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Superintendent Patterson Sees Need For All Schools

by Christine Gordillo

After thoroughly combing through data on the city's youth population, Superintendent Jeff Patterson has determined that closing an elementary school at this time is not in the district's best interest due to significant growth in Lakewood's age 0-5 population and the effect that likely will have on the district's future enrollment.

In May, the Board of Education passed a budget reduction resolution that included closing an elementary school beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. At that time, Superintendent Patterson announced that the administration would do its due diligence in examining the data of where students live, how many would be affected by specific schools closing and the capacities of the remaining schools should one close and that he would announce his decision on which school to close in August.

"We promised the public we would painstakingly go over the data to make sure the right decision was made in regards to closing a school. In the process, we discovered that the population among our youngest Lakewood residents is growing and that closing an elementary school may not serve us well at this point in time," Patterson said. "I apologize for any distress the earlier announcement

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H2O Members Participate In Health Improvement Partnership-Cuyahoga Photovoice Project

by Vanessa Lange

From their love of the library to their dismay over the lack of public outdoor basketball courts, Lakewood teens have a lot to say about living in this community. During the month of April, seven H2O



Annabelle Fisher, from Sterling Ohio, loves the Lakewood Arts Festival. One of the many reasons is that she gets to spend time with her cousin, Lakewoodite Christine Cowen. More photos online!



Ohio-Idol champ Abby Boland with her dad, Dean Boland, and her \$10,000 winner's check.

LHS Grad Boland Sings Way To Ohio-Idol Title

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood now has its very own Idol champion as recent Lakewood High School graduate Abby Boland has won the inaugural Ohio-Idol competition along with \$10,000 and a recording contract.

Boland, who graduated in June, was crowned champ at the competition's Grand Finale performance July 28 at the Ohio State Fair. As winner, she will have the honor of singing the National Anthem at the Cleveland Indians vs. New York Yankees baseball game on

August 24 before a national TV audience. She will be able to record a CD with a professional recording studio in Columbus.

Ironically, Boland didn't even make the top 10 originally. She was the alternate at number 11 and when she got the call from competition organizers at midnight on July 4 telling her that someone in the top 10 had dropped out, she scrambled to be ready to join the competition the next day in Wellington.

"I was truly in shock when I won. I really didn't expect it

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Lakewood Public Library Closed

Lakewood Public Library will be closed on September 2 and September 3 for Labor Day. Normal hours resume on September 4. For a complete listing of all events and closing dates visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

Lakewood Students Need You!

by Karen Lee

Believe it or not, it's that special time of year again. Children seem to dread it and parents secretly enjoy it: Back to School. While most of you probably remember the excitement of picking out new school supplies, there are many of our students' families who are unable to afford these

basic items. That is where the Lakewood Family Collaborative, the Lakewood School Supplies Initiative (LSSI) and you can work together to ensure all children receive the best possible education.

The Lakewood Family Collaborative is a group of agencies, organizations and concerned

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What's Next For Kauffman Park?

by Meg Ostrowski

On July 30th at Lakewood Public Library, residents met with representatives from the city of Lakewood, LakewoodAlive's Design Committee and Kauffman Park Friends to discuss their visions for the future of Kauffman Park in an effort to develop a Master Plan. Led by Bryan Evans and Sean McDermott of LakewoodAlive, meeting attendees broke up into groups to share their concerns and hopes for downtown's seven-acre "green space."

As the discussions took off, it was quickly apparent that certain ideas were very popular, including improvements to the parks entrances, connection to downtown, desire for an all-purpose path/fitness loop and the need for benches and tables. Although opinions varied about other amenities, there was consensus that the park should offer something for all ages and assorted interests. Most agreed that utilizing the park for events was a good way to increase use and raise awareness. "Programming that gets people to the park is good for the neighborhood, good for downtown and good for Lakewood," was the sentiment of one enthusiastic citizen.

Items on the wish list that got the most attention were those that would add unique components to the park, setting it apart from others and elevating it from a neighborhood park to "Lakewood's downtown park," a goal of the groups involved. These ideas include a "splash pad" for water play, a reading garden that takes advantage of the proximity to the library and an aerial space that would add a

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Drug Mart / Grace Cohasset Update

by Betsy Voinovich

At last Thursday's Planning Commission meeting, the commission heard Drug Mart's appeal, and reversed its decision from the previous meeting. Drug Mart has been granted a conditional use permit and can tear down the apartment building they

already purchased (BEFORE the approval of the Planning Commission.) Drug Mart was also approved for taking an approximately 800 square foot wedge off the back of the residential property, instead of 13.5 feet of the side yard.

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Calendar Page

Thursday, August 9

H.E.L.P. Malawi Happy Hour

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

H.E.L.P. Malawi will be holding a happy hour fundraiser at the Harry Buffalo. H.E.L.P. Malawi is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Chagrin Falls whose mission is to give children the education they are entitled to receive. For \$20, it is all you can eat appetizers and all you can drink (beer and well drinks). Come on out and enjoy a fun night while supporting a great cause.

Harry Buffalo Lakewood, 18605 Detroit Avenue

Friday, August 10

Front Porch Concerts

7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Free Live Concerts

The Killer Watt Hours (Classic Funk/Rare Groove)

Lakewood Public Library Front Porch

15425 Detroit Avenue

Saturday, August 11

Calling all Dirty Dogs "Dog Days of Summer" Dog Wash

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS) in collaboration with Nature's Bin will once again hold its "Dog Days 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 tail wagger. 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.

All proceeds benefit the homeless cats and dogs at the Lakewood Animal Shelter.

Nature's Bin is located at 18120 Sloane Avenue

Sunday, August 12

Summer Scoop 2012

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Grab a leash, your friendly older dog (7 & older), join in the fun and support a great cause. Games, contests, Old Dog Olympics with Gold Star Dog Training, raffles, and refreshments. Fully accessible; free admission & parking; new covered pavilion for fun

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rain or shine!

Oak Grove Pavilion in the Brecksville Reservation within the Cleveland Metroparks (Valley Parkway between Chippewa Creek Drive and Meadows Drive)

Summer Band Concert

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Join us for this free concert in the park. The Lakewood Hometown Band will perform at 7:00 PM. Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue

Tuesday, August 14

Lakewood High School Girl's Volleyball Fundraiser

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Please come enjoy lunch, dinner, and/or drinks at Jammy Buggars on Tuesday, August 14th! You will not only treat yourself to a good time, but you will be supporting Lakewood High School's Girls Volleyball Team! Jammy Buggars will donate 15% of all their food and beverage checks for the entire day (11:30am-midnight) to the team fund. Please just remember to tell your server that you are there for the volleyball fundraiser. Thanks in advance for your support.

Jammy Buggars, 15625 Detroit Avenue (corner of Detroit and Westwood)

Wednesday, August 15

LECPTA's Annual Salad Supper

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Annual Salad Supper open to LECPTA members and those with an interest in promoting the well being of children ages birth to six years old. Come enjoy good food and good company while learning more

Car Show Giveaways

12:00 AM

Temporary tattoos for the kids in a car show theme. Also if the weather gets hot, Carabel Beauty Salon & Store will be giving away mini hand held fans while the supplies last.

15309 Madison Ave

2nd Annual Let's Love Lakewood Fest!

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join Lakewood New Life Church as we host our 2nd Annual Let's Love Lakewood Festival. We will have free games, food, live entertainment, face painting, bounce houses and will be giving away 500 BACKPACKS (while supplies last) and raffling off prizes throughout the day.

Parking Lot of the Masonic Temple

15300 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood

Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Lakewood Seventh-Day Adventist Church

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

You can save 3 lives when donating 1 pint of blood. Donating will only take approximately 1 hour. Come early and enjoy a snack! Of course the Red Cross canteen will also be available for after your donation is complete. You can donate no less than every 56 days. So, if you have not donated since June 23rd, please come on August 18th to donate again.

An appointment is encouraged. Please call Carolyn, at 216-406-1208, to schedule an appointment. First time donors are also welcomed. For details, regarding eligibility, go to RedCrossBlood.org.

1382 Arthur Avenue (behind Taco Bell)

Sunday, August 19

Windsong Chorus rehearsals begin in Lakewood

1:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Windsong, Cleveland's Feminist Chorus is a non-audition chorus, Windsong invites all women to join.

Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 14502 Detroit Avenue

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North Coast Health Ministry’s Summer Garden Party Celebration

by Jeanine Gergel

North Coast Health Ministry’s annual fundraising gala will be a Summer Garden Party Celebration on Thursday, August 30, 2012, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at LaCentre in Westlake.

The evening will feature a cocktail hour with violin accompaniment, dinner and dessert, a live auction and raffles, including a drawing for an Aus-

trian Holiday travel package. Honorary chairs for the event are David J. and Martha Hessler. Co-chairs are Sandy Haas, Kate Joyce and Wendy Kieding.

The winner of the Austrian Holiday raffle gets one week at St. Johann’s Alpenland Sporthotel in Salzburg, Province, Austria, redeemable through December 15, 2014. The winner also receives a \$3,000 travel voucher redeem-

able for round-trip airfare or for travel and accommodations at any destination of their choice. Raffle tickets are one for \$25, three for \$50 or eight for \$100 and can be purchased at www.nchealthministry.org/austria or by calling NCHM Development Director Jeanine Gergel at 216-228-7878 ext. 107.

Those interested in attending the Summer Garden Party Celebration

gala can purchase tickets by calling Jeanine Gergel at 216-228-7878 ext. 107. Event tickets are \$125 each. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

This annual event supports the life-saving health care provided at NCHM for the low-income uninsured in western Greater Cleveland. The evening’s goal is to raise \$150,000, more than 10 percent of NCHM’s annual operating budget.

Lakewood Students Need You!

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individuals working together to make sure a network of services and supports are available and accessible to children and families in our community. Out of that commitment, the LSSI was created. This group was formed when a gap was discovered in providing school supplies to those students most in need. There are currently other organizations doing a fantastic job generously supporting Lakewood K – 5 students with school supplies. However, there is only so much they can do based on the incoming requests. Our Lakewood Middle Schools and High School have plenty of students who will fall behind in academics due to lack of school supplies.

Last summer, the community came together to provide over 300 students at Garfield, Harding and Lakewood High School with the supplies needed for aca-

ademic success. Additionally, Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach (TLCO) secured a grant from Thrivent for Lutherans allowing LSSI to purchase 10 scientific graphing calculators (a \$100 calculator required for the higher maths to be part of a permanent math library at LHS).

This year over 1,500 students qualify for free and reduced lunch at these three schools. We firmly believe all students should have the opportunity to learn regardless of need. It has been proven that a student starting their school year off with all of the tools they need will have a better chance at a successful academic year. It is far too easy for these students to fall into the cracks and drop off the academic track.

Once again, we look towards the Lakewood community to assist in supporting these students. In particular, the following items are most desperately needed for our Lakewood students:

Loose Leaf Paper, Pens (blue/black), Pencils, Pocket Folders, 1” and 1 ½” Binders, Notebooks, Calculators (TI-30X), Combination Locks, Pencil Pouches

To be ready for the start of the school year, on August 22nd, it would be greatly appreciated to receive the items by August 15th. They can be dropped off at the following area businesses:

Goddess Blessed, 15729 Madison
PNC Bank, 14205 Detroit
YMCA, 16915 Detroit
Lakewood Recreation Department, 1470 Warren
The Root Café, 15118 Detroit

We are accepting donations at The Lakewood Recreation Department throughout the entire school year. One of LSSI’s goals is to maintain a ‘supply closet’ stocked for the entire year as classroom needs can change between the semesters.

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new dimension to the park. Councilman Tom Bullock suggested elements that would educate visitors and celebrate Lakewood’s past. An old streetcar repurposed as a kiosk and an heirloom orchard, were both well received.

Later in the evening when the groups compared notes, it was clear that Kauffman’s sledding hills, dog friendly environment, basketball/tennis courts, baseball field and community gardens were seen as positive things that should be retained, improved and highlighted in the plan.

To collect additional input, surveys

were made available later in the week online through LakewoodAlive, at LEAF Night and the Lakewood Arts Festival. If you have not yet had an opportunity and are interested in sharing your thoughts and ideas about the future of Kauffman Park, please contact members of KPF soon at kauffmanparkfriends@yahoo.com.

A follow up public meeting will be scheduled for the fall. In the meantime, the information gathered will be used to develop a Master Plan for Kauffman Park that aligns with the city’s Park System Strategic Plan. Once complete, the plan will serve as a springboard for engaging new partners and finding funding to help turn vision into reality!

In addition, if you don’t have time to school shop we have 3 new easy ways to participate:

Join us at Jammy Buggars on Tuesday, August 7th. 15% of your food purchase (lunch, dinner or take out) will go towards the LSSI fund.

Donate through Facebook. The Lakewood Family Collaborative’s Facebook page has donate buttons at a number of different amounts.

Write a check to: The Lakewood Foundation, with LSSI in the memo, 16024 Madison Avenue, Lakewood,

About North Coast Health Ministry, North Coast Health Ministry is the West Side’s free clinic for the low-income uninsured, serving more than 2,700 patients who have no other route to health care. With the support of approximately 140 volunteer physicians, nurses and other caregivers, NCHM is able to provide primary health care, specialty referrals, prescription assistance, and health education to the medically underserved.

H2O Members Participate

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sional photographer to work through photo concepts and compositions. The result is a set of thoughtful images that reflect the participants’ personal experiences living, learning and playing in Lakewood. The materials produced as a result of these Photovoice projects will help to inform the development of a community health improvement plan for Cuyahoga County.

About her participation in the project, ninth grade student Katya Tawasha said, “I really enjoyed doing this. I felt more creative and I didn’t want to stop taking pictures!” Marissa Ruiz, also a ninth grade student at Lakewood High School, said she felt empowered by participating in this project. “Usually in the world adults are the people with the most say,” said Ruiz. “This makes a lot of sense, but you also have to remember that children and teens make up a huge part of

the population and sometimes what we think or say can make a big difference.”

A selection of the students’ photographs is currently on display in a storefront in the Curtis Block building on Detroit Ave at Marlowe. This display was made possible by the generous assistance of Lakewood Alive, the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, and David Stein of Plantation Home.

H2O, “Help to Others” is a service learning program for middle and high school students in Lakewood, Ohio. The program engages youth in volunteer work, showing them the value of belonging and contributing to their community. In turn, their energy, creativity, and intelligence become an important part of Lakewood’s social structure.

H2O is sponsored by the City of Lakewood, Division of Youth through a strong partnership with Lakewood City Schools.

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Lakewood Public Library Events

Library Transversion Poetry Contest Winner

by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Did you hear it? Many talented writers responded when Lakewood Public Library put a call out for words stirred loose by the sculpture in front of the Main Library. But Lakewood resident Tom Baskerville Rowland’s poem, inspired by the newest Lakewood landmark, is our winner.

“There’s something about Transversion, the new sculpture by Peter Diepenbrock on the Main Library’s northwest lawn. We see it every day on our way into the Library and it stirs something inside of us—but we can’t quite put it into words. What is it?! Surely somewhere in this city of dreamers, builders, and teachers there must be some poets. To find that person—and to put words to the images conjured by Diepenbrock’s bronze and steel—the Lakewood Public Library is sponsoring a poetry contest,” --- Lakewood Public Library Program Coordinator Ben Burdick.

Rowland’s poem, the poems of our ten honorable mentions along with other images and items commemorating Transversion will be part of a free book to be published by the Lakewood Public Library late this fall. The other winning poems are by Jack McGuane, Christina Mack, Robert Harmicar,

Edward Verhosek, Jonathan Tarase, Joan E. Brown, Judith Diroky, Bill Knittel, Bree Zlee, Kimberly Steele and Eva Xanthopoulos. As the winner, Tom received a gift card to Players on Madison compliments of the restaurant.

“It’s easy to anthropomorphize when encountering a new object and that’s what I did with the sculpture. I asked: how is this human? I saw a golem, capable of bringing both prosperity and great misfortune to the City. And I saw a seed that had defied plant hood in order to grow into a work of art, preserving its youth,” Rowland said.

Transversion is the work of artist Peter Diepenbrock. The sixteen feet of textured bronze and stainless steel sits on the northwest lawn of Lakewood Public Library. The piece was commissioned by the Lakewood Public Library Foundation without a single tax dollar. To learn more about the Lakewood Public Library Foundation please visit <http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/foundation>. To see the sculpture installation visit <http://www.youtube.com/wgolpl> and check out our amazing time lapse video. To learn more about the many pieces of art at Lakewood Public Library visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/art.

Sommerfugl Takes The Stage At Lakewood Public Library

by Lisa Calfee

With warm harmonies and soft-hearted rhythms, a concert with Sommerfugl brings to mind a perfect summer evening. If a butterfly floats into your reverie, you’ll have it just right, because Sommerfugl (pronounced summer fool) is Danish for butterfly. On Sunday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m. Lakewood Public Library beckons you to come dream with William Drake and Holly Overton as they perform love songs, torch songs, duets, originals and other surprises as part of our Sunday with The Friends series in the Main Library Auditorium.

From Rachmaninoff to Dylan, Sommerfugl brings out the strength and tenderness that lie at the heart of each piece of music they play. Experience plays a large part in their versatility and skill.

William Drake has been performing with his guitar in and around Cleveland for 33 years. You may know him from The Smokin’ Fez Monkeys, where he first met Holly. Holly Overton is also a



Sommerfugl

veteran of the local music scene and a classically trained violinist to boot, who has been seen around town with fiddle in hand playing bluegrass, blues, jazz, rock and roll and of course, classical.

So mark your calendar August 12 to spend an hour on a summer’s Sunday with Sommerfugl. The concert will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Auditorium. This Sunday with the Friends Program is generously funded by the Friends of Lakewood Library. And as always, it is free and open to the public!

Carabel Beauty Salon & Store

Full service salon for females. Back to School specials on hair cuts. Choose: Trims- \$11.75, Designer cuts- \$13.80, under 12- \$9.50. Included in August- free snap clips for your hair! Also, liters of shampoo and detanglers on sale. Call for appt or more info: Cash or check with I.D.

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Lakewood resident Tom Baskerville Rowland wrote the winning poem for the Lakewood Public Library's Transversion Poetry Contest. The contest called for poetry inspired by the sculpture and the community that surrounds it.

Transversion

By Tom Baskerville Rowland

Having escaped its husk, the good seed
Spread up from Lakewood grass, it gasped
Coming out in bronze strokes, in sunlight,
Like new earth it stood, with a steel truss
Of twisted hands, waiting to be mapped.
It gulped. It waited for benediction.
It stood a bit doleful at first, offering
Both hands dramatically to the sky, an
Odd and quiet plant dreaming in its vase, a
Newcomer painted the green of old wars, then
Like an empty pew, it would appeal to lost souls—
You might see them in reading rooms or walking
Hunched in hoods and wool layers on Detroit,
Softly as they go, they might quote Bellow,
“More Die of Heartbreak” and think of someone
Long gone and watch the Transversion—
A child pulling a new face each second,
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Like music in a lonely car.

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For more information or to become involved contact Corey at www.JordansFamilyFoundation.org

Lakewood Public Library Events

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

August 12

Sunday with the Friends: Sommerfugl

The butterfly is the summer fool—a perfect mascot for this band of delicate beauty, surprising strength and vibrant color. William Drake and Holly Overton perform love songs, torch songs and other surprises on violin and guitar with soaring vocal harmonies that stretch out like the last days of summer.

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

August 15

Health and Wealth: The Educational Benefits of Chess

Who can't benefit from a rousing game of the Chess? Chess clears out the cobwebs and rewards long-term strategic thinking in young and old alike. Educator John Saade uses the king's game to reach out to at-risk youth and reinforce the academic and intrapersonal skills necessary for success.

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

August 18

Lakewood Public Cinema

THX-1138 (1971), Directed by George Lucas - Rated R

This film, shot on location in the future, follows the flight of fugitive Robert Duvall from the point of view of the police state. In the video labyrinth, good citizens are drug-addled and empty because emotional attachment is a crime. But why? Despite the bleak set-up, there is a strange sense of humor embedded in the hopelessness. Can you spot the prisoner who speaks in Nixon speeches? One of the first independent American films of the modern era was also the directorial debut of the man behind Star Wars.

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

August 21

Knit and Lit

Gail Eaton hosts a social club for multitaskers - a combination book club and stitchery group. She's looking for readers who can enjoy intense discussion of modern classics while relaxing with their latest project. Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. At the close of every meeting, the group decides which book will be read for next time. Visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs for a complete list of the books being considered and find out which title you should read for the next discussion.

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

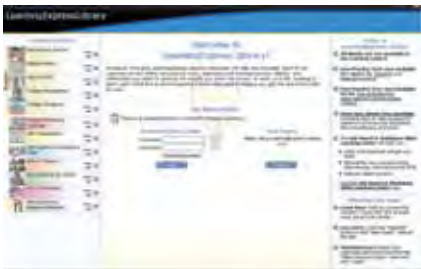
New Computer Classes Coming This Fall To The Lakewood Public Library

by Morgan Maseth

The Lakewood Public Library has a new season right around the corner and with it come some big changes to the Learning Lab Classes.

Beginning in September, the Library will still be offering classes on Internet, email, job search and business software skills; however in the redesigned format we want to make sure you have the tools and the confidence to continue learning these skills after the class ends.

To give you time and a space to practice on your own we will also be offering a three hour Learning Express Library and Career Accelerator workshop. This is time that can be used for any educational purpose with the bonus of having an instructor nearby to help. The Learning Express Library is a valuable tool that has tutorials for many popular software programs as well as GED prep, workplace



The Learning Express Library

improvement lessons and much more. It is also home to the Career and Job Accelerator. This application helps not only with the process of finding the perfect job but with designing your resume and cover letter to grab the attention of potential employers.

Reservations for classes are now available one month ahead of the date of the class. Look out for the Lakewood Public Library Fall and Winter Program Guide for a detailed listing of classes and times. Call 216-226-8275 ext. 127 for more information.

August 22

Health and Wealth: Natural Solutions for Healthy Living: Adrenal Fatigue: A Syndrome of Stress

Would you like to live a more natural and healthful life? Holistic wellness coach and master herbalist Rachel Anzalone confronts your greatest health challenges with her powerful plan.

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

August 25

Art House Cinema

With a Friend Like Harry (2000) Directed by Dominik Mall - Rated R

Michel is traveling with his family to their vacation home in rural France when a quick stop over at a gas station saddles him with the houseguest from hell. Michel doesn't recognize or even remember Harry, but Harry sure remembers him. Filled with ideas about how Michel can improve his life, Harry seems to know an awful lot. But Harry's wife is unimpressed. She knows his intentions.

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

Children/Youth Events

compiled by Arlie Matera

Saturday, August 11

Tail Waggin' Tutors, For school-age children

Bone up on your reading skills by reading to a dog. Drop in for a one-to-one session with one of our dogs and owners that have been certified through Therapy Dogs International. 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Saturday, August 11

Murder Mystery Party

For youth in sixth through twelfth grade

Murder most foul is about to be committed. Whom can you trust? Prepare yourself to be immersed in treachery, intrigue, backstabbing, and laugh-out-loud-fun. Come join us if you dare!

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, August 15

World Party at Madison Park

For the whole family

Celebrate diversity and the end of another great summer with games, activities, treats, and more! Summer Reading Club members who bring their completed reading record will receive an extra reward.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Madison Park Pavilion

Friday, August 24

Learning Garden Story Time

For the whole family

Make the Learning Garden a part of your family time with stories, music, and activities about vegetables, fruits, and flowers! This story time will replace the Family Weekend Wonders program, weather permitting. The story time will be held in the Madison Branch in case of inclement weather.

10:30 a.m. in the Madison Branch Learning Garden

Family Weekend Wonders

Make the Library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. These free programs are offered every weekend throughout the year at both the Main Library and Madison Branch. No registration is needed. Check out our website (www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth) for times and upcoming themes.

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

Weekends With Wee Ones

For families with children under 2 years old

Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. We will provide materials and ideas for those wishing to continue the fun at home. Programs are offered every weekend throughout the year and there is no need to register in advance.

Madison Branch Children's and Youth Services

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Lakewood News

The New Health Care Law And You:
A Community Conversation

by Molly Toth

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) – known more commonly as “Obamacare” – was passed in March 2010 and affects almost everyone.

A number of popular provisions are already in place, such as allowing children to stay on their parents’ insurance plans until age 26, banning insurance denials for children with pre-existing conditions and no more co-pays for preventive services for seniors. More changes have been rolled out as of August 1, and we can expect ongoing changes into 2014.

Following the Supreme Court’s decision, it is important now more than ever that the public understand what the Affordable Care Act offers women, families, seniors and businesses. In response to the need for accurate and

understandable information on this historic reform of our healthcare system, UHCAN is partnering with Lakewood Ward 2 Councilman Tom Bullock to bring together doctors and community leaders to discuss the new health care law and to answer your questions about what it means for Lakewood residents.

We invite you to join us on Monday, August 20 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Lakewood Public Library Auditorium to get the facts about the new health care law and to get your questions answered. This event is free and open to the public, and does not require an RSVP.

For more information, please contact Councilman Bullock at (216)529-6055 or Tom.Bullock@lakewoodoh.net.

Drug Mart Grace Cohasset Update
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Though some have said that the residents of Grace and Cohasset lost, the residents would disagree. They came together not just to protest the encroachment of commercial interests into residential streets but to come up with a plan that would work for both interest groups.

Most in the neighborhood WANTED the Drug Mart. They weren't defending the vacant Ganley lot. They could use a 21st century Drug Mart with a produce section that they can easily walk to. A thriving and successful business in that location is good news, especially if it isn't a cell phone store or a dollar store or a check cashing place, though Drug Mart probably cashes checks.

They wanted Drug Mart to be a good neighbor. Each side gave on this deal and a lot of work and time went in on it.

Compared to the original and subsequent proposals, much was gained due to requests from the city, the Architectural Board of Review, the Planning Commission and the neighborhood.

The project went from approxi-

mately 114 parking spaces to 72; the surface drainage pond was scrapped; the 1899 white house was saved; Drug Mart has an option to buy it and is supposed to rehab it. Much additional landscaping was added; better architectural details were added; the loading dock was reversed to keep delivery truck traffic off Grace/Cohasset. The Planning Commission mandated that the remaining white house lot must always remain residential, asked that the Drug Mart driveways on Grace and Cohasset direct drivers toward Detroit, and are also interested in a traffic study.

Somewhat unsettling was late information that came from a conversation between residents and the Mayor Summers after the meeting during which he volunteered the fact that Drug Mart wanted the apartment building so that they do not have to remove and abate the two underground storage tanks that makes the site a brownfield. According to the mayor, if Drug Mart builds over and covers them up, the EPA will allow the tanks to stay underground. This is why there was no basement option and the building was kept on the surface.

The apartment building then became necessary for parking.

Also, according to the mayor’s public comments, the city feels that there is a glut of older multi-unit apartment housing and mayor was in favor of the apartment building being removed for that reason.

Though overall the residents are pleased with the efforts they made, and proud of the people who researched and presented their issues so eloquently, and have felt gratified by the care with which this issue was reviewed and handled by the City, the Planning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review, some residents wished that these unmentioned issues had been made a part of the discussion and process, since they are driving reasons why the lot is laid out as it is.

LHS Grad Boland Sings Way To
Ohio-Idol Title

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and neither did anyone else since I was the underdog the whole time,” said Boland, who believes her rendition of Celine Dion’s “It’s All Coming Back to Me Now” was what clinched it with the judges. “I could just see it on their faces,” she said.

Boland honed her singing skills through the music education program of the Lakewood City Schools, singing in choirs since elementary school and continuing with the Lakewood High School choir program, which has consistently won top ratings in state competitions under recently retired director Lisa Hanson. She also took vocal lessons at Lakewood’s Vance Music Studios for many years and played lead roles in a number of Lakewood High Barnstormers Drama Club musicals such as Jesus in “Godspell” and Audrey in “Little Shop of Horrors.”

More than 600 aspiring singers entered the contest back in early June. Singers were evaluated by six judges in each round according to technique, performance, appearance, staging/choreography and overall impression.

The competition began on June 9 with an a cappella round that whittled the contest down to the top 100. Round two the following week narrowed the field

to the top 50 and round three brought it down to the top 10. That group then traveled the state performing at various county fairs throughout July and finished the competition at a grand finale performance at the Ohio State Fair on July 28, where Boland was crowned champion.

The idea of Ohio-Idol came from In Tune Promotions CEO Steve Wise, who wanted to find a way to highlight the talent of Ohioans and give them an avenue to continue to perfect their performance act as well as gain valuable feedback from professionals in the music industry. The competition was open to any Ohio resident age 12 and older.

Boland and the rest of the top 10 finalists will now embark on a year-long tour of the state, including a stop at the Cuyahoga County Fair on Aug. 8. Boland credits her dad, Dean Boland with urging her to enter the competition. She also says her four years at Lakewood High helped her forge a confidence in herself that allowed her to try something new and unusual.

“LHS gives you the chance and the confidence to be different,” she said. “It gives you a safe environment to let you be who you really are.” She also said that confidence in herself has led her to want to move to New York City after her Idol tour and try and build a songwriting and performing career.



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Lakewood Schools

Superintendent Patterson Sees Need For All Schools

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of a planned school closing has caused parents. We are confident that reversing that decision is the right one for our current and future students."

Superintendent Patterson will make his recommendation to the Board of Education at its meeting today, Aug. 6.

Data obtained through the U.S. Census and City of Lakewood's live birth records indicate that 3,020 children ages 0-4 are living in Lakewood. That is compared to 2,631 children ages 5-9, or a nearly 15% increase. Historically, on average 79% of the children living in Lakewood will enroll in Lakewood City Schools. Using that figure, district officials calculated that six remaining school buildings with a capacity of 430 (the current capacity of the district's new buildings) would not be able to accommodate the projected increased enrollment. In addition, between 500-750 students would be affected by redistricting if Grant, Lincoln or Roosevelt closed.

In an effort to replace the esti-

mated \$400,000 in annual savings that was expected to come from the school closing, the district will continue to find places to reduce costs as well as explore new sources of revenue.

In addition to asking the Board to revise the budget reduction resolution, Patterson also plans to ask the Board to request a new district enrollment projection from the Ohio School Facilities Commission. The OSFC in 2008 revised the district's Master Facilities Plan due to decreasing enrollment at the time to stipulate that six elementary schools rather than seven be rebuilt or renovated in the district.



2012 Brake 4 Kids Campaign

by Julie Derrick

Motor vehicle incidents involving pedestrians are a problem, with more than 80 kids being hit by cars in the U.S. every day. Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA) is sponsoring its tenth consecutive year with our annual speed awareness program titled Brake 4 Kids™. This program aims to remind drivers to slow down now as school resumes, by asking residents and businesses (especially those near schools) to post Brake 4 Kids™ tree lawn signs. The City of Lakewood has seen a reduced number of motor vehicle related pedestrian injuries since the inception of Brake 4 Kids™. We believe the Brake 4 Kids™ signs have contrib-

uted significantly to this decrease.

Where can I get my sign? The signs are free and can be obtained at Lakewood elementary schools on August 24. They can also be obtained at Geiger's Sporting Goods and Steve Barry Buick throughout the month of September while supplies last.

When & where should I post my sign? Brake 4 Kids™ signs may be posted on tree lawns beginning on the first day of school and may remain there for the entire month of September, thanks to City Council Resolution #7782-03, declaring the month of September as "Speed Awareness Month for the City of Lakewood." After that time, please remove the signs from your tree lawn. You may continue to display the signs on your lawn proper or save your sign to use next year.

This program is made possible by LECPTA and Lakewood Council of PTAs. Many thanks to our generous sponsor donations from State Representative Nickie J. Antonio, Steve Barry Buick, The Beck Center, Edward Favre, First Federal of Lakewood, Geiger's Sporting Goods, Harrison Elementary School PTA, Horace Mann Elementary School PTA, Lakewood Alive, Lakewood High School PTA, A.J. and Caitlin Magner, Matthew and Katie Markling, Bob and Suzanne Metelko, Brian and Maureen Powers, Roosevelt Elementary School PTA and Councilwoman Monique Smith. Tax-deductible donations to Brake 4 Kids™-LECPTA are greatly appreciated. For further information, contact LECPTA Health, Safety, and Welfare Chair Maureen Koopman at brakeforkids@gmail.com or visit our website at www.LECPTA.com.

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA Hosts Annual Salad Supper

by Julie Derrick

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA is holding its Annual Salad Supper on Wednesday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Women's Pavilion at Lakewood Park and anyone in the community that has an interest in promoting the well being of children from the ages of zero to six years old is invited to attend.

You can learn more about LECPTA and enjoy meeting others who may have similar interests and concerns if you have a young child in your life. You can also learn more about LECPTA by visiting our website at www.lecpta.com or by liking us on Facebook.

Bully Movie And Its Director Coming To Civic

by Christine Gordillo

Facing History and Ourselves and the Allstate Foundation will be hosting a "Community Conversation" on September 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium that includes a screening of the documentary "Bully" followed by a discussion with director Lee Hirsch. This free event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and reservations are requested.

"Bully" is the first feature documentary film to explore "a year in the life" of bullying in the United States. From the first day of school through the last, the film intimately follows the lives of a few of the many courageous kids and families bullying affects each day. The film captures the distress of bullying victims, the frustration of their parents, and in some cases, the overwhelming grief

when bullying ends a life.

Seating for this event is limited. To RSVP, please visit facinghistory.org/communityconversations or call 216-321-9220 x221. As part of Facing History's national series of Community Conversations, this event is free and open to the public.

Earlier this year, Lakewood City Schools promoted a contest where the metropolitan area with the most votes would win a premiere screening of "Bully" and a conversation with director Hirsch. The Cleveland metropolitan area won that competition and although the premiere screening was held at the Cedar Lee in May, Hirsch agreed to come to Lakewood in recognition of the effort the community put behind winning the contest.

Lakewood Students Need You!

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All supplies will be available through the schools' guidance counselors. Families interested in getting supplies should leave a message with their counselor and supplies will be distributed the first few weeks of school:

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Lakewood Sports

Ranger Soccer Schedule 2012

by Jay Foran

Home Games In BOLD

Saturday, August 18
Valley Forge High School
1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 22
Amherst High School
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 25
Willoughby South High School
1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 29
Bay High School
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 1
Midpark High School
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 5
North Ridgeville High School
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 8
Westlake High School
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12
Vermilion High School
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 15
Normandy High School
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19
Elyria Catholic High School
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 22
Brecksville High School
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26
Midview High School
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 29
St. Edward High School
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 3
Rocky River High School
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 6
Olmsted Falls High School
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10
Avon High School
7:00 p.m.

Ranger Soccer Hopes High For 2012 Season Team Enters West Shore Conference



Boys Competing for Lakewood Ranger Soccer Team After a Recent Workout.

by Jay Foran

The Lakewood High School Rangers Boys Soccer Team anticipates an exciting and successful season this fall. Coached by 5th year coach Andrew Toth and assisted by Attila Nagy, the Rangers have begun regular workouts and scrimmage matches with traditional soccer powers St. Ignatius, Strongsville and Mayfield. "I like what I have seen in the early going of practices and in the scrimmages. This team has the ability, if matched with the proper desire and determination, to achieve a lot of their goals in 2012," said Coach Toth.

Much of the anticipation for 2012 centers on the school's inaugural play in the West Shore Conference where neighborhood rivals become meaningful opponents as Lakewood competed against Bay Village, Rocky River, Avon, Midview, Vermillion, and Elyria Catholic as part of conference play. Valley Forge, Normandy, St. Edward, Brecksville, Willoughby South, Midpark, Amherst, Westlake and Olmsted Falls comprise a formidable list of non-conference opponents. How the Rangers are seeded in the end-of-season statewide tournament is dependent how they prevail in both league and overall play.

Program success in recent seasons gives Lakewood a solid foundation to build upon in 2012. The 2011 team finished with 9 wins, 3

losses and 6 draws and advanced in the state tournament before succumbing to eventual 2011 State Champion St. Ignatius. While the team suffered some notable roster losses due to graduation, a strong nucleus of players return for 2012. Additionally, a steady stream of capable replacements is anticipated due to the coaching investments in the younger ages of the community's soccer program and the Junior Varsity team over recent years.

Soccer diehards know that the strength of any team starts in the back line and Lakewood is fortunate to have the skills of senior Zack Fehrenbach, two-time letterman patrolling the goal. Zack had an impressive 1.1 goals against average in 2011, including 10 shutouts and has to be considered one of the top returning goalies in the region this season. Aiding the defensive effort will be a defensive back line that features two-time letter winners senior Aaron Donahoe and junior Jameson Foran. Donahoe's leadership and experience will be leaned on heavily to get the backline working as a team. Foran, who led the team in defensive takeaways in 2011, will be asked to do more this season like initiating passes that trigger the offense. Junior David Kemp, senior Tyler Sanovich, sophomore Grant Senger and impressive freshman Johnny Virag are competing for the remaining two

spots on the back line.

Midfield is where ball possession and winning contestable 50-50 balls separate winners from losers. The Rangers will be solid up the middle with two-time lettermen Dobrica Sucevic and Dino Papagianas manning the critical two center midfield positions. Sucevic, a 2011 Northeast Ohio Conference first team and All-Greater Cleveland performer has already caught the attention of college talent scouts and will be a key cog in the offense. At press time both right and left midfield positions were being highly contested amongst senior Kevin Mann, and juniors Justice White, David Kemp and Alan Mika.

Scoring punch is usually delivered by the two forward positions and that formula will be no different for this Ranger team. Senior Mirsad Curri will move up front from the defensive line and will be counted on heavily to use both his size and soccer acumen to get the Rangers on the scoreboard. Junior Edvin Rosic and senior Kevin Mann will duel for playing time at the other forward position.

The Ranger soccer season opens on Saturday, August 18 with a 1:00 p.m. start at Lakewood Stadium against the Valley Forge Patriots. The team is anxious to get the 2012 campaign underway and to see how they stack up against the best teams in the area.

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Summer Observations By Jim O'Bryan

Lakewood Arts Festival - 08.05.2012 (92 photos online)



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Lakewood Is Art

Beck Center Women's Board Puts The Final Touches On Painted Furniture Project

Win A Unique Hand-Painted "Joseph" Chair

by Fran Storch

Members of Beck Center Women's Board have been busy since November working on the Painted Furniture Project – a unique fundraising project to help support the arts center. The group is hand painting and decorating donated vintage furniture with detailed artwork and unique design elements borrowed from past Beck Center shows. The furniture will be raffled off in the coming months with all proceeds benefiting the arts education programs at Beck Center for the Arts.

Led by Women's Board member and artist Janice Mastin-Kamps, who created the designs for each piece of furniture, volunteers Lee Ann Curry, Kate Mott, Karen Radcliffe, Bette Wohlgemuth, and a handful of friends worked alongside Mastin-Kamps using their artistic talents to painstakingly paint and decorate these unique works of art. The ladies' paintbrushes tell the stories of many of Beck Center's acclaimed musical productions.

Inspired by Beck Center's recent holiday hit musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, the



photo by Janice Mastin-Kamps

A volunteer helps prepare the "Joseph" chair for painting.

"Joseph" chair, the first in this series of hand-painted furniture, is ready to be raffled off. Tickets for the "Joseph" chair are \$5 each and may be purchased at Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. The winner will be drawn at Beck Center's Jazz It Up for the Season! party on Sunday, August 12 at Georgetown restaurant. Winner need not be present.

In all, the group has transformed

five pieces of furniture into artistic masterpieces including:

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat – an ornately hand-painted and richly upholstered chair

The Marvelous Wonderettes – a chair with bright motifs in paint and fabric inspired by early '60s girl-group songs

Willy Wonka – a chocolate-col-

ored confection of a child's chair

Spring Awakening – a royal blue high stool lavishly decorated with William Morris-inspired flowers and vines

Legally Blonde The Musical – a hot-pink school desk decorated with glitz, glam, and of course, ivy and law books

The group plans to create additional furniture pieces for the following shows next season: *Xanadu*, *Annie*, *Next to Normal*, *The House of Blue Leaves*, and *Monty Python's Spamalot*. The Women's Board is seeking additional donated furniture pieces in usable condition for this project. Please call Beck Center for the Arts at 216.521.2540, ext. 10 and leave a message for Janice Mastin-Kamps.

Founded in 1936, the Women's Board of Beck Center, then known as Lakewood Little Theatre, is a volunteer organization that actively supports Beck Center for the Arts in its effort to create a community where everyone can be directly involved in the performing and visual arts. Through various fundraising activities over the years, the group has contributed over \$200,000 and provided thousands of volunteer hours to support performances, programs and day-to-day operations at Beck Center. The group welcomes new members at its meetings every third Tuesday of the month, August through May, at 12 noon at Beck Center for the Arts. Annual dues are \$20 for Active Members and \$35 for Associate Members. For more information, please contact membership chair Bette Wohlgemuth at 440.808.8471.



photo by Janice Mastin-Kamps

This hand-painted, colorfully decorated "Joseph" chair complements any decor.

2012 Lakewood Arts Festival Scholarship Winner

by Deborah Barlow

Montaque Cockrell, a 2012 graduate of Lakewood High School is this year's winner of the \$4000 Lakewood Arts Festival Scholarship. Each year, LAF awards the scholarship to one student who shows exceptional artistic talent, resides in Lakewood, and plans to pursue an art major in college.

Monte will be attending Toledo University in the fall to study print-making. His work was on exhibit in the window of Landfall Travel, 14724 Detroit Avenue, through August 6, 2012.



Montaque Cockrell, 2012 Lakewood Arts Festival Scholarship Winner.

Beck Center Showcases Talented Faculty With Art Show

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts is proud to present its annual Faculty Art Show now on display through October 15, 2012 in the Jean Bulicek Galleria at Beck Center, 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. This exhibit includes artwork created by Beck Center's many talented visual arts instructors in a wide variety of media including ceramics, drawing, painting, photography and watercolors. A limited number of pieces are available for sale.

"Our annual Faculty Art Show is an opportunity for our faculty members, who are all talented teachers and visual artists, to share their artistic talents with the community," said Ed Gallagher, Beck Center's director of education. An opening reception held July 20 included a meet-and-greet with the artists. Many art enthusiasts



Realistic life drawings by Marilyn Szalay are on display in Beck's Faculty Art Show.

turned out to welcome the artists and be the first to preview their unique works of art.

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the public. For gallery hours, please call Beck Center Customer Services at 216.521.2540, ext. 10 or online at beck-center.org (Gallery Exhibits).

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Lakewood Cares

Lakewood Park Bandstand To Receive Free Makeover

by Gina Ragone

In what promises to be a dramatic and exciting display of civic pride, 60-plus volunteers from Lakewood-based Neubert Painting will scrape, sand, and paint new life into a long-standing fixture of the Lakewood community. The Bandstand at the historic and beautiful Lakewood Park was selected by Lakewood-based Neubert Painting as the 2012 recipient of its annual Charity Paint Giveaway.

“Lakewood residents have welcomed us into their homes and trusted us to help maintain their homes for more than 30 years, so we’re very excited to give back to the community in a way that all Lakewood residents can enjoy,” says John Neubert, founder and C.E.O. of Neubert Painting. The Bandstand has been a gathering spot for residents to enjoy concerts, plays, and even movies for more than 40 years.

On Tuesday, August 14, the structure will go from weathered and chipping to fresh and vibrant. Cleveland-based Sherwin-Williams is donating the 50 gallons of paint and stain needed to complete the project. In all, the paint giveaway has a total retail value of \$10,000.

Always looking for the most cutting-edge and environmentally-friendly products, John Neubert chose two new Sherwin-Williams products for the Bandstand: Emerald, the first truly zero-VOC exterior coating, and WoodScapes, an industry-leading exterior stain.

“We’re pleased to participate in this great project,” says Pat Herman, District Manager for Sherwin-Williams. We’ve been in Cleveland since 1866 so we feel it’s important to give back to [the] community where we live and work.”

The Bandstand at Lakewood Park was chosen from dozens of nominations submitted. Past recipients of the giveaway have included Providence House and Maggie’s Place, both of which provide homes for parents and children in need, and the Coit Road Farmer’s Market, a cooperative market that provides fresh food to an inner-city East Cleveland neighborhood.

In addition to the live concert stage, Lakewood Park, one of the largest lakefront parks in Ohio, is also home to an outdoor pool, as well as picnic pavilions, a four-season public pavilion, children’s playground, baseball diamonds, volleyball courts, and a skate park. The painting project will complement recent improvements to the park. In 2006, a million-dollar lakefront promenade opened to the public. From it, visitors can view downtown Cleveland and enjoy an all-purpose trail that circles the park.

About Neubert Painting
Founded by John Neubert in 1975, Lakewood-based Neubert Painting has been a leading painting contractor in Cleveland and Akron for 36 years.

Neubert Painting owes its long history to its refusal to sacrifice quality and customer satisfaction for profit. The company paints about 300 homes every year. Since 2008, Neubert has chosen a worthy recipient (such as Maggie’s Place, a home for needy expectant mothers) for its annual Charity Paint Giveaway. Visit Neubert Painting online at www.neubertpainting.com

H2O Does It Again

by Bonnie Greenberg

Lakewoods’ H2O service organization would be a wonderful role model for schools all across the country. The program is so diverse in its work reaching all across Cuyahoga county. “Help To Others” is exactly that and they are involved with generations from babies and children at the Cleveland Clinic’s Ronald McDonald House to our elderly population living in retirement centers and many sites in between.

I feel truly blessed that years ago Celia Dorsch and Nora Steele chose Crestmont North Nursing Facility to partner with as one of the groups (sites

they “help.” During the school year Lakewood High School students participate and visit Crestmont North and in the summer we get to spend time with the middle school H2O campers.

The following is a letter sent to Emmie Hutchison, Director of the H2O program in the Lakewood Division of Youth:

I would like thank all of the staff, sponsors/donors, adult volunteers, counselors and H2O campers for a summer of interesting and fun visits at Crestmont North Nursing Facility. Once again this year H2O has completed its successful mission to promote friendship among

two generations of Lakewood residents. Our residents who range in age from 60 to 96 years young look forward to those Thursday morning visits each week and there is nothing like youth to revitalize and make one ponder being young again.

Thank you, campers for treating our residents like your own grandparents and we hope we are affiliated with the greatest youth volunteer program in the whole country- H2O- for many summers to come.

Sincerely,
Liz DelMonico, Bonnie Greenberg and all of our grandmas and grandpas at Crestmont North Nursing Facility

UGIVE.org Empowering Youth For Another Year

by Shannon Linton

UGIVE.org is back to for another year in the Lakewood area. UGIVE.org helps high school students and nonprofit organizations connect with volunteer opportunities throughout the Cleveland area. This past year, UGIVE.org worked with the Lakewood High School’s own Key Club and advisor Kathy Gabriel in a book drive. The Key Club collected 10,000 books for the Torrens Learning Center, the first Library in Kirotshe, Democratic Republic of Congo. For 2012-2013, UGIVE.org is hoping to help with more!

This year, UGIVE.org plans to continue connecting students and nonprofits, but with one new part: early childhood tutoring. We will be helping expand existing tutoring programs for elementary students from kindergarten to 3rd grade. Studies have shown that students who are not able to read at level by 3rd grade

are less likely to graduate from high school. UGIVE.org plans to partner with local nonprofit tutoring organizations and schools to help students be successful.

Returning from the past years is our infamous UCREW team. UCREW is a selective program within UGIVE.org that allows high school students to take charge of the social issues in their community and make a positive impact. UCREW is changing focus for the 2012-2013 school year by working with social enterprises. The UCREW team will learn about how social enterprises are the new business on the rise and how to create their own.

Whether you’re a nonprofit, a school or a high school student, UGIVE.org can help you empower the next generation of volunteers in Lakewood!

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Wellness Watch

Dental Mini-Implants: An Accessible & Affordable Option To Replace Missing Teeth

by Dr. Jeffrey W. Laubmeier

Missing teeth, whether one tooth or all, can have a tremendous effect on a person's life, from the psychological impact and feelings of embarrassment due to the aesthetics of missing teeth to the functional and nutritional deficiency of not being able to chew properly. There are many reasons why it is important to replace missing teeth but, it can be quite difficult especially in cases where full dentures are required. As hard as dentists try, it is extremely difficult to make a denture that functions as well or feels the same as natural teeth. Dentures, especially lower dentures, have a tendency to move around. With dentures, daily activities such as eating and talking, as well as facial expressions like laughing or yawning can be challenging if not impossible. And, unfortunately, as time goes by, dentures tend to become more difficult to use as the bone in the jaw slowly resorbs and shrinks away, reducing the area that is used to stabilize the denture.

Today in dentistry we have a solution that will work for most full denture wearers. Dental implants can be placed in a patient's jaw to create a solid anchor point for the denture to hold on to. A simple modification to an existing denture can take advantage of this anchor and stabilize the denture. Having a secure and comfortable denture enables the wearer

to eat and talk with confidence. Implants also have the effect of preserving jaw bone so jaw shrinkage is kept to a minimum. Implants can also be used to replace

single or multiple missing teeth that previously could only be replaced with bridges or partial dentures. Partial dentures have similar issues to full dentures

that can be improved or eliminated by using an implant. An implant is also a much better alternative to the traditional **continued on page 19**

Finding Natural Relief From GI Inflammation

by Rachel Anzalone

Millions of Americans suffer from inflammatory bowel diseases (IBDs) like Crohn's and ulcerative colitis, and millions more suffer from celiac disease and irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). Even more common are milder irritations, gastrointestinal distress and what has been termed "Leaky Gut Syndrome" by the natural health world. While some of these ailments may have hereditary roots, all can be improved and supported through nutritional and lifestyle changes.

Risk factors for intestinal inflammation include smoking, use of oral contraceptives and pain-relieving NSAIDs, over-consumption of animal and milk proteins, and under-consumption of Omega-3s. In addition, use of antibiotics can disrupt the balance of intestinal bacteria and promote the growth of certain bacteria that have been associated with IBD. And, of course, stress is a factor as well. The root cause of all, however, is inflammation.

There are several ways to support the body in achieving its own natural health and balance, either as a measure to prevent these ailments or to support

the body so that symptoms can be minimized. Here are some tips to support the intestines and reduce inflammation:

Eat a Low Glycemic and/or Paleo Diet - Mostly vegetables, with wild or free range meats, fruits, minimal whole grains and little or no dairy. Eliminate processed foods and sugars.

Eat a High Fiber Diet - Eating raw fruits and veggies may irritate the digestive system during a flare up, so supplementing with a quality fiber blend can be beneficial.

Supplement with Digestive Enzymes - Digestive enzymes can help break down foods so that they can be more easily processed throughout the digestive system.

Use Natural Anti-inflammatories - Such as aloe vera juice, slippery elm,

Andrographis, Boswellia, mangosteen, turmeric, willow bark extract, and rosehips.

Manage Stress - Use meditation or deep breathing, take walks, or just relax with friends. Nerve herbs can also help; for example, chamomile, passion flower, fennel, feverfew, hops and marshmallow. Avoid caffeine and other stimulants.

Use Probiotics - The friendly bacteria populating the gut are necessary for digestive system health. There are over 1,000 species of friendly bacteria in the intestines, and supplementing with probiotics can help keep a healthy balance.

Increase Omega-3 Fatty Acids - Studies have shown that omega-3 fatty acids may help fight inflammation and reduce the need for corticosteroids.

Double Radish Salad Recipe

by Josie Duennes in collaboration with Live Well Lakewood

This is a brand new salad for anyone looking for a crunchy, refreshing picnic dish that is oil-free and delicious.

Double Radish Slaw

Ingredients

2 cups shredded daikon radish
2 cups shredded red radishes
2 cups shredded carrots
1/2 cup chopped parsley
1/2 cup rice wine vinegar
2 Tbs. agave syrup
salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Combine all the vegetables in a bowl. Whisk together the vinegar, agave, salt and pepper. pour over the vegetables and toss thoroughly to combine. Cover and refrigerate for at least two hours and preferably overnight. Serves 8 as a side dish.


This is a great picnic or potluck dish because it can sit at room temperature safely, it looks great and tastes great, and hardly anyone is allergic to any ingredients. It's vegan and gluten-free. If you've got a food processor or a mandoline with a shred or julienne blade it's a snap to make, too



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Business News

Clicks To Bricks

by Paula Reed

Paisley Monkey is a happy place! The cutest of kids' stuff is displayed against a backdrop of cheerful colors and shoppers are encouraged to make themselves at home. Owner Tamara Racin says her major pleasure as the store's proprietor is watching parents interacting in the shop with their children—discovering new books and reading together, testing out creative toys, or having a tea party at the little table in the children's play area outside the dressing room. She enjoys sharing in the fun, and some days drinks many cups of tea.

Tamara also loves looking for new products, and is always in search of US-made merchandise. Paisley Monkey doesn't carry anything electronic, specializing instead in toys that foster creativity—puzzles, interactive games, books and art projects. The clothing lines are both fanciful and



Paisley Monkey proprietor Tamara Racin

practical, but definitely not run-of-the-mill or boring. There is also a selection of unique greeting cards.

When Tamara and her husband Tom Mohny decided to open an online store in 2005, their first

intent was to feature products for pets to adults. Their research, however, caused them to be captivated by the fantastic array of kids' items, and led them to focus on children. So they developed a thriving internet business that they operated out of their Lakewood home. The online store still exists, and offers many items not available in the store, at www.paisley-monkey.com.

Three years ago, a contractor who was working on their house asked if they were going to participate in the Citywide Street Sale. Tamara contacted LakewoodAlive for more information, and Shannon Strachan suggested she team up with an existing merchant for a "pop-up shop" at the event. Tamara set up a tent in the parking lot of Lakewood Garden Center, and was convinced by the response that a brick and mortar store should be in their future. She and Tom began looking for space everywhere, including Cleveland and Rocky River, but Mary Anne Crampton, then executive director of LakewoodAlive, pursued space for them in Lakewood. They first opened in a tiny storefront on Warren, which they quickly outgrew. Paisley Monkey is the kind of specialty shop that makes Downtown Lakewood such an intriguing place to visit. You'll find them now at 14417 Detroit, between Marlowe and Lincoln. Just look for the adorable kids' clothes in the window!

Hidden Benefit In Your Term Policy?...

by Jonathan Clark

Remember that old Term Life Insurance policy you have been paying on over the last ten to twenty years to protect your family while the kids were young? Maybe you have been thinking of letting it lapse because the premium was going to increase at the end of the term. If you have had any medical problems since signing up for your policy, such as a heart attack, stroke, cancer, or any number of conditions, you might want to reconsider dropping this policy. Your term policy may contain an underutilized provision that will allow you to transition your death benefit into a permanent life policy without having to be medically underwritten. This provision is called a conversion privilege. It is important to note that it is likely this provision will end sometime before the end of the term policy. You can find the definition of your provision in your insurance policy.

Term Insurance has always been a relatively inexpensive way for individuals to protect their family in the event they pass unexpectedly. Generally, once their children have left the nest parents would see that their policy was expiring and let it lapse. With a little forward

thinking, there might be a better way to utilize that expiring Term Policy. Ideally, the policy will expire at or near the retirement phase of the insured. Once the retirement budget has been set, it might be time to think about whether or not you would like to leave a legacy/life insurance to your children and grandchildren. Some people leave a legacy because they believe their children will need it and some just would like to make their lives a little easier.

Once the decision has been made to leave a legacy, the next step is determining whether to purchase a new policy and be underwritten or to convert that old term policy. If you have any serious medical conditions more than likely you will be better off using your conversion privilege. Converting your old policy will avoid underwriting and may even let you convert at the preferred medical rate that you qualified for at the start of your old term policy!

The Term Conversion Privilege is an important part of a term policy. There are term policies that do not include that provision. Personally, I would avoid those policies and think about reapplying for a new policy if it

was recently purchased. The flexibility of being able to convert creates planning opportunities in the future. Before you let that old Term policy lapse, consider how conversion might work for you.

If there is a topic you would like to have addressed email me at jclark@brookstoneadvisor.com and maybe I will make it my next article.



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Opinion

Under Whose Flag?

by John Goodell

Recently, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the Affordable Health Care Act, otherwise known in the US as “ObamaCare,” is not in violation of the US constitution. And so incremental progress toward providing healthcare to a broader portion of the US population will continue, at least until the Republicans have enough strength to mount a legislative repeal effort.

Much of the opposition to ObamaCare is centered on a constructed narrative that this health care plan brings the US closer to what Republican candidate Mitt Romney describes as “European socialism.” This despite Romney instituting a substantively identical plan in the US state of Massachusetts while governor of that state. Conservatives in the US and their followers use the term “socialism” with full knowledge of its pejorative connotations within American society. The term, whether this makes sense or not, conjures images for many Americans of Soviet gulags and the threat of communist world domination. This extends to members of more extreme political fractions seeing any government involvement in the economy as inherently bad. Such an unbalanced view, that considers more individualism and less collectivism unwaveringly good and the opposite necessarily bad, leads us where? To a lawless fron-

tier town in the American west as the epitome of economic and political freedom?

In keeping with this childish narrative the Republican candidate for my local congressional seat in Ohio has been running TV ads showing him engaged in target practice with pistol while a speaker informs us that any form of gun control leads us incrementally toward the atrocities of the Holocaust. Similarly, political action committees have sometimes funded ads showing a wind blown Chinese flag behind an image of Barack Obama. Really? Is providing healthcare to more people through a government-initiated plan of some sort sliding the US closer to the atrocities of Mao? According to Mao: The Untold Story, by June Chang and Jon Halliday, Mao was responsible for the deaths of about 70 million people. Does allowing young people to be covered under their parents’ health plan until age 26—one of the many provisions of the new US healthcare act—incrementally shift the US toward the starvation and death of millions? No! Such extrapolations are, of course, as ridiculous as suggesting one glass of wine is moving you indelibly toward alcoholism or writing one postcard is nudging you toward being a hapless writer.

Democrats are foregoing an opportunity at quid pro quo here—

perhaps because they have more class than either their opponents or myself. An argument—albeit only slightly less ridiculous than Romney’s “European socialist” quip—could be posed that the Republicans are the real Chinese agents. First, there is the logical possibility of a not inconsequential overlap of motives and goals between the Republican party and the Chinese government. Take the expansion of the US money supply for instance. Speaking with the same voice as all the Republican candidates on Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and the practice of buying bonds as quantitative easing, Rick Perry suggested, “If this guy prints more money between now and the election, I dunno what y’all would do to him in Iowa but we would treat him pretty ugly down in Texas. Printing more money to play politics at this particular time in American history is almost treacherous—or treasonous in my opinion.” With regard to a possible Chinese perspective on this lets consider the effect that US inflation (a possible result of expanded money supply) would have on the value of the huge sum of US Treasury bonds that the Chinese hold. According to the article “Inflation and the Redistribution of Nominal Wealth” by Matthias Doepke and Martin Schneider (2006, Journal of Political Economy) amongst the main losers

from inflation are “...major bondholders” and the main winners are “...young, middle-class households with fixed-rate mortgage debt.” So an agile sophist could argue that the Republicans and the Chinese have common interests?

What about a money trail? It’s hard to say because another recent Supreme Court decision in the US, the recent Citizens United case, allowed for virtually unlimited contributions to political campaigns and “political action committees” by corporations. Disclosure of the source of donations is not required to be immediately made. We do know that one of most notable recent contributors to Republican campaigns, one who is known, Sheldon Adelson, has a large business interest in Macao. Does this mean his contributions to Republican campaigns are meant to ingratiate the Chinese? Quite likely not. Certainly there is no evidence of this. But this is not the point. The reason having a romantic relationship with a subordinate at work is frowned upon is not because it can be proven that this subordinate is receiving special favors. Rather it is because there is the likely presumption upon the part of others that this might be the case. What we can, however, definitively conclude is that the whole US election environment is a bit of boladhbhréan.

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“Joe the Plumber” Stuck In A Time Machine

by Mark Szabo

“Joe the Plumber” was asked about statements that he made on marriage for same sex couples, the slur “queer” and the notion that someone who is gay lesbian bisexual or transgender (LGBT) is likely to molest kids. He has not learned that as a straight male he is more of a threat to molest his own kids than someone who is LGBT. It’s time for “Lester the Molester” to start using facts before he tries to run for office on opinions. The “n-word” was originally a neutral noun for a person with dark brown skin from Sub Saharan Africa. Would he use that term when talking

about someone who is black?

“Joe the Plumber”’s continued ignorance with regard to the use of “queer” as a slur to someone who is LGBT is indicative of someone out of touch. “Joe the Plumber”’s stance on marriage and denying committed consenting unrelated couples their right to have their relationship recognized by the government has racial undertones and matches those who opposed interracial marriage. The fact he wants to represent Lakewood, an area with a large LGBT population, with archaic views from the 1960’s shows he is someone who doesn’t want to represent everyone.

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Saving The Churches... Did We? Can We? Will We?

by Gary Rice

I've written a number of columns on these pages about churches, as well as about my own faith experiences. My own religious journey was combined with the crisis of being a sickly child, frequently in and out of hospitals. As Dad was a church choral director, we attended a variety of churches. My denominational loyalties were therefore virtually non-existent, although my personal faith continued to be strong.

I found much to admire in each of those churches, but at the same time I learned that people were pretty much people no matter what church we attended. Like some people, some of my own church experiences were also not always as positive as I had hoped. I've often thought about my grandfather's quote--that some of those churches may have been more concerned with "what I give than how I live." So often it seemed to me there was such a vast chasm between faith-based ideals and religious realities.

In the past 50 years or so, mainstream Christianity seems to have taken it on the chin. Churches have closed in droves. Membership has declined for a variety of concrete reasons, ranging from debates about whether the "social gospel" or traditional liturgical worship should prevail to the issue of those disgusting abuses. While churches continued to teach "forgive and forget," as well as Jesus' admonition to "Go and sin no more," the sins of so many abusers went on and on. Nor did it help that church leadership sometimes had a tendency to be secretive and aloof, expecting their congregations to quietly sit in the pews like inanimate robots on autopilot: praying, paying, and obeying. To some, even the singing of those great old hymns began to sound much like the bleating of somnambulistic sheep.

While Jesus indeed spoke of cleansing from sin and going forward with one's life to serve others, a number of churches instead fostered a type of guilt-ridden co-dependency. In some churches, one could be forgiven by God either directly, or with the assistance of a minister or a priest, but could one EVER be "good enough" for Heaven? By treating their congregants as perpetually guilt-filled and potentially evil children, some churches appeared to encourage a mindset of continual inad-



equacy. At some point, people started to leave their churches. It wasn't always a case of outright rebellion either. More often, it probably was just a case of being fed up. Sometimes, new congregations and denominations split off and formed from the old ones, but it often wasn't long before the same obsessions about rules and guilt were reasserted in new churches. In various churches, there was also often a disconnect between the laity and those in power. Finally, many people, feeling powerless to change the status quo, had had enough.

An ex-seminarian once told me that his biggest theological problem was that if Jesus took away the sins of the world by His sacrifice on the cross, why did we need to continually ask His forgiveness? Shouldn't our prayers be filled with gratitude rather than guilt? Good questions.

Martin Luther King reportedly said that the most segregated hour in America was at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Over time, each church had developed their own particular ways of doing things, and you either fit into their little mold or else, whether that mold was demographic, social, racial, or spiritual. One way or another, all too often you were the one who was wrong and your church was right.

That type of mindset may have worked in 1962, but not so well these days. Today, churches find they are under scrutiny big-time. Lawsuits have abounded regarding abuses, and people are demanding greater transparency

and accountability from their church leadership. They are also demanding a greater voice in that leadership. The old "pray, pay, and obey" model is also being questioned. It's not so much due to a disdain for the fundamentals of the Christian faith as to the stunning realization that all Christians need to be much more proactive and involved with their faith. Christians these days are much less willing to sit on the sidelines. They are demanding and receiving greater ownership of their faith responsibilities. Guilt is no longer the primary concern for many people. Instead, there is a greater awareness that LOVE, the guiding principle of ALL churches, can never be reconciled with exclusionary practices. LOVE is about inclusion, although that ideal can be difficult to put into practice.

I've written columns on these pages about trying to save two Catholic churches in the Cleveland area: St. Barbara's on Dennison and St. James here in Lakewood. As it turns out, both of these churches have been re-opened. I have been told by different people that my columns may have played a part in helping to re-open those houses of worship. If so, that would be wonderful. I certainly hope so, but there is a bigger issue in play. Is there more that could have been done that might have prevented those closures in the first place? What contributions could our community as a whole make towards keeping a beautiful spiritual centerpiece like St. James from crisis in the future? More to the point: what

can each of us do to keep it here? In the cases of both St. James' and St. Barbara's churches, their parish lay leadership teams are now faced with great responsibilities, and thankfully, an even greater empowerment towards getting those churches back on solid ground. But they can't do it alone. They'll need the help and prayers of their parishioners and their community to pull it off.

One thing's for sure. There can be no more business as usual. No more "pray, pay, and obey" only. To make renewal work, the doors of a church must be open to many new ideas, and to many new people too, as well as to those who once left their faith. Those doors must indeed be open wide for all, or they may well once again be closed. Old, tired ideas and practices of the past must remain in the past, because the present and future are here.

Prayers, money, gifts, moral support...all of these things are important to the life of a faith community. That is, after all, why they call it FAITH. St. James is not alone either. There are still a number of other Lakewood Christian faith communities hanging on by a prayer, so to speak. Whatever the difficulties of the past may have been, God may well leave it up to us as to whether these faith communities endure in the future. Whatever their perceived faults may have been, their presence has long been a steady light of LOVE in a swirling secular world of change. When the bells of St. James once again toll to commemorate "The Angelus," what indeed will be the role that each of us will be called to play in order to mark the spiritual pulse of this city?

A couple of quotes come to mind. The first would be that one so often heard at funerals from the Good Book, the one stating "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." I would certainly understand the thought there that a loving God can indeed extend and remove blessings, but there's a more modern quote that might equally apply: "Use it or lose it." Either our churches will be used in ways pleasing and acceptable to the Creator, or they might not be around for much longer.

Mom used to say that churches were our last best hope. I hope so.

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Lakewood Sends First Female Delegate To A Democratic Convention

On September 3rd until September 6th the 2012 Democratic Party National Convention will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina. There will be delegates from each state, including hundreds of women delegates.

But on June 28, 1920 when the Democratic Party convened in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium, there was one lone woman delegate.....Lakewood's Bernice Secrest Pyke.

According to the Encyclopedia of Cleveland History, Pyke, a member of the Lakewood Board of Education, was the first female to be a delegate to a National Democratic Convention.

The Encyclopedia goes on to say, "Pyke was active in the women's suffrage movement in Cuyahoga County and in 1920 was elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention where she was in charge of the women's efforts to promote the candidacy of Governor James Cox of Ohio for president."

Hard to believe today, but it was 1920 before women in the United States were permitted to vote for federal offices, such as president.

In Ohio women suffrage leaders had made attempts to change the Ohio Constitution on several occasions in order to allow women the right to vote.

Statewide ballot efforts in 1912 and in 1914 to allow women the right to vote were rejected.

Meanwhile, some progressive communities undertook efforts to allow women voting rights in their municipalities.

In 1917, Lakewood officials proposed a charter change that would allow Lakewood women to be among the country's first to vote in municipal elections.

According to Lakewood writers Jim and Susan Borchert, a statewide referendum to enfranchise women to vote in the presidential election was also on the 1917 ballot. The statewide effort failed, but the Lakewood charter change, with the

help of many, passed, thus allowing Lakewood women to vote on municipal issues.

According to the Borcherts, "Lakewood suffragists, led by C.E.Kendel, Bernice Pyke and Maude Waitt, pressed for an amendment to Lakewood's city charter. With the strong support of Councilman George Palda, the measure passed council and appeared on the November 1917 ballot. A statewide referendum on a presidential franchise for women shared that ballot."

"Members of the Women's Suffrage Party left few stones unturned in their dual campaign for these issues. Suffrage workers raised money with bake sales and campaigned in every section of Lakewood. The Lakewood Press reported some women canvassed at night 'accompanied by their husbands, who are now showing their loyalty to suffrage and their belief in our cause of municipal suffrage. Their hard work paid off. Although the presidential suffrage vote went down to defeat statewide, Lakewood men voted to extend the municipal vote to women,'"

It wasn't until 1920 that passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted women full voting rights.

Bernice S. Pyke, according to "A Compilation of Histories: the Lakewood Public Schools," was appointed to a seat on the Lakewood Board of Education in August 1918 and won election in 1920. Pyke served on the school board until 1931.

According to Ohio History Central, a product of the Ohio Historical Society, Mrs. Pyke, who was born March 22, 1880, "was the first woman appointed to serve as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1932 the Democratic Party even permitted Pyke to address the convention."

by Tom George

Reports suggest that Mrs. Pyke used her convention podium time to caution delegates about the candidacy of Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, the eventual nominee.

Nevertheless, after the election of 1932, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Pyke as director of customs collection for Ohio. Pyke served as director of customs collection through the Roosevelt Administration and upon Roosevelt's death in 1945, was re-appointed to the position by President Harry S. Truman.

Five days prior to her 71st birthday, President Truman signed Executive Order 10225, dated March 17, 1951, which exempted Mrs. Pyke from mandatory retirement required by federal statute. She was re-appointed to her position by a third president, Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower and retired in 1953.

In her full career, Pyke also served as the first female cabinet member of the City of Cleveland and was a founder of both Lakewood Hospital and the Lakewood Public Library.

The Ladies Home Journal of May 1921 noted that Democratic National Chairman George White had

appointed Mrs. Pyke to a seat on the party's national executive committee.

The Ladies Home Journal noted, "as women have forced their way into the business and industry of the country, so they will force their way into public affairs."

After many years of public service, Mrs. Pyke died in 1964.

Bernice S. Pyke, first woman delegate to a Democratic Convention, another Lakewood first.

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First Time Home Buyers- Now Is Your Time To Dive In

by Brian Salem

Interest rates are now on your side. It's time to stop renting and start putting all that hard earned money of yours into something of your own. However, this can be a complex transi-

tion. Here are some steps to help make sure this transition is as smooth as possible. First, you need to know your money. Know where you stand with bills and how much more you can

afford. Make a budget on what you now spend monthly and yearly, and then make a budget to what you think you will need to spend to purchase a house. This may take a little research, but in the long run this will pay off to

know what you are looking to spend and can afford.

Second, know your credit. Make sure your credit is in good standing. Try to pay off any outstanding bills that could possibly damage your credit score. If you have a high balance on an item, pay it down. This will show lenders that you are responsible with your money and your debt. This may also take some research, but fortunately there are many places to go to check and see how your credit stands.

Third, know what you are looking for. Do some shopping online or just driving around the designated area in which you would like to live. Learn the things you need and want out of your new home. Figure out which ones you can live with and without.

Once you have an idea of what you can and are willing to spend, and know what you are looking for, contact a trusted realtor. Ask around to your friends and family and see who they recommend. Sometimes the best referrals are from the ones closest to you who know you. Interview the realtor and make sure they have a game plan in mind to serve you to what your needs and wants are. Don't settle for anything less than the best.

Use these few steps to get started and before you know it, you will be on your way to getting the home of your dreams!

Sellers: Itemize What You're Taking With You

by Chris Bergin

Believe it or not, after months of searching countless homes, finding the perfect one, negotiating price and finally agreeing to a deal, a sale can fall apart over a disagreement about curtains.

When striking a deal to sell a home, it's important that you are perfectly clear about what you are taking with you and what you are leaving behind. The general rule is that if something is attached to the structure or the ground, it is real property and stays with the house.

If removing the item would ruin or disfigure the walls, the item gener-

ally stays. If you need a tool to remove it, it stays.

Legally, these are called fixtures, which include everything permanently attached to the property such as a fence, built-in appliances, ceiling fans, flowerbeds and shrubs.

Conversely, if you can disconnect, unhook or detach an item from the home with bare hands, it's free to leave when you do. This is known as personal property and should never be assumed to be part of the sale.

Items that fall into this category are furniture, potted plants, free-standing appliances and an outdoor grill.

A good rule of thumb is to not show your home with any fixtures you are planning to take. Replacing them is the better option.

Every real estate agent has a story about a deal falling through because of an argument about what a buyer thought was staying. For this reason, you should walk in each room with your agent and make a list of things that you will be taking with you.

If you decide to leave the curtains, chandeliers or are open to giving up some of the outdoor furniture, it may just help with a sale. People appreciate the notion of getting something for free, and a savvy agent will hint to a prospective buyer that fixtures and furnishing may be negotiable. Unless the items are really important to you, let them go with the home. Use them to get the price you want and then replace the items in your new home.

By itemizing and discussing all the things that stay and go at the outset, there will be no miscommunication on closing day.

Dental Mini-Implants

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bridge which requires shaving down additional teeth, potentially perfectly healthy teeth, in order to replace the missing tooth. Implants can also allow for proper brushing and flossing just like natural teeth.

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jaw bone doesn't allow for the width of a conventional implant. Due to the less invasive nature of the mini-implant procedure there is usually little discomfort following the procedure and most often the denture can be placed over the implants the same day so, a patient gets immediate results, both aesthetically and functionally.


Implants, both mini and conventional, are not for everyone and only a visit and examination by your dentist can help determine if implants are right for you. For more information regarding dental implants visit the American Dental Association at www.ADA.org, the International Academy of Mini Dental Implants at www.iaomdi.org, or make an appointment with your dentist.


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