sealants. Acrylic caulk tends to shrink, while silicone sealants are waterproof and won't shrink or crack, creating less waste.

### Use Less Water

Did you know that roughly 60 per-

cent of a home's water consumption takes place in the bathroom, according to the California Urban Water Conservation Council? The largest culprit is the toilet, which accounts for 27 percent of your household supply every year. By installing low-flow toilets, showerheads and faucets, you can save thousands of gallons of water each year. In addition, replace leaky fixtures--that slow-dripping faucet can waste as much as 2,400 gallons of water per year.

### Adjust the Thermostat

When adjusting your home's thermostat, the rule of thumb should be: turn up the dial in the summer and down in the winter. Lowering the temperature by just one degree will reduce your electrical costs. And if you use a programmable thermostat, you can program your air-conditioning and heating systems to reduce output while no one is at home or at night while you sleep. Ceiling fans are also helpful in circulating the air to keep the room cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Going green doesn't have to be overwhelming or costly. By making just a few small changes within your home, you can help decrease energy consumption and help make the world a "greener" place.

Andy Tabor is a Realtor, GRI Prudential Lucien Realty.

# Working Kitchens Catch The Eye Of Aspiring Chefs

by Chris Bergin

It's astonishing how many people believe they are the next Mario Batali and have taken to the kitchen in a serious way.

Ratings for cooking shows are at an

all-time high as viewers are enamored with the idea of being culinary masters. Home sellers are upgrading to professional-style kitchens to capitalize on the craze, and their investments are paying off in more potential buyers and attractive returns when their homes sell.

One of the easiest steps appealing to today's tastes is adding stainless steel appliances and sinks, as sleek stainless resists scratches and is easy to maintain. Cast iron is another attractive choice for sinks, as they add color and are large enough for the pots and pans most chefs require. Still another popular amenity for the kitchen is pot filler, which serve as extendable faucets and can be installed next to your stovetop or prep sink for easy water access.

Granite and quartz countertops are among the favorites of home chefs, who require proper working space and cool surfaces for rolling out dough. The surfaces are attractive, durable and popular. Consider adding move-

able cutting boards, rinsing baskets and various trays. These features are not too expensive and will help open the eyes of potential buyers.

Take advantage of the gourmet explosion with kitchen upgrades that appeal to the home chef. Your effort and investment may yield some tasty results. Before committing to a home improvement project check your home value at [www.HomeValuesInLakewood.info](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.info).

Chris Bergin is a Realtor, Prudential Lucien Realty.

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