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National Merit Scholars Lead LHS Academic Standouts

by Christine Gordillo

National Merit Scholarship program and AP Scholar

honorees have been announced and once again LHS has its share of top academic perform-

ers, including two National Merit Semifinalists, one National Merit Commended Scholar and 65 AP Scholars, including one National AP Scholar.

Leading the way is LHS' pair of National Merit Semifinalists: seniors Ellen Latsko and Sheila McMahon. More than 1.5 million students in over 22,000 high schools entered the National Merit Scholarship Competition, with 16,000 top scorers named Semifinalists. Students enter the competition by taking the PSAT their junior year. Semifinalists represent less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors and are the highest scoring entrants in their state. Latsko

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LHS National Merit Semifinalists Ellen Latsko (center) and Sheila McMahon (right) are joined by Commended Scholar Morgenna Zuby.

Lakewood City Schools Preliminary Report Card Highlights

• "Above Expected Growth" per Value-Added component for the 5th consecutive year. Only 13 of the 31 districts in Cuyahoga County had that designation. Six of our individual schools made "Above Expected Growth." This means the District is meeting students' needs at their instructional level and providing more than a year's academic growth.

• Of 24 academic/testing indicators, Lakewood met state standards on 22. Only 5th grade math and 8th grade science were not met.

• The District went from Medium Support by the state to Low Support, which is a positive change.

Information provided by Lakewood City Schools.

Lakewood Alumni Foundation Honors 10 Hall Of Famers



Pictured from left to right: Robert Hayden, Carol Dolgash, Edward Martin, Katherine Asbeck, Biff Folberth, Rachel Zubricky, Albert Wycoff, Rick Ventura, and Bill O'Reilly.

by Missy Toms

What do the inventor of the GPS, a 72-year-old champion weightlifter, and a middle school education innovator have in common? They're all superstars of the Lakewood

City Schools.

Sweetwater Landing hosted a school reunion Thursday night as more than 100 people gathered to honor the achievements of Lakewood Schools'

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League Of Women Voters Candidates' Night Scheduled For October 16

by Pam Smith

Democracy is only as effective as the people who participate in it. And the Number One way to participate is to vote. It's not always an easy thing to do.

Voters are challenged to learn as much as possible about candidates and issues in a 24/7 news cycle where information, which is often not true or partially true, makes it difficult to make

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photo by Randy Varcho

Marching Band Alumni Enliven Rangers' Homecoming Festivities

Alumni members of the Lakewood High School marching band were invited to join the 2012 edition during the Friday, September 28, Rangers varsity game against Rocky River at Lakewood Stadium. The game marked the final homecoming game appearance of longtime marching band director Brian Maskow, who is retiring at the close of the school year. Rocky River prevailed 21-13 in the West Shore Conference game.

A Piece Of Cleveland In Lakewood

by Dan Morgan

APOC, A Piece Of Cleveland is a local champion of local sustainability. The upstart business has won awards from Entrepreneurs 4 Sustainability, and has even recently been recognized by national publications like Details Magazine and EcoWatch Journal. From humble beginnings, selling picture frames, wooden blocks and cutting boards, the APOC brand today can be found in major corporate offices and fine dining establishments. The latest feather in the APOC cap is Eddie 'N Eddie in Lakewood. Eddie 'N Eddie Jr. opened the swanky upscale restaurant in the heart of Lakewood in August and has been packing them in since.

APOC, on the fringe of the Campus District in Downtown Cleveland, was approached by the Cerinos, sparing no expense, in an effort to furnish the restaurant with quality locally sourced, designed and manufactured furnishings. Even a few of the large walls were faced with materials reclaimed from blighted Cleveland sites. Every project that APOC works on includes a Re-Birth certificate, explaining the first life of the materials. "The materi-

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photo by Dan Morgan, Straight Shooter Photography

Oversize tables, seats at the bar, high tops and booths provide many seating options.

Spooky Pooch Parade Returns October 20

by Ken Brand

Join the fun on Saturday, October 20 at "Ohio's Best Halloween Dog Parade" – The Spooky Pooch Parade. This Halloween tradition for Northeast Ohio takes place from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. with the parade step-off at 2:00 p.m. from the corner of Detroit and St. Charles Avenues in Downtown Lakewood, and will continue west to the Lakewood Public Library and back.

Led by "CHOMPS", the Cleveland Browns mascot, dogs of all shapes and sizes dressed in their finest Halloween fashions will strut their stuff on a closed Detroit Avenue. Judges will award prizes

in a number of categories including Spookiest Pooch, most creative dog & child, most original adult & dog, best dog & group and best non-motorized float.

"This event highlights Lakewood as a dog-friendly and walkable city, and is a fun-filled family activity whether you are in the parade or a spectator. It brings joy to so many, as all kinds of dog-friendly people come together in downtown Lakewood to celebrate Halloween," said Spooky Pooch Chair Nicole Hamed.

Registration/check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. at St. Charles Green between Belle

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League Of Women
Voters Candidates' Night
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informed decisions.

The Lakewood Chapter of the League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area will host a Candidates' Forum, Tuesday, October 16 at 7 p.m. in the

auditorium at the Women's Pavilion in Lakewood Park. Dale Miller and Anna Melendez, candidates for Cuyahoga Council District 2 and Nickie Antonio and John Zappala candidates for Ohio House District 13 will present their positions on the issues and answer questions from the audience. This forum is an opportunity for citizens to become familiarized with the candidates and educated about the way they would address the challenges in our community.

Forums such as this one give the electorate a unique opportunity to ask their questions and evaluate candidates directly based on their responses.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political membership organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Election information and guidance is available on line at www.lwvCuyahogaArea.org.



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The Cleveland Clinic EMS Academy trains individuals to provide the highest quality of emergency care for their communities. "By improving the health and safety of citizens, our EMS providers – and the institutions that train them – provide an invaluable community service," says Zezena. "EMS organizations today serve as extensions of hospital emergency departments and trauma centers. They are an integral, as well as critical, part of our overall healthcare system."

The Academy offers the following initial training courses and programs:

- Emergency Medical Responder – for safety forces and corporations
- Emergency Medical Technician program – for entry-level EMS providers
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- Online refresher programs – for EMTs and paramedics who need to fulfill continuing education (CE) requirements

"Our Academy was one of the first in the State of Ohio to offer online refresher courses," says Zezena. "Many EMS providers have been very grateful for this convenient service – especially if they live some distance from our classrooms. All EMS personnel are required to earn a certain number of CE units each year."

With campuses in three Cleveland-area communities, the Cleveland Clinic EMS Academy is easily accessible for students on the East,



West and South sides of the city. "Our campuses offer opportunities – based on geographic location – that best serve our students and communities," says Zezena.

The campuses are located in Euclid, west Cleveland, and Medina.

State-of-the-art education centers include integrated classrooms, laboratories and computer lab. The Academy's online courses are offered through the Blackboard web-based learning system that creates a virtual classroom.

"By offering the highest level of training, we have the opportunity to improve community health and safety," says Zezena. "And by teaching future EMS providers how to provide first-class care, our EMS Academy truly meets the healthcare needs of the population."

If you are interested in serving your community as an EMS professional, you may visit the Cleveland Clinic EMS Academy website at www.emsacademy.us and register online for courses.

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Council Considers Strengthening State Texting Ban

by Christopher Bindel

The September 17, 2012 Council meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. by Council Vice-President Mary Louise Madigan. The first order of business was to excuse the absences of Council President Brian Powers (At-Large) and Councilwoman Monique Smith (At-Large), which Council did.

Next Councilwoman Madigan (Ward IV) introduced an ordinance presented by Councilman Powers in his absence. The ordinance regarded adding a new part to our current ordinance regarding parking lots with provisions for vacant lots. With Councilman Powers absent more detail was not provided.

Council referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole.

Councilman David Anderson (Ward I) then introduced an ordinance that would build upon the state's texting ban and make it more strict in Lakewood. Currently in Ohio texting is only a secondary offense for adults. That means you can only be ticketed for it if you were pulled over for another, primary, offense, such as speeding. It also makes the use of any electronic device of anyone under the age of 18 illegal and a primary offense. In Anderson's proposed ordinance texting by adults would become a primary offense. The first offense would be considered a minor misdemeanor while subsequent violations would be fourth degree misdemeanors.

Council referred the ordinance to the Public Safety Committee to be considered.

Director of Planning and Development, Dru Siley, then asked Council to consider an ordinance that would allow the city to sell two residential properties they hold in their possession. The two properties were boarding houses that the city bought earlier this year. The city purchased them so it could

turn them back into functional single family homes eliminating the boarding housing style from the city. The two boarding houses were also notorious nuisance properties so the city bought them to abate the issue.

Council referred the ordinance to the Housing Committee to be considered.

Director Siley then asked Council to consider passing a resolution that would allow the city to make a \$75,000 loan from its Economic Development Fund to Cornucopia Inc. The money comes from a portion of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money the city gets from the Federal Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD). The money is to be used on businesses to help them expand and create jobs. The loan the city is considering giving to Cornucopia Inc., better known as Nature's Bin, is to help them renovate the recently closed McDonald's on Sloane Avenue to expand their job training program's kitchen and office space. The job training provides employment training services to people with disabilities, preparing them for the workforce. In 2011 Cornucopia's job training program served 75 people and with the new space they expect to continue to increase the number served.

Council referred the resolution to the Committee of the Whole for discussion.

Director Siley then asked Council to consider yet another piece of legislation. In June the City's Planning Department submitted an application for a grant from the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program. The program is a joint effort from the State Attorney Generals Office and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. The City found

out recently that it was awarded a \$100,000 grant to fund the demolition of blighted, vacant and nuisance properties. The County Land Bank was the agency selected to manage the grants from the Moving Ohio Forward program so they will be the ones conducting the demolitions at the direction of the city.

Director Siley asked Council to pass a resolution that will allow the city to accept the funds from the Land Bank. Council referred the matter to the Housing Committee for discussion.

The last item on the agenda was presented by Fire Chief Scott Gilman. He asked Council to repeal an ordinance that was passed in 1991. The

ordinance has to do with the City making inspections on underground tanks, usually those connected to gas stations. The law was enacted when the City was dealing with a high number of these inspections each year and waiting for the state to make them was taking too long. However, more recently the city only does about one a year, no longer really making it necessary to do them in-house. Therefore Chief Gilman would like Council to repeal the law so that the responsibility of inspection returns to the state.

Council referred the matter to the Rules and Ordinances Committee to be considered.

With no one from the public present to make any comments, Vice-President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

A Piece Of Cleveland In Lakewood



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The back wall and bar, branded by APOC.

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als almost always include high quality hardwoods that are often dismissed by today's interior designers and architects due to the high cost," stated Chris Kious, founder of APOC.

Eddie 'N' Eddie is a departure for the Cerino family, a real family affair. Eddie, Elisha and their two children, Eddie Jr. and Elise have a very successful Pizzeria in Seven Hills, Eddie's Pizzeria

Cerino. The brightly lit new restaurant joins a bounty of new restaurants in Lakewood. This restaurant is also special to Lakewood due to its historic location. Many Lakewood natives will recall the glory days of the old department stores, originally Baileys, followed by Neville's. The busy intersection has sprung to new life thanks to APOC and the Cerino Family.



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Eddie Cerino Jr. surveying the bar area.

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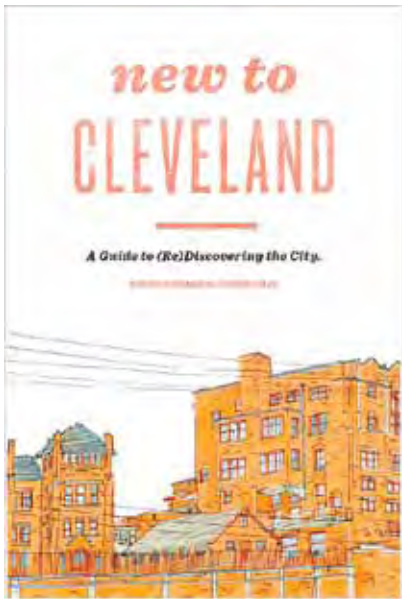
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Reacquaint Yourself With Cleveland At A Special Octavofest Event At The Lakewood Public Library

by Morgan Maseth

Cleveland is full of wonderful places. Chances are that no matter how long you may have lived here, there are some real treasures that you have been missing out on. From searching for a great restaurant to discovering the neighborhood that is most walkable, author Justin Glanville and illustrator Julia Kuo can help you take a look at Cleveland through fresh eyes with their book, “New to Cleveland: A Guide to (Re)Discovering the City.” Meet the author at a special Octavofest program on Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. at the Lakewood Public Library.

Glanville and Kuo have created an illustrated guide that is perfect for new and longtime residents alike. The locally made book (written, designed and printed in Cleveland) provides a wealth of information on twelve Cleveland neighborhoods, Lakewood included, with everything from cultural institution listings to advice on what school you should send your children to and provides you with an idea as to which neighborhoods are best suited for your lifestyle. Glanville’s experience as an urban planner allows him to write an honest guide to the city that is full of insight, while Kuo’s illustrations give you a warm, friendly glimpse of everyday Cleveland



“New to Cleveland: A Guide to (Re) Discovering the City” by Justin Glanville and illustrated by Julia Kuo

life. Be sure to make it to the Lakewood Public Library’s Main Auditorium on Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. for this Octavofest event. Books will be available for sale and signing. For more information go to lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/literary.

Taking its name from a traditional bookmaking format, Octavofest is an annual, Northeast Ohio celebration of book and paper arts featuring diverse programs and events held throughout the month of October. Exhibits include

lectures, workshops and classes on bookmaking, papermaking, printmaking, rare book collections and many others. This year, the Lakewood Public

Library is proud to be a partner in this celebration of the book. To learn more about Octavofest go to Octavofest.org.

Zombie Teens Invade Lakewood Library

by Nicka Petruccio

You’ve probably noticed a significant swell in the popularity of zombies as a horror icon over the past few years. No longer relegated to low budget horror flicks, the groaning, shuffling masses have staggered their way into pop culture with charity “zombie walks,” serious television drama, blockbuster cinema, and not least of all, literature. Elbowing their way through the flood of more, ahem, genteel creatures of the night, zombie fiction is making a legitimate place for itself on the bookshelf. We see dozens of new titles each month, each with their own flavor. Zombie humor, zombie drama, and yes, even a little zombie romance, if you can stomach it.

Lakewood Library’s selection of teen zombie fiction is nothing short of impressive. To that effect, we’re going to celebrate the vastness and variety of our zombiness with a special teen program we’re calling “Zombie’s Day In.”

We will spend an afternoon learning zombie makeup techniques and tricks as we transform ourselves into the living dead. Meanwhile, we’ll discuss the breadth of zombie fiction out there, pick a favorite, and film our own zombie book trailer!

The program will be held on Saturday, October 20th from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Lakewood Public Library multipurpose room. Teens in the 6th through 12th grade are invited to attend. Registration is required and space is limited so call soon! (216) 226-8275 ext. 140



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Lakewood Public Library Events

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

The Friends of Lakewood Public Library Book Sale:
Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Main Library, 15425 Detroit Ave.
Join the Friends and receive entrance to a special, members-only preview sale on Thursday, October 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Memberships may be purchased at the door for as little as \$2.
Visit: www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/friends to learn more.

October 6
Lakewood Public Cinema
“Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead” (1990),
Directed by Tom Stoppard, Rated PG

Two minor characters from Hamlet wander into an absurdist comedy and hope to somehow make it out with their lives. Gary Oldman and Tim Roth play the fools in question, while Richard Dreyfus chews scenery as the Player in a most grandiloquent fashion. Will proving that you have free will save your life? Disproving it certainly won't. At the very least, philosophy, tragedy and comedy serve to pass the time.

Saturday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

October 7
Sunday with the Friends: Joe DeJarnette Jazz Ensemble

Backed by a band of the best around, Joe DeJarnette puts his stamp on jazz standards and breathes new life into unexpected melodies. As a jazz trumpeter and bandleader at the top of his game, he will command the auditorium like any other instrument and deliver his audience to a cool, new land.

Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

October 8
Columbus Day – Library open normal hours.

October 9
School in the Cinema: “Spellbound” (2002),
Directed by Jeffrey Blitz, Rated G

The road to the Scripps Howard national spelling bee championship is not an easy one. Follow eight hopeful students, along with the people who support them, as they make their journey to the championship in Washington D.C.

Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

October 10
Meet the Author: “New to Cleveland: A Guide to (Re)Discovering the City” by Justin Glanville ~ Illustrated by Julia Kuo

Take a look at Cleveland through fresh eyes. In this exhilarating new book—written, designed and printed right here in Northeast Ohio—Justin Glanville and Julia Kuo tell you everything you need to know about the area in an entertaining, often inspiring way. There is a wealth of information here for newcomers, but the real value lies in what the book can do for longtime residents. Reconnect with your old neighborhood and reach out to new, undreamt of corners of Cleveland. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

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.
Saturday, Oct. 13, 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Lakewood Public Library Spelling Bee
For students in second through fourth grade
Can you spell c-a-c-o-p-h-o-n-y? Grab a dictionary and spell your way to the top. To register, call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.
Choose one Preliminary Round: Oct. 4, Oct. 11, or Oct. 18 Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

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
Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

Homework ER
For students in kindergarten through eighth grade
Need a little extra help with your homework, or just want a quiet place to work? Come to the Library for help and resources. There is no need to register. Homework ER will be closed for school holidays and vacations.
Madison Branch and Main Library Children’s and Youth Services

October 11
Booked for Murder: Tales of Cleveland
“Kill the Irishman” by Rick Porrello

For a good, spine-tingling mystery, look no further than your own backyard. Cleveland has plenty of dark tales that will keep you up late at night. Share your midnight thoughts with this friendly, law-abiding group of mystery lovers. Visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs for more clues and full book descriptions.

Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

October 13
Western Movies: The Golden Age, Part 1
“The Gunfighter” (1950), Directed by Henry King

Oh, the burden of being known as the fastest gun in the west. As Jimmy Ringo, Gregory Peck can't even walk into a saloon without encountering some reckless upstart wanting to make a name for himself. Of course Peck just wants to retire and return to his estranged wife and the son he's never met. But first there are some angry brothers, a pursuing posse and yet another reckless upstart to deal with. A gunfighter's life is lonely, dangerous, and often short, but Ringo is trying to beat the odds.

Saturday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

October 14
Sunday with the Friends: “Carnegie Libraries of Ohio: Our Cultural Heritage”

The Library has changed a lot over the years, but we're still proud of the fact that we began our life as a Carnegie library. Mary Ellen Armentrout explores the history, the architecture and the personalities behind Ohio's fine collection of Carnegie buildings in this illustrated lecture, based on her fascinating book.

Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

October 16
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. Visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs to find out which book will be discussed next.

Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room



Acclaimed author and columnist Erin O’Brien and her book.

October 17
Meet the Author: “The Irish Hungarian Guide to the Domestic Arts” by Erin O’Brien

Shopping at a discount grocery store can be performance art and a half-acre lot can yield a field of dreams. For those of you who believe that the Rust Belt is the perfect place for a whirlwind romance, this is a food memoir in which a dozen ears of sweet corn turn a humble bowl of chowder into a divine creation, the Hamburger Helper glove dukes it out with a scrappy bowl of slumgullion, and banishing the blues is as easy as lunch with Holly Golightly at the local farmers' market. A misfit Irish-but-not-Catholic girl from Cleveland's west side, O'Brien is funny and sophisticated, projecting triumph through domesticity without blinking when sorrow fills the screen. The right measure of earthy sex makes this book too hot for the Erma Bombeck set, but we think you'll like it just fine. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Wednesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

State Rep. Nickie J. Antonio Chosen For Two Committees

by Nickie Antonio
Appointed to House Finance & Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee on Health & Human Services
State Representative Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood) was appointed to the House Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. These two additions will complement one another and reinforce areas of importance to Rep. Antonio as she currently is on the House Health and Aging Committee.
“The work of the House Finance & Appropriations committee is of vital importance to the people of House District 13 and I am honored to be chosen to serve,” said Rep. Antonio.
The Finance and Appropriations Committee is responsible for determining the state of Ohio's biennial operating budget along with other state finances including the capital budget. The Subcommittee on Health and Human Services is an arm of the Finance and Appropriations Committee that addresses specific legislation that affects public health.

LPL News

Carnegie Libraries Of Ohio:
Our Cultural Heritage

by Charity Thomas

Andrew Carnegie is the stuff of library legend. A Scottish-American philanthropist and visionary, he donated much of his vast fortune to build libraries all over the world. But Carnegie wasn't always wealthy. He received little formal education, leaving school at the age of twelve to work in a textile factory and later worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as a telegraph operator. During that time he met Colonel James Anderson, a man who would open his personal library on Saturdays for Carnegie to borrow a book. It was this access to information that made Andrew Carnegie vow to donate money to libraries if he ever had the chance.

He would get that chance after building his own company, Carnegie Steel, from the ground up, which he eventually sold to J.P. Morgan for over \$400 million, making him the richest man in the world at the time. The bulk of that wealth would go toward financing the construction of countless public and academic libraries.

From the late 1800s through the 1920s, over 1,500 libraries were built with Carnegie money in the United States, as well as many more internationally. 111 Carnegie libraries were built in the state of Ohio alone, Lakewood Public Library being one of them.

The Library has changed a lot over

the years, but we're still proud of the fact that we began our life as a Carnegie library. Join us as Author Mary Ellen Armentrout explores the history, the architecture, and the personalities behind Ohio's fine collection of Carnegie buildings in this illustrated lecture, based on her fascinating book, "Carnegie Libraries of Ohio: Our Cultural Heritage." All library programs are free and open to the public.

Sunday, October 14 at 2 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Family Music and More:
JAZZ: The Paul Biasella Trio

by Marge Foley

Bring your family to the Lakewood Public Library to experience Jazz, a truly American form of music. The Paul Biasella Trio will introduce youngsters to Miles Davis, Dave Brubeck, Duke Ellington and others as they play drums, bass, and guitar. Give your child the opportunity to feel the spontaneity and vitality of live music!

This memorable show will take place on Saturday, October 20th at 7 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. Generously funded by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library, this event will be held in the Multi-purpose Room, which is located in the Children's Department.

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Lakewood Schools



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The Ranger Marching Band will take its sound to the Ohio State Marching Band's "Skull Session" on Oct. 6.

Ranger Marching Band Headed To Buckeyes' "Skull Session"

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band will partake in a unique experience on Saturday, October 6 when it travels to Columbus to participate in the Ohio State Marching Band's "Skull Session" before the OSU vs. Nebraska game.

Skull Session is an OSU tradition that dates back to the 1930s and grew out of the band's rehearsals before a football game. The rehearsals were open to the public, and became so popular that they emerged into a bonafide pre-game pep rally. The crowds grew so large that the skull session was moved to St John's Arena in the late 1950s.

At each Skull Session, an Ohio high school band is invited to play before the Buckeye marching band takes over. It is quite an honor for the Ranger Marching Band, who will be playing in front

of thousands of rabid Buckeye fans.

Before the skull session wraps up, the Buckeye team stops by and a player and coach Urban Meyer address the crowd before heading across the street to Ohio Stadium for the game.

According to band director Brian Maskow, the skull session invite was made possible "not only due to the quality of our LHS Ranger Marching Band, but also thanks to LHS alumnus Josh Laux, who is the Graduate Assistant with the OSU band." Laux is completing the final year of his assistantship and will be graduating with his Masters of Music degree in Music Education this Spring.

Added Maskow: "It is indeed an honor and pleasure for us at LHS to be chosen and perform for so many people at The Ohio State University."

Band Festival Draws Thousands To Lakewood Stadium



photo by Randy Varcho

by Randy Varcho

Rangers Marching Band field co-commander Kyra Mihalski (c.) leads her bandmates and over 1,000 additional musicians representing 10 Northeast Ohio area high schools during a Sept. 15 marching band festival parade down Bunts Road to Lakewood Stadium. Under the leadership of band director Brian Maskow, Lakewood High School has played host for 26 editions of the annual marching band showcase.

Help A Child; Be A Reading Mentor

by Christine Gordillo

Do you want to make a difference in your community? Would you like to help a student feel more confident about reading? Do you want to be a positive role model? If so, Lakewood City Schools could use you.

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

students. Pre-made lessons and materials are used for each session

More than 240 districts in the state are currently using Project MORE with great success. The program is affordable for districts while offering the one-on-one support these students need to be successful readers. If you are interested in being a reading mentor, please contact Holly Bucci at Hayes at 529-4228 or email her at holly.bucci@lakewood.k12.oh.us or Kelley Moran at Grant at kelley.moran@lakewood.k12.oh.us or 529-4217. You can learn more about Project MORE at www.ohioprotectmore.org

You can make a difference in the life of a child!

Lakewood Alumni Foundation Honors 10 Hall Of Famers



Pictured from left to right: Robert Hayden, Carol Dolgash, Edward Martin, Katherine Asbeck, Biff Folberth, Rachel Zubricky, Albert Wycoff, Rick Ventura, and Bill O'Reilly.

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staff, athletes, and distinguished alumni at the annual Lakewood Alumni Foundation Hall of Fame celebration. Ten people were inducted on September 27: two staff, four athletes, and four distinguished alumni.

Lakewood High School teacher, Carol Good Dolgash, taught Spanish for 31 years, led several student trips abroad, and served as a leader in both her field and as chief negotiator for the Lakewood Teachers' Association. Robert Hayden, principal for all four middle schools, was on the forefront of education, creating innovative curriculum for low-performing students, establishing parent-teacher conferences, and helping the 8th grader's transition to high school.

Three record-breaking Lakewood athletes and one coach were inducted to the Hall of Fame. Dr. William O'Reilly, class of 1978, was a track star at Lakewood High School and the University of Michigan and still holds LHS's one-mile record. Rick Ventura coached the cross country program at LHS for 24 years and never failed to have top regional and state finishers during his tenure. Albert Wycoff, class of 1954, was a member of the 1953 state champion cross country team and continued his athleticism after graduation by becoming a nationally ranked weightlifter. Rachel Zubricky, class of 2003, garnered 10 varsity letters in a variety of sports and was a state champion in track.

Four distinguished alumni have

established themselves as leaders in their professions and communities. Katherine Hahn Asbeck, class of 1975, was a senior manager at Price-waterhouse Coopers and senior-vice president of finance at Corning Incorporated. She recently returned to the Cleveland area to serve as The Cleveland Foundation's CFO. William Brown, Jr., class of 1939, was honored posthumously for his work developing stress-resistant steel for the Department of Defense and NASA. William (Biff) Folberth III, class of 1962, was the first Lakewood student to study abroad as part of the American Field Service-USA program. Biff is the founder of a successful Wall Street firm, The Capital Group, and devotes much of his free time supporting community organizations. Edward Martin, class of 1951, was instrumental in the development of the Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) system through his work for Rockwell International Corp. and Magnavox Research Lab.

Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of donors, Lakewood Alumni Foundation has distributed significant funds to support Lakewood City Schools and to help its students reach their potential. Our mission is to uphold the Lakewood City Schools' tradition of providing an opportunity-rich environment for its students through financial support and advocacy. To learn more about the foundation, visit our website at www.lakewoodrangers.com.

Lakewood Schools

National Merit Scholars Lead LHS Academic Standouts

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and McMahon are now eligible to continue on in the competition in hopes of receiving one of more than 8,200 scholarships to be awarded in the spring.

In addition to LHS’ two Semifinalists, senior Morgenna Zuby was named a National Merit Commended Scholar for placing among the top 5% of PSAT participants. Although Zuby will not continue in the Scholarship competition, students named Commended Scholars have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program.

Along with LHS’ National Merit honorees, a number of members from the Classes of 2012 and 2013 have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement Exams taken each spring.

National AP Scholar, an award

earned by averaging at least a 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams:

Class of 2012: Katherine Reading AP Scholars with Distinction, an award earned by averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams:

Class of 2012: Jay Andreani, Ryan Cleary, Derek Dashiell, Zachary Dick, Hannah Gallovic, Michael Huffman, Nicholas Jackosky, Eric Kunze, James Matthiesen, Kelly McKee, Adam Morris, Annalisa Perez, Nina Pizzo, Zach Prebel, Katherine Reading, Matt Sims, Lauren Szabo, Ingrid Vatamanu

Class of 2013: Ellen Latsko

AP Scholars with Honor earn their recognition by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams:

Class of 2012: Claire Beargie, Veronica Cole, Grace Corridoni, Han-

nah Frimel, Anthony Gilbert, Celia Lamb, Nicole Parke, Timothy Watkins

Class of 2013: Robert Dunay, Thomas Ebner, Lindsay Furtado, Moira Horn, Grace Lazos, Sheila McMahon, Peter Quigley, Steve Saed, Peter Schleckman, Morgenna Zuby.

Finally, LHS had 26 AP Scholars, who earned the award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are:

Class of 2012: Emily Brown, Athena Ermidis, Mollie Evans, Sarah Ghose, Nathan Golbe, McCall Gorbach Foster, Diana Hanson, Joshua Jenkins, Mick Jones, Clarissa Kos, Conner McCready, Robert Meyer, McKenzie Paul, Stacey Sponsler

Class of 2013: Bea Aldrich, Sam Aprile, Caroline Canale, Wesley Carney, Julie Herman, Alexander Northrop, Lilly Pollack, Rachel Ritter, Bilal Shah, Elliott Smith, Alexander Stewart, Grace Yousefi.

October 17 Board Meeting Changed To October 22

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Board of Education's second regular meeting in the month of October has been rescheduled from Monday, October 17 to Monday, October 22, due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting on the 22nd will be at 7 p.m. in the Music Room, #125, at Harrison Elementary School, 2080 Quail Ave.

Ranger Football by Randy Varcho Eagles Hand Lakewood Loss In Conference Play



Rangers varsity football head coach Ron Lewis goes over play selection with quarterback Tommy Fuller early in a 35-3 West Shore Conference loss to the Eagles in Avon. The loss leaves the Rangers 0-1 in conference play and 1-3 overall.

Rangers Survive Nailbiter In North Ridgeville



A dramatic second half comeback by the North Ridgeville Rangers fell one point short of tying the game with seconds left on the clock, giving Lakewood (2-3) the 22-21 conference victory, Friday, September 21. Shown are members of the varsity squad celebrating before Lakewood fans.

Robotic hysterectomy offers many advantages.

Hysterectomy is one of the most common surgeries in the United States, performed on more than 25 percent of all women. Fortunately, advanced new robotic techniques are making the procedure possible with minimal pain and scarring, and quicker recovery times.

Hysterectomy, or removal of the uterus, can resolve a variety of serious problems for women, including endometriosis, heavy nonmenstrual bleeding, uterine prolapse, fibroids, uterine or cervical cancer, and ovarian cancer.

“For women facing a hysterectomy, the option of robotic surgery offers the benefit of tiny incisions with less pain to get them back to their normal life faster,” says Mona Orady, MD, a Cleveland Clinic robotic surgeon at Fairview Hospital, one of only a handful of hospitals in the greater Cleveland area performing robotic surgery.

More Precise Surgery

Robotic techniques enable surgeons to perform procedures with unmatched precision and control, using only a few small incisions. Using a three-dimensional magnified image of the area being operated on, robotic surgery translates the movements of the surgeons’ hands, wrists and fingers into precise real-time movements of the surgical instruments.

“This technology allows unsurpassed visualization of anatomy and better instruments, especially critical when performing a complex surgery and for working around delicate and confined structures like the bladder,” says Dr. Orady. This provides surgeons a distinct advantage when performing a complex hysterectomy involving adhesions from prior pelvic surgery or large fibroid tumors that impact the anatomy.

Quicker Recovery

Healing time is another distinct benefit of robotic surgery. A woman having a traditional “open” surgery hysterectomy would usually spend two to three days in the hospital with several months of recovery at home. With robotic surgery, most women, even those with a complex condition, can go home within a day and are on their feet within a week or two.

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Sports

Lakewood Rangers Boys Soccer Hold Own Against Area Top Teams

by Jay Foran

At press time, Lakewood's Boys Varsity Soccer's last four opponents collective record stood at 25 wins, 6 losses and 5 ties. Unfortunately for the Rangers, 3 of those wins and only 1 of those losses were courtesy of Lakewood. The 1 win and 3 loss stretch brought Lakewood's overall record to 6-4-1 and 2-1-1 in West Shore Conference play. Each of the four contests were hotly contested and were closer than the scores may have indicated.

Lakewood 0, St. Edward Eagles 1

The Rangers gave the undefeated Eagles all they could handle but came up short when Mikey Bowden slammed home a rebound off the goalkeeper with only 17 minutes left in the match. The goal scored by St. Edward broke a string of 185 minutes spanning the last 2 and 1/2 games where neither team found the net. Over the last 3 games, only 4 total goals have been scored (2 for Lakewood, 2 for St. Edward). The records for both teams over those 3 games are 1 win, 1 loss, 1 tie. The programs are obviously very competitive. With the win, St. Edward gains back control of the Lakewood City Trophy for the first time since 2009.

Lakewood 1, Normandy Invaders 3

Maybe it was the emotions and physicality of the previous game vs. St.



Edward or maybe it is just supposed to happen, but the match against Normandy was not indicative of Lakewood style soccer. After jumping to 1-0 early lead in the 2nd minute thanks to an Edvin Rosic goal off an assist from Senior Mirsad Curri, the Rangers lost their shape and thus control of the game. Normandy countered with a tying goal midway through the first half and thereafter controlled much of the tempo of the match. While the Rangers found a way to keep the ball out of the net thanks to some outstanding goalkeeping by Senior Zach Fehrenbach, the Invaders pressure finally broke through with two very late goals to seize the victory.

Lakewood 2, Elyria Catholic Panthers 1

Score early and score late was clearly the theme in this hotly contested conference matchup with the Division III state-ranked Elyria Catholic Pan-

thers. Junior Edvin Rosic and Mirsad Curri provided a repeat of their early magic from the prior game when Rosic slammed a shot past the goalkeeper after Curri kept the ball alive with some nifty footwork near the goal mouth. Despite a number of scoring chances for the Rangers, the score remained at 1-0 until Elyria Catholic knotted things with a goal 14 minutes into the 2nd half. The final 26 minutes of the contest saw both teams fall short on scoring opportunities and just when both teams' loyal fans were preparing for a draw, Junior Jameson Foran fed Mirsad Curri, who penetrated deep into the Panthers right goal area. With just 48 ticks left on the scoreboard clock, Curri sent a hard shot across the goal mouth that found the left foot of Aaron Donahoe who was charging hard on the goal from the left side. Donahoe punched it past the overmatched Panther goalie and an important conference vic-

tory was the Ranger prize.

Lakewood 0, Brecksville Bees 3

The score in no way depicted the competitiveness of this match between the Rangers and the undefeated Brecksville Bees. While Brecksville opened with a score early, the Rangers fought back and displayed great team play and individual skills as they traded quality possessions with the Bees. The pace of play was at a high pitch and the Rangers worked to offset the superior speed of the Bees players with their own hustle and guile. Strong performances were turned in by varsity newcomers junior Alain Mika, sophomore Marcel Dunay and freshman Alex Rosul. Despite the outstanding effort sometimes the soccer ball has a mind of its own. In the waning minutes of the contest, after a corner kick by the Bees, a fortuitous bounce of the ball paid off as a deflection landed at the feet of the Bees Eric Zambory who deftly slipped it to a wide open Aaron Shutway who drove it home for the game clinching goal.

Four very strong matches for the competitive Ranger team against four of the better teams in Northeast Ohio. The Lakewood Rangers Boys Varsity Soccer team now will now gear up for more West Shore Conference play against new rival Rocky River (October 3 at home).

Lakewood Loves Tournaments!

by Janet Gowan

This past August, the Athletic Commissioners of the Community Recreation and Education Commission, Adult Athletic Commission and

Youth Athletic Commission held the first annual Commissioner's Softball Tournament benefiting Lakewood Youth Recreation Scholarships. The tournament was such a success that a

check for \$1,300 was presented to the Board of Education on August 2012 by Joe Stolitza, Tom Zigman, Jesse Garling, Don Sharp and Jim Reitenbach, Director of the Recreation and Education Department.

Feedback from the sponsors and players was so positive that the Lakewood Commissioner's have expanded the 2nd annual Lakewood Commissioner's Softball tournament to include co-ed and men's teams in 2013! Next year the tournament will be held on two days, Saturday August 10 for men's teams and Sunday August 11 for co-ed

teams. So save the date for next year and come join us for a great time and a great cause!

The Recreation and Education Department will also be hosting a Men's Basketball tournament to be held in February 2013. In addition, the Lakewood Athletic Commissioners have approved the formation of a Seniors' Softball league to start in the spring of 2013. More information on both of these topics will be published in the Recreation and Education booklet coming out in December.

For any questions about the Recreation and Education Department's offerings and to enroll, contact them directly at 216-529-4081 or visit them online www.lakewoodrecreation.com.

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Youth And Family Events At The Lakewood YMCA

by Chris Switzer

Interested in getting involved in youth sports during the fall season? The Lakewood Family YMCA along with the YMCA of Greater Cleveland have great opportunities for you and your family.

Lakewood Family YMCA Youth Basketball League

YMCA youth basketball league is for boys and girls ages 3-14. Fast paced, 5 on 5 games are played every Saturday morning, for an 8 week long season. League games begin Novem-

ber 3rd. We will group participating children by the following age groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, and 12-14. We also are continuing our girl's - only league, POWER IN PINK. Age groups are 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 yrs. old. Registration deadline is October 21st. The league is for members of the YMCA Lakewood, West Shore, and West Park. All games will be held at the Lakewood YMCA.

Cost will be \$45 for YMCA members and \$85 for YMCA program members. Price includes a reversible mesh jersey. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Octo-

ber 21st, with a \$5 late fee after deadline. Further details will be distributed after registration is complete.

Lakewood Family YMCA Halloween Party

The YMCA's annual Halloween Party will take place on Friday, October 26th. This is a great opportunity for your little ones to show off this year's awesome Halloween costumes, while we bring the community together for a night of fun games, tasty candy, and great times.

Cost for this event is free. We will begin accepting candy donations on October 1st at the Lakewood YMCA to help pass out on party night. We hope to see you and your family here!

Volunteering/ Coaching

We are actively looking for volunteers for the positions of Head Coach and Assistant Coach for our youth basketball leagues. You do not need to be a member of the Y to be a volunteer, but you are required to submit to a background check. This goes a long way to ensuring proper coaching, and to develop teamwork skills for all of our children.

We are very thankful for your interest in YMCA programs, and we look forward to you joining us as we continue to build strong communities in our area. If you have any questions contact Program Director Chris Switzer, Lakewood YMCA @ 216-521-8400, or by e-mail @ cswitzer@clevelandymca.org

Eagle Diaper Drive Project

by Dennis Zentarski

Adam Zentarski, a lifelong Lakewood resident is conducting a diaper drive for his Boy Scout Eagle project. He is a member of Troop #287. His goal is to collect as many bags and boxes of diapers that he can. When

the project is complete (around October 25), he will turn in the diapers to Lakewood Community Services Center so that they can distribute them to families in need within the network. Lakewood Community Services Center enthusiastically supports this

project.

If you can help by donating some diapers, please e-mail dzentarski@cox.net or call (216) 509-0765 and Adam will be happy to pick them up.

Thanks for your support.

Hen Hopeful: Allison Welch

by Annie Stahlheber

Here is a biography of another Lakewood neighbor hoping to responsibly keep hens. This interview was compiled by the Hens in Lakewood committee.

What street do you live on?

Orchard Grove.

How long have you lived in Lakewood?

I just bought my house in Febru-

ary. I rented for a year before that.

Why do you choose to live in Lakewood?

I love Lakewood because I can ride my bike everywhere and there is always something to do. The library is awesome, there is always live music and I still haven't tried all the different restaurants. I love that I can get all of my needs met at the local businesses instead of big chains. Until a month

ago, I didn't even own a car.

Why do you want to raise hens in Lakewood?

Chickens are hilarious. They each have their own distinct personalities. They were basically my main source of entertainment when I was in the Peace Corps in Nicaragua. Also home-raised eggs taste amazing and they say they are healthier than the ones you buy at the store.

Why do you think Lakewood is a community that should allow responsible hen keeping?

Lakewood is a pretty progressive

community that seems to embrace local, sustainable living. We are bike friendly. We have community gardens and farmers' markets. It only makes sense to allow people to responsibly raise hens. It was a big disappointment to find out I wasn't allowed to raise hens when I bought my house. Really it's not a big deal, they don't cause a lot of problems if you do it right.

Do you want to mention anything else?

I've already picked out the names of my first hens: Loretta, Harriet, and Wanda.



Allison Welch is a new homeowner in Lakewood and hopes that she will soon be able to raise her own hens in her own backyard!

Vintage Varieties

by Paula Reed

The Lakewood Historical Society's third annual Vintage Varieties is Saturday, October 13th, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Skate House, behind the Oldest Stone House at 14710 Lake Avenue.

This sale features vintage and contemporary small furniture; lamps and light fixtures; a huge variety of artwork, mirrors and picture frames; home décor; lawn and garden; tools; hardware (including glass door knobs) and fall decorations. Ready for a fire in the fireplace? Need a new screen or andirons? You'll find them here.

Of special note are items to put away for the kids for Christmas—you won't find these things at any toy store! Among the selections are two doll houses, a vintage high chair, two tiny metal folding chairs, a sturdy retro

tricycle, and a miniature but realistic wooden kitchen cupboard.

The proceeds from this sale support the programs and properties of the Lakewood Historical Society.

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Lakewood Cares

Sandals And Sails Auction

by Julie Derrick

Everyone is invited to join Lakewood Early Childhood PTA as we host our Annual Auction! This year's auction is themed Sandals and Sails and will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Sweetwater Landing located at 1500 Scenic Park Drive in Lakewood.

Lakewood Early Childhood hosts this annual auction in order to continue our activities throughout the year. LECPTA is the organizer of the Brake 4 Kids Speed Awareness Campaign that you may have seen throughout Lakewood during the month of September. LECPTA also conducts vision screenings in local preschools, provides children ages 0-6 years with opportunities to experience various venues through our tours of local businesses, museums and just

about anything that is child friendly. It is a great way for children to experience many different things our area has to offer!

LECPTA also offers members discounted tickets for certain theater shows, children's outings and other events. Themed children's parties happen monthly as well as our many tours! Playgroups are ongoing throughout the year. There are numerous activities that LECPTA participates in each month. Perhaps, one of our largest community events, in conjunction with the City of Lakewood, is the annual Meet the Trucks event held each June at Lakewood Park.

Without the help of our generous donors, we would not be able to make many of these things happen. This year, we have received many donations from area businesses, and we

hope you will come be a part of our auction to help us continue our service in the community as well as enjoy yourself for a night out. Tickets are \$30 per individual or \$55 per couple. To purchase tickets, make a donation or get more information, please

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Annual Diabetes Symposium Presented By Lakewood Hospital

by Angela Smith

Control Your Destiny! If you have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, or want to lower your risk for diabetes, you don't want to miss this event!

Wednesday, November 14 from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

LaCentre Conference & Banquet Facility, Westlake

Event Agenda

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Registration & Exhibits

5:30 p.m. Dinner presentation by Michael Roizen, MD; Cleveland Clinic Chief Wellness Officer & best-selling author on how life choices impact health more than heredity.

6:45 - 7:30 p.m. Choose from 1 of 2 topics: A. Insulin Pumps & Continuous Glucose Monitors and B. Beverages & Blood Sugars.

7:45 - 8:30 p.m. Choose from 1 of 2 topics A. Exercise & Insulin B. Exercise & Other Diabetes Medicines.

Cost \$10. Registration is required. Co-sponsored by Lakewood Hospital and the American Diabetes Association. To register, call 1.877.234.FITT (3488).

Questions? Contact Gina Gavlak at 216.529.5312 or gigavl@ccf.org.

Tease Hair + Body Parlor Hosts Book Signing During Lakewood's Chocolate Walk

by Susan Shaw

Tease Hair + Body Parlor will host a book-signing for "Rust Belt Chic: The Cleveland Anthology," October 25 from 6 - 9 p.m.

"Rust Belt Chic: The Cleveland Anthology" is a collection of essays by the region's best-known authors about life and culture of Cleveland and the revitalization of Rust Belt cities.

Edited by Richey Piiparinen, an urban researcher at Case Western Reserve, and Anne Trubek, a professor at Oberlin College, Rust Belt Chic: The Cleveland Anthology, provides an inside-out snapshot of the city, containing contributions by established authors such as Connie Schultz and Michael Ruhlman as well as 47 others.

Local visual artists Garie Waltzer and Randall Tiedman are featured and profiled. Rust Belt Chic tells stories about failure (mills closing), conflict

(Harvey Pekar's constant grouching), growth (a thriving Iraqi immigrant community) and renewal (moving away only to, finally, return home). Put together, these stories create a new narrative about Cleveland that incorporates but deepens and widens the familiar tropes of manufacturing, stadiums and comebacks.

For more information about "Rust Belt Chic: The Cleveland Anthology, visit <http://www.rust-beltchic.com>

The book signing coincides with Lakewood's annual Chocolate Walk. The Chocolate Walk, which has been described as "trick or treat for adults" is a ticketed event in which participants sample a variety of chocolate goodies from Lakewood merchants. For more information about the Chocolate Walk, visit: <http://downtownlakewood.org/chocolate-walk-3/>

Tease Hair + Body Parlor is located in the heart of Lakewood, 15112 Detroit Ave. Refreshments will be served and the event is free. For information, call the parlor, 216-228-2440.

About Tease

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The "Art Of Marriage" Conference

by Prasti Purdum

Cross Point Church will be hosting a marriage conference Friday and Saturday, November 2-3, 2012. The Art of Marriage event is a video guided conference divided into six dynamic sessions. This event will provide couples with the opportunity to grow and strengthen their marriage relationship.

Location for the conference will be held at The Winchester Music Hall, 12112 Madison Ave. The event runs from 7 - 9:30 p.m. on Friday, November 2 and 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 3. Total cost for the conference is \$40 per couple, which includes manuals, refreshments and lunch on Saturday.

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Sri Lankan Dancer Leads Master Class At Beck

by Fran Storch

Beck Center Dance Education presents two dance master classes in October. The first will be led by Kapila Palihawadana, artistic director of nATANDA Dance Theatre of Sri Lanka on Thursday, October 4 from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. in the Recital Hall of Beck Center's Music-Armory Building.

This master class includes a warm-up session, yoga exercises and exploration of rhythmic moves and improvisation. Dance experience is preferred. There is no charge for this class but students must register by emailing Melanie Szucs, Beck Center's Associate Director of Dance Education, at mszucs@beckcenter.org,

including the student's name and contact information, with "Master Class" in the subject line.

Kapila Palihawadana is in residence with Inlet Dance Theatre through November as part of the Cleveland Foundation's Creative Fusion International Artist Residency Program. He studied traditional dancing in his native country of Sri Lanka, was the principal male dancer of the Channa Upuli Performing Art School and has toured India and Germany. As a choreographer, Kapila creates an innovative dance style blending traditional dance elements with western dance techniques. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from

the University of Kelaniya, is one of the principal dancers of Oosha Garten Ensemble and has performed as a Kandyan and modern dancer.

Inlet Dance Theatre will perform a dance concert featuring work by Kapila Palihawadana on Friday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hanna Theatre at Playhouse Square. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online at playhous-square.org or by calling 216.241.6000.

The second master class will be held on Monday, October 15. The Dance Alliance of Beck Center presents an Intermediate Ballet master class with Christina Hudson of Ballet Magnificat! from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in

the Recital Hall. The cost is \$15 per student. For more information or to register for this master class, please call Melanie Szucs at 216.521.2540, ext. 26. Students may also register the day of the class beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Beck Center's Music-Armory building.

Christina Hudson trained at the Ballet Magnificat! School of the Arts Professional Training Division. She received further instruction and a full scholarship to the USA International Ballet Competition School and American Ballet Theater Summer Intensive. Hudson has been a member of Ballet Magnificat's Alpha Touring Company since 1996.

Beck Center's Dance Education program is one of the most comprehensive and well-respected in Northeast Ohio. Students train with highly qualified, caring dance instructors who have a combined 257 years of experience in the classroom. Programming is available for early childhood students, youth, teens, and adults. Beck Center offers age-appropriate early childhood classes in Preschool Dance, Preballet and Boys Dance, which foster a love of movement and build confidence, coordination and creativity. A comprehensive program for youth and teen students includes seven levels of Ballet, four levels of Contemporary, two levels of Hip Hop, five levels of Jazz, four levels of Pointe, and four levels of Tap. Classes exclusively for adults are offered in Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz and Pointe, as well as our health and wellness programs Gyrokinesis® and Tone & Stretch.

Beck Presents Farcical Comedy "The Little Dog Laughed"

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts presents the smart, satirical comedy "The Little Dog Laughed," October 5 through November 11, in the Studio Theater. There is no performance on Saturday, Nov. 10. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are now on sale.

Directed by Scott Plate, "The Little Dog Laughed" features equity actors Laura Perrotta as the tough-as-nails Hollywood agent Diane and Phil Carroll as Mitchell Green, her closeted movie star client. "The Little Dog Laughed" takes a sharp, humorous look at what happens to you when we live too fast in a world where image is everything," said Plate. "How do we reconcile what we think the world expects from us with what our heart really wants?"

Written by one of Broadway's most

masterful storytellers, Douglas Carter Bean, "The Little Dog Laughed" was nominated for the 2007 Tony Award for Best Play and the GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding New York Theatre. This fast-paced farce is an examination of the scandalous world of Hollywood celebrities that follows the adventures of Mitchell Green, a movie star who could hit it big if it weren't for one persistent problem. His hard-driving Hollywood agent can't seem to keep him in the closet. Will the leading man's career be derailed before it gets started with what his agent describes as Mitchell's "slight recurring case of homosexuality"? Don't miss what the New York Times called "Devastatingly funny, with dizzy, irresistible writing that brings down the house." This production contains adult language and nudity and is recommended for mature audiences ages 17 and older.

Tickets for "The Little Dog Laughed" are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors (65 and older), and \$12 for students (with valid ID). An additional \$3 service fee per ticket is applied at the time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, Oct. 4 is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts are available for parties of 13 or more. Purchase tickets online at beckcenter.org or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540, ext. 10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

Beck Center's production of "The Little Dog Laughed" is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc. and is sponsored by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

Super Saturdays Return To Beck Center

by Fran Storch

Start off your family's weekend creatively with Super Saturdays @ Beck Center. Each month Beck Center offers a free hands-on arts experience for children ages 8 and under. Children and their parents may enjoy these special activities provided by Beck Center in collaboration with various community partners. Super Saturdays take place 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Beck Center's Main Building on select Saturdays each month, October through May. Specific dates and activities are listed below.

October 16, 2012

Kids enjoy creating a fun fall craft with Westfield Great Northern Mall and try out instruments with Beck Center music staff.

November 3, 2012

Cleveland Botanical Garden brings the arts from the garden while Beck Center music faculty shares the fun of drumming.

December 8, 2012

Create a holiday craft with Usborne Books and shop for gifts at "Beck the Halls" featuring works by local artisans.

January 19, 2013

Stimulate your child's creativity with Beck Center visual arts and dance faculty and students.

February 16, 2013

Make-and-take a craft, then enjoy woodwind instruments with Beck Center music instructors as dance students invite the little ones to dance along.

March 16, 2013

Spring into the season with crafty fun from Westfield Great Northern Mall.

April 20, 2013

Flowers are in bloom with Cleveland Botanical Garden and Beck Center musicians make music with brass instruments.

May 4, 2013

Celebrate Mother's Day by making a special gift for Mom with Usborne Books and do some acting with Beck Center's theater faculty.

Mark your calendar today and plan to attend Super Saturdays @ Beck Center each and every month. Super Saturdays are sponsored through the generous support of the Lakewood Arts Festival Association.

Young musicians and their families may also enjoy Hear & Touch the Music at Beck Center – a vibrant new experience in making music on the Mackey Main Stage. Hear & Touch the Music programs are held 10 to 10:30 a.m. on select Saturdays – October 16, November 3, February 16, and April 20.

Each H&T program features a demonstration and narration of an instrument or theme, meeting and hearing a professional musician, and hands-on "Hear & Touch" experience with the featured instrument. In addition, there will be singing, dancing and an activity sheet for each participant to take home. Tickets for Hear & Touch the Music are \$5 per person per date and may be purchased online at beckcenter.org (click on Buy Tickets!) or call Beck Center Customer Services at 216.521.2540, ext. 10 to charge by phone.

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Magnesium: The Other Mineral

by Rachel Anzalone

We hear so much about Calcium: How it's necessary for strong bones and teeth. How deficiencies result in Osteoporosis. How it's necessary for healthy gums and a regular heartbeat. How it helps in the prevention of cardiovascular disease.

What we don't hear a lot about is another necessary mineral, a deficiency of which can dramatically affect the body's ability to regulate that vital nutrient Calcium. Magnesium assists in the uptake and regulation of both Calcium and Potassium. That's right. Without proper levels of Magnesium, the body

simply won't utilize the necessary levels of Calcium. Besides regulating Calcium uptake, Magnesium has an affect on all sorts of body processes.

Magnesium is necessary for proper nerve and muscle impulses and it aids in maintaining the body's proper pH balance. It is necessary to prevent the

calcification (hardening) of soft tissue and protects the arterial linings from stress caused by sudden blood pressure changes. Like Calcium it plays a role in the formation of bone and may also help prevent osteoporosis. In combination with B6, magnesium may help to reduce and dissolve calcium-oxalate kidney stones. Proper levels of magnesium can help prevent depression, dizziness, muscle weakness and twitching, and can help with PMS too.

Magnesium deficiency may be a cause of hypertension, cardiac arrest, asthma, chronic fatigue syndrome, insomnia, and irritable bowel syndrome. Some factors that may increase the need for Magnesium in the body include consumption of alcohol, the presence of fluoride, high levels of zinc and Vitamin D. (And yes, both Vitamin D and Magnesium are needed for Calcium absorption.)

Magnesium is found in plenty of foods, such as dairy, fish, meat and seafood as well as apples, avocados, bananas, brown rice, cantaloupe, green leafy veggies, lima beans, black-eyed peas, soybeans, tofu and whole grains.

Eating a diet rich in these whole foods will help ensure you maintain healthy Magnesium levels. Magnesium can also be supplemented via herbs such as alfalfa, chamomile, hops, horsetail, lemongrass, licorice, nettle, oat straw, raspberry leaf, sage and yellow dock.

Pumpkin Black Bean Soup Recipe

compiled by Josie Duennes in collaboration with Live Well Lakewood

Now that the nights are chilly and the autumn harvest is coming in, we thought we'd give you a heartier, warming soup to try. As with all soups, the quantities shown for ingredients are not written in stone. You can adjust them based on what's in your (or your neighbor's) garden, or what you like. Feel free to substitute other peppers of your choice for ours. Use any hard squash. Butternut is one of the sweetest and most easily found. Have fun with your food and use this as a guideline for a tasty combination of flavors.

- Ingredients
- 1 med. onion, chopped
 - 2 ribs celery, chopped
 - 1 lg. carrot, peeled and chopped
 - 1 med. ancho chile, seeded and diced
 - 1 sm. jalapeno, seeded and diced, optional
 - 2 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
 - 4 cups vegetable stock
 - 1 15oz. can pumpkin puree (feel free to make your own, but we can't tell the difference!)
 - 1 15oz. can black beans, rinsed and drained
 - 2 cups butternut squash, peeled and cubed
 - 2 cups tomatoes, peeled seeded and chopped (or a 15oz. can of diced)
 - 2 tbs. agave nectar (or brown sugar or honey) optional if watching sugar
 - 1 Tbs. oil
 - salt and pepper

- Directions
- Get out your big soup pot and heat the oil a little. Stir the onion, celery and carrot and a little salt til the onion gets translucent. Add in the chiles and garlic and stir some more. Don't let anything brown! Pour in the stock, add the squash and the black beans, reduce the heat to medium and let everything simmer for about 20 minutes. Add everything else, including as much freshly ground pepper as you like and another teaspoon or so of salt. Stir thouroughly but gently to completely blend in the pumpkin. Continue simmering until everything is cooked through but still recognizable. Taste for seasoning and adjust as desired.
- We don't put any in, but this soup would be good with a bit of allspice and/or cumin if you like those flavors.
- Serves 4 as a main dish.



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Business News

Chocolate Walk Alert!

by Paula Reed

Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance's Chocolate Walk is right around the corner, on Thursday, October 25th, 6 - 9 p.m. Last year this hot event sold out in about two weeks. And why would it not? Who doesn't love the subtle scent of the cocoa bean, the sensuous feel of velvety smooth chocolate melting deliciously on your tongue, the explosion of intense, delectable flavor...? And now we hear that a little dark chocolate every day is a health benefit. That just confirms our suspicion that chocolate is nature's perfect food!

New this year, and limited to only 50 party-goers, is the Pre-Walk VIP Party from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. sponsored by Deagan's Kitchen & Bar. We created this enhancement to the evening for those who want to elevate the joy of the chocolate experience to an even greater level of bliss. The \$40 cost includes your Chocolate Walk ticket, a signature chocolate drink prepared especially for the party; a chocolate fountain, and a choice appetizer. VIPs will be given a personalized check-in and a VIP name tag.

Part of the amusement of the evening is discovering a shop or an eatery you haven't explored before; then

there's the element of surprise—each merchant's delicacy is unique, and you don't know till you get there what your little indulgence will be; some people love the entertainment at Rozi's—Cats on Holiday's lively music just energizes and makes you happy; and everyone loves savoring that delicious chocolate.

Chocolate Walk tickets, limited

to 250, are \$25 and go on sale October 1st. They are available online at downtownlakewood.org, or in person at Geiger's, Lion and Blue, Plantation Home, Paisley Monkey and Rozi's. Don't delay, because when they're gone, they're gone, and you don't want to miss your own personal encounter with CHOCOLATE!

Spooky Pooch Parade Returns October 20

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Ave. and St. Charles, behind Lakewood Center North Parking Garage. Dogs must be registered by 1:45 p.m. to march in the parade. There will be a pre-parade festival with a DJ, photo opportunities and the Ohio Air Dogs showcasing frisbee and agility demonstrations. Vendors, rescue groups and other nonprofits with dog-related goods and services will be set-up in the St. Charles Green from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Mad Mouth Gyro Food Truck will also be back again serving delicious food.

Parade pre-registration costs \$10 per dog; \$15 registration the day of the parade. Humans are free. Proceeds from the parade will benefit Downtown Lakewood revitalization efforts

and various dog-related efforts around Lakewood.

Event website and pre-registration can be found online at www.spookypoochparade.com.



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Pulse Of The City

L.A.K.E.W.O.O.D.- A Proposal For Our Times

When my family moved to Lakewood in the 1950s, we were welcomed by many people. There was even a “Welcome Wagon” type of experience, where we were greeted by a wonderful lady bearing a basket and coupons from neighborhood merchants. The church and school system both took us in with equally welcoming gestures, and people on our street quickly became our friends and good neighbors.

That was then. These days, baskets can be hard to find. Especially when young people want to play outdoor basketball, although I do understand that some of that may finally be coming back to more places in our city.

Getting back to my topic, I wonder whether new arrivals to our community are able to receive anything like the welcoming my family experienced? While it seems many new businesses are being welcomed along Detroit Avenue these days, I cannot help but wonder whether we are welcoming new Lakewood residents with equal enthusiasm. While a solid business district is a good sign of a healthy community, I have not heard much about how we, as a community, welcome our new residents. True, that welcome is there if those new residents reach out to our fine community resources and organizations, but exactly how much do we, as a community, reach out to them?

In so many ways, Lakewood is not very different from when my family arrived from Pennsylvania a half-century ago. The welcome that we received back then had a great deal to do with why we chose to stay here all these years. These days, my family feels very blessed to be a part of this city. We presently have a church, we know good tradespeople and shopping preferences, we have a great attorney, and we do business with many Lakewood establishments, a number of which we came in contact with through that first encounter with a Lakewood welcoming person. Many new arrivals, as well as many others already here, may not be aware of the many fine aspects that our city has to offer. Our community probably could be even more proactive in widening our circle of welcoming to include these people.

Recently, I had an idea that our city might institute something that has already been informally practiced by many in the Lakewood Observer community. This concept would simply involve expanding the opportunity to build on the Lakewood Observer’s mission regarding greater community involvement. Perhaps we might call it something like this:

L.A.K.E.- Love and Kindness Enabled W.O.O.D- We Offer Others Dreams

The L.A.K.E.W.O.O.D. concept could simply be a citizens’ volunteer group--or perhaps a community volunteer database comprised of Lakewoodites willing to help others as needs arise. This informal networking association could serve as a welcoming association, and could also help as a fast-response referral service for those in need. This association could include anyone or any business willing to volunteer what they can. This



by Gary Rice

list of volunteers or city services/activities could include the following:

Use of the city’s shuttle buses to give weekly or monthly “this is Lakewood” tours for new residents.

Certificates for new residents covering everything from a bag of groceries to haircuts to music lessons etc... Whatever neighborhood merchants might be willing to provide.

Coupons or even complimentary coffee or meals from area restaurants and coffee shops. Area merchants could also provide their own enticements for new residents.

Volunteer school teachers might be willing to hear about a child’s school problem, possibly even helping with a homework question, or even going with a parent to school for a conference.

Volunteer lawyers or accountants might be willing to provide informal advice to people in a jam.

Tradespeople may be willing to provide advice or even limited free assistance or networking help for the myriad of problems that Lakewoodites face around the house or around town.

Translation services could be made available (some of that is already transpiring through various agencies, but it would still be nice to have some volunteer translators on hand).

Pastors could be listed who would be willing to marry, bury, or just lend an ear as the need arises.

Each and every talent and service in this volunteer group would be needed and necessary, if for no other reason than to show caring and outreach to people who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances (and who among us has not felt that way at one time or another in our lives?) or for those who may be new to our city and unsure of their surroundings. This informal networking association would not be intended to take regular work away from tradespeople, retail merchants, or professionals, nor should it necessarily be a springboard for free advertisements or job solicitations. The free help provided would necessarily be limited in scope, and would therefore be generally non-commercial in nature.

The L.A.K.E.W.O.O.D. vision should probably not become a heavily formalized organization either. No unnecessary monies should be involved, or received, by volunteers. Only a modest expense account should suffice. All that would be needed would be YOUR help, and perhaps

a loan of a desk, phone, internet access and possibly even a website, and of course the willingness to go forward to help others. The bare bones of the operation could function out of a church office, or perhaps even some former broom closet. By its nature, this sort of thing would be confidential and informal and mostly non-governmental in nature. Some people would rather talk informally with a caring person one-on-one before the official “system” comes into play.

Of course, L.A.K.E.W.O.O.D. volunteers should somehow be screened and trained, and would have to abide by the law regarding the reporting of crimes or abuses, as would any citizen. Those particular messages would need to be stated to every caller at the begin-

ning of every call. Lakewood citizens helping other citizens at the grass roots level might help to avoid having matters reach boiling points as well. This group might not simply address poverty-related issues either. Even the wealthy sometimes do not know where to turn. We all need someone who we can trust to talk with from time to time.

While I am not aware of the legalities or other details involved with implementing such a service, I thought that initiating this discussion might be worth our time. For far too long, there have been those who have worried unduly about the transient nature of our city and its new arrivals. There are, however, many people over the years who came here and realized that Lakewood was, and remains, a vibrant and ever-evolving city of caring people and businesses. There are also many Lakewoodites who remember how it was when they first arrived here. They remember that they were cared about and welcomed. Rather than worrying about new arrivals, let’s welcome them with open hearts and arms, as we were once welcomed ourselves!

L.A.K.E.W.O.O.D.: volunteer Lakewood residents greeting new residents and helping other residents in their time of need. What do you think? Our city could even become a national model for welcoming new arrivals. We already do many things right that way. What more might we consider doing?

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Lakewood Living

60s Highway Construction Changed Lakewood's Landscape

by Thomas George

Massive new highway expansion forever changed the face of the United States, Ohio and Lakewood during the 1960s and 70s.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower had, in 1956, signed into law the Federal Aid Highway Act, which funded the construction of 41,000 miles of four-lane, interstate highways at a cost of \$25 billion.

Prior to interstate highways, many roads connecting cities were simply two lanes. Almost all of them travelled through small- and medium-sized towns and were the main commercial streets in these municipalities. As a result, a drive from Cleveland to Columbus along Rte. 42 was a six-hour journey replete with numerous traffic lights and stops. Today a driver zips to Columbus along adjacent I-71 in two hours.

Eisenhower, according to History.com, said construction of the modern four-lane highways would "eliminate unsafe roads, inefficient routes, traffic jams and all other things that got in the way of speedy, safe travel." Other highway advocates argued, according to the same site, that the new highways would, "in the case of atomic attack on our key cities ... allow for quick evacuation of target areas."

As a result, throughout the nation, new roads were designed and constructed.

The Cuyahoga County Engineer during this period was Albert Porter. Porter, a Lakewood High School and Ohio State graduate, was a man on a mission who took seriously his job and eagerly engaged in the new road construction mania.

A countywide freeway blueprint, the Comprehensive Arterial Highway Plan, was unveiled that connected virtually every Cleveland neighborhood and suburb to the interstate highway system.

At the time, little discussion was directed toward the new highways' negative impact on city neighborhoods or the ensuing urban sprawl.

As a part of this plan, state and local planners designed I-90, named the Northwest Freeway, on Cleveland's west side to connect Lakewood and western suburbs to the larger grid.

According to the Comprehensive Arterial Highway Plan as presented to the Cuyahoga County Commissioners, "two principal alternative locations have been proposed for the Northwest Freeway. One is a Lake Erie shore location proposed by the Regional Association and the other is a route adjacent to Lakewood Heights Boulevard as proposed by the Regional Planning Commission." The County proceeded with the route adjacent to

Lakewood Heights Boulevard despite the report's caution that "Right of way costs and property damages would be higher than for the lakeshore route."

Lakewood's contribution to this "progress" included demolition of 130 homes along the south end of the city. Entire neighborhoods were lost, abruptly splitting streets like Woodward, Niagara, and Northland from their other half and from the rest of Lakewood.

The Lakewood portion of I-90 was plagued by construction delays, engineering issues and litigation. County construction on I-90 began in 1965 and the Lakewood portion of the road didn't open until thirteen years later on Nov. 4, 1978. Engineers found that the interchange originally planned for Riverside Drive was unworkable, so a new interchange was designed and constructed for nearby McKinley Avenue. As a result of these changes and ongoing concerns raised by Lakewood officials and private citizens, homes in the right of way acquired for the road, remained abandoned and vacant for an extended period prior to their eventual demolition and pursuant road construction.

Meanwhile, on the other end of town, the long-planned Lake/Clifton bridge was taking shape. Prior to construction of the bridge, westbound Clifton Blvd. traffic travelled down West Clifton to Sloane, and then over the Detroit Bridge to Rocky River. The proposed bridge would serve as a shortcut and time saver and connect drivers directly to Lake Road in Rocky River.

Some readers may wonder why the "old" McDonald's was situated on Sloane Avenue. At the time of its construction in 1963 and prior to erecting the Lake/Clifton bridge, Sloane was a main commuter highway to the western suburbs.

This "connection" to Lake Road in Rocky River was also first proposed in the mid-50s. City officials, including then-Mayor Frank Celeste, vigorously fought the highways' construction, and numerous court actions delayed con-

struction.

In Clifton Park, the "new road," as it was dubbed by residents, caused the relocation of eight stately homes and cut the Park in half...as it remains today. The semi-secluded stately residential tenor of the Park was permanently damaged.

After several years of delay, in 1965, the road and the Lake/Clifton bridge opened.

In the late 1980s when the City dedicated Frank Celeste Park at the corner of West Clifton, Celeste's son, Governor Richard F. Celeste, noted the appropriateness of naming the city park after his father, given the fierce opposition Mayor Celeste had expressed to the "new road."

Engineer Porter, who served as Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party from 1963 to 1969, justified the countywide road construction as needed progress. As miles of new interstate highways were planned or constructed in the County, he fought increasing residential resistance to his plans. At one point he wrote a snappy, well-publicized letter in reply to an Olmsted Falls schoolgirl who questioned a new road project in her community.

Porter was finally booted from office when he tried to extend the Clark freeway through the Shaker Lakes nature preserve on the east side, linking central Cleveland with Pepper Pike.

According to the Oct. 11, 2011 Sun News, Porter asked in 1963 about Shaker Lakes, "it's a dinky little park with a two bit duck pond. [Is it] worth the \$12-14 million and 400 homes to go around it?"

Shaker residents, many of whom were silent or supportive in regards to road construction projects in other parts of the county, answered with a resounding "yes".

Porter was defeated for re-election in 1976, but his vision of a countywide superhighway system and its impact on Lakewood lives today.

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Lakewood Living

Home Not Selling? It's Not Personal, It's Probably Price

by Chris Bergin

Home sellers face a new reality as they look to move up, down, in or out of their American dream in today's market. Consumers, particularly those who purchased their homes within the last five years, often find their options limited by a lack of equity. Those who can sell are sometimes numbed by deflated home prices and find it difficult to justify yesterday's valuations with today's reality.

Many home sellers have dug in on price hoping to lose no additional ground. Others seem to have taken this market personally, letting emotions override analysis when setting price. Buyer sentiment has shifted as well, centered on maximum value with abundant amenities – resulting in stalemates and homes languish-

ing on the market. Both sides should be realistic as comparable sales and local-market dynamics still determine fair-market value.

And there are compelling reasons to be realistic and make a move now. Sellers, assuming their objective is to buy another home, can capitalize on some of the lowest mortgage interest rates on record and an inventory of homes at attractive prices. So while they will sell for less, they will also buy for less and with significantly cheaper borrowing costs.

Of course, professional sales representation is essential in this transitioning market or any other. As the local experts, they'll help set fair-market prices using factual reference points, such as an appraisal, comparable sales and personal knowledge to

help estimate market value. Today, a house priced at or slightly below market value will attract the interest of real estate professionals and buyers, while overpricing chases them away. Even if the sellers adjust their prices later, it's difficult to recapture buyer interest.

Sales professionals develop comprehensive marketing strategies to sell a home. They generally use open houses, yard signs, Internet exposure, MLS, newspaper ads, brochures, cutting-edge technology and other means to market properties.

Beyond that, they counsel sellers on other conditions that may keep sellers' homes on the market, including:

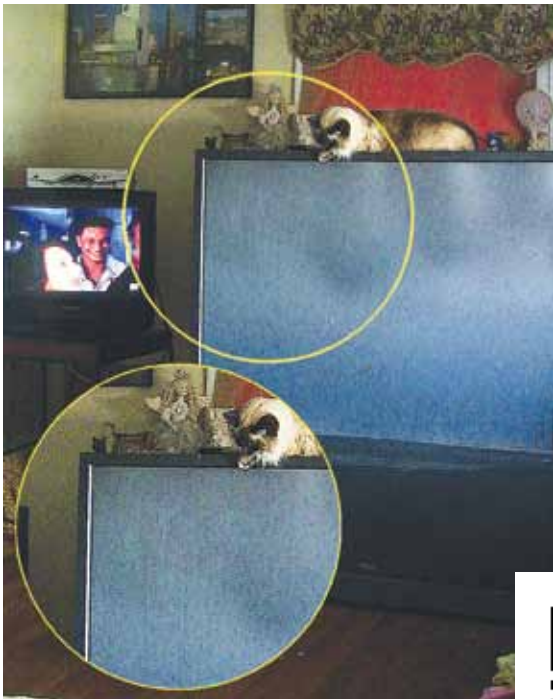
Condition and appearance. Sellers shouldn't rely on buyers to use their imagination; they need to capture it. Remember that buyers may see seven or eight homes in a single day. The most memorable home will be the one that seemed the brightest, the most spacious, and the most cheerful. This invariably means rearranging and eliminating furniture, removing excess knickknacks and so on, to create an open, uncluttered look. Outside, do a visual check of the front of the house from across the street. Does it have curb appeal? It should look inviting, with a trimmed lawn and a freshly painted front door. A real estate professional can offer some guidance in this area.

Terms/conditions. Even if the home is accurately priced, and the buyer is delighted with what he or she sees, if the buyer can't live with the terms of the sale, he or she may walk away. Keep an open mind on terms and conditions and evaluate how they may affect a potential sale.

Incentives. Offering incentives can be just the impetus a potential buyer needs to choose your property over others. Consider offering a carpet upgrade. Don't need the lawn equipment or snow thrower? Offer to leave it behind. And those "used" appliances, leave them with the house. So many deals die due to seller and buyer arguing over a used appliance. You could even offer to pay for a professional home inspection or a home warranty, or pay closing costs.

Indeed, real estate opportunities abound for sellers and buyers who can come to terms with today's market conditions. A qualified real estate professional will help you navigate the market, protect your interests and keep you moving toward your housing dreams. You can stay up to date with local market conditions at www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info.

Dead TV Provides Possible Glimpse Of The Resurrection



by Jennifer Leder

My old TV died a few days ago. I was about to throw it out on the tree lawn on Athens in Lakewood when someone noticed the image of a "weeping Jesus Christ" on the upper left side. The cat seems to see it. So Instead of throwing it away, I put it up for sale on EBay. Just the screen panel-not the entire TV. I am not religious, maybe someone more appropriate wants it.

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