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As City Cleans Up From Hurricane Sandy

KLB Beautiful Home Awards Go On

By Dan Morgan

Hurricane Sandy may have left its mark on our fair city, but that's not stopping Keep Lakewood Beautiful from awarding its annual "Beautiful Home Awards."

Keep Lakewood Beautiful is a City of Lakewood committee comprised of volunteers who work to promote citizen involvement and investment toward the beauty of Lakewood through green space activity, litter prevention, and recycling efforts; the commit-

tee also encourages individual environmental education. The committee's activities include an annual Clean-up Day, Adopt-a-Spot program, Humus Sales, Earth Day Event and Beautiful Home Awards.

The Beautiful Home Awards are awarded to one home in each school district in order to include a wide range of home values and styles. The nominations are accepted, in July and August, from friends, neighbors, and often even the home owners themselves. The

board of directors from Keep Lakewood Beautiful then divide the school districts up among themselves and deter-

mine the winners based on 3 major criteria: landscaping, house maintenance, and overall beauty of the property.

The first thing that most people consider is curb appeal, because we see many of our
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Three Local Organizations Making One Big Difference

by Lisa Calfee

When a person with disabilities enters the workforce, everyone benefits. And while the rewards are great, it's difficult to make that initial connection between an enthusiastic employee and an employer who needs the help. Knowing where to find a job, how to apply online or write a resume are challenging for all of us. Having a disability can make it feel hopeless.

Ask Judy Abner and she'll tell you she is feeling anything but hopeless in spite of a problem with her eyesight that makes it hard to find a job. She's

used to waiting at the bus stop near her home on Cleveland's Eastside for the long ride to Lakewood's Trinity Lutheran Church where she is getting job search training from a Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP) program.

LEAP has been helping people with disabilities in Northeast Ohio live independent lives for 30 years. Finding employment is a key step towards independence and a central goal of this non-profit program. Trinity Lutheran Church became a LEAP site this summer.

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Lakewood Students Shine During Regional Orchestra Performance



by Randy Varcho

Southern Florida College professor Arthur Pranno conducts the Northeast Ohio Regional Orchestra during its Nov. 4 performance at Cleveland State University. Several Lakewood High School stu-

dents performed with the orchestra, including Cooper Brown, Devon Caskey, Moira Horn, Kendall King, Chelsea Polk, Tayler Schnear, Jimmy Toner, Danny Toner, Irina Vatamanu and Nora Varcho.

Lakewood Observes Veterans Day



A low level aerial photo by Craig Lovejoy, captures Lakewood observing Veterans Day 2012. More photos inside and online!

Community Comes Together As Sandy Hits Lakewood

by David Anderson

Councilman Ward 1

Kudos To Mayor Summers And His Team In Responding To "Superstorm Sandy"

We knew it was coming. A special session of Council was held to deal with the issue of whether or not to invest tax dollars in a new, state-of-the-art emergency response center – how ironic. Fire Chief Scott Gilman arrived right at 7:30 p.m. and said more than 40 emergency storm related calls had already been received. We knew it was going to get worse. The lights at City Hall began to flicker as we adjourned an hour later.

The next morning was quite a scene. "Superstorm Sandy" blew down hundreds of trees, left one in four Lakewood residents without power and caused minor or major damage to at least 35 homes. I sat in on a meeting Mayor Summers held with his directors that Tuesday while the winds were



Lakewood crews worked non-stop getting everything ready for First Energy who were shorthanded with crews.

still wild. The Mayor's team was focused on inventorying all the damage, clearing roads for the electric crews, securing dangerous areas, providing key information to First Energy for its power restoration plan and providing immediate food and warmth to the most vulnerable. Work was also underway to make sure the medically fragile had access to Lakewood Hospital and conversations

were beginning with the American Red Cross to deliver meals to specific buildings and set up a shelter at Garfield Middle School. (Let's remember that our police officers and firemen were performing regular duties while working overtime on the recovery effort.)

I came away from that meeting knowing the administration was completely on
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Lakewood Public Library's Spelling Bee Champions



Our winners this year were Robert Adams a home schooled 2nd grader, in second place was Theo Hoelker from St. Marks also a 2nd grader, and third place was Jane Jusko a 4th grader from Ruffing Montessori.



This fall the Lakewood Public Library had 14 participants in the Spelling Bee for second to fourth graders. We are proud of all who made it to the championship round.

LCA Cross Country Team Strides to Repeat Championship

by Gretchen Bulan

The 2012 CYO Cross Country season concluded Saturday, October 13th with the Diocesan Championship for Intermediate (Varsity) Level boys and girls (7th & 8th grade) teams at Hudson Springs Park. Lakewood Catholic Academy's (LCA) boys' team won first place in the Diocesan Championship for the second season in a row, overcoming challenges and injuries to bring home a final win. The team's overall score was based on the finishing positions of the top five runners from the team.

The scoring finishers for LCA were Shawn Gaspar (7th), Stephen O'Sullivan (11th), Patrick Nolan (12th), Michael Trentel (19th) and Liam McGuire (30th). In addition to winning the Championship, the boys also won the North Division season series by winning four of their six regular-season meets.

The LCA girls' team placed fourth in the Diocesan Championship meet on October 13, edging out another team by just two points. Top finishers were Maggie Wagner (2nd), Laura Kolenz (16th), Claudia Becker (23rd), Alana Vovk (30th), and Emma Becker (59th). The girls' team also placed 4th in the North Division season series.

Varsity coach, Gabe Gaspar applauded the efforts of this year's teams.

"The boys worked very hard this season in order to repeat [last year's success]. Each week, the boys pushed

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Lakewood City Council

Council Creates A Tree Task Force

by Christopher Bindel

Council President Brian Powers called the November 6, 2012 meeting of Council together at 7:27 P.M. The first order of business was to excuse the absence of Councilman Tom Bullock (Ward II) who was running late but was believed to be showing up later. Council approved the notion unanimously, excusing him.

Councilman Powers then read a communication asking Council to consider passing a resolution creating a Tree Task Force. In his communication Powers cites that, as the name of the city indicates, trees are important to Lakewood. He said, “we love their cooling effect in Summer and their beauty in the Fall.” However, he continued to say, the great majority of the large trees we enjoy today were planted in the 1910-1930 period and therefore are coming to the end of their life span. While the City wishes to protect and prolong the life of the City’s existing trees, it also has a responsibility to protect the safety of the citizens and their homes. In order to help the city be a good steward of Lakewood’s current urban forest and advocate for reforestation efforts, Powers recommends the creation of the Task Force to put a plan together to help the city reach these ends.

The Tree Task Force will consist of five members, three being appointed by council and two by the Mayor, as well as a member from Council and the Public Works Director. It will exist for one year in which they have 9 months to develop a plan to deliver to Council and the Mayor. After reporting they may continue to work if necessary but will disband after one year. If Council decides the Task Force’s work is not

done by the end of the year they can extend their existence with new legislation.

In closing his remarks, Councilman Powers said that this resolution was written up before Hurricane Sandy hit, but the storm resonates with the points of creating the Task force.

After a few questions from Council members, Council passed the resolution creating the Tree Task Force.

Next, in the absence of the Director of Human Services, a representative of the Department asked Council to pass a resolution that would allow the City to accept funds from the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court to help fund Lakewood’s Juvenile Diversion Program. The Program is a collaborative effort of the Division of Youth, Police Department, and the Law Department. The objective is to decrease the likelihood that youths will fall through the cracks of the juvenile justice system and assist them in taking responsibility for their actions. The program also encourages the youths to give back to their community by becoming involved.

Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan (Ward IV) asked how many people this program has served. The representative said that in 2011, 143 youths went through the program with only two of them being charged with another offense. For 2012, up through September, there have been 111 youths with none re-offending.

Councilman Powers said that he had been contacted by Director Buckon before the meeting and told that there

was a short time frame on the resolution and asked if it could be passed on first reading. Having supported this program many times in the past with similar funding sources, Council passed the resolution.

After coming to the end of the agenda items a few members of the public addressed Council. One was concerned with parking on Madison Avenue and asked Council or the administration to consider paving vacant lots for more parking. The second person was a relatively new resident to Lakewood who wanted to thank the Mayor and the administration for their hard work and response during Hurricane Sandy. He said the Mayor’s twitter was very helpful in keeping everyone up-to-date on what was going on during the storm and recovery.

Following the resident, Councilman Powers, Councilwoman Madigan and Councilman David Anderson (Ward I) all also thanked the Mayor and the Administration for their diligence during and after the storm. Particularly, everyone commented on the City’s work with the power companies and their helping to get the power back to citizens as fast as possible.

The Mayor then updated Council on the last week, and what the City had learned. To start, before any of the

power went out the Mayor had a meeting with Fire Chief Gilman on the best plan of attack when they power goes out. By Tuesday morning 15,000 Lakewood residents were without power, unfortunately nothing could be fixed until Wednesday afternoon when the winds started to die down. The Mayor said that they had tree crews work with the electric company so they could get in there and clear out the trees and have them get right in and fix the lines. The City stayed in almost constant contact with CEI and even at times with the electric company’s CEO and corporate management officers.

The Mayor also said he and the city owe the American Red Cross a lot of gratitude for coming to Lakewood and setting up an emergency shelter for what turned out to be 200 residents.

In closing he said he thinks the City and residents have much to be proud of in the way they handled the storm and the clean-up and repairs. Also he said they will continue to look at their response so they can find ways to improve it for future situations. He said he would really like to hear from those who felt like they were left out of the loop or didn’t know what was going on, and would like to hear how they think things could have been improved for them. In part, he said, the problem in getting the word out was those who needed to be contacted didn’t have power and therefore there was no way to reach them.

With no further business Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:21 P.M.

Three Local Organizations Making One Big Difference

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Opening up the church for the LEAP program was an easy decision for Pastor Paula Maeder Connor. Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach (TLCO) is always looking for better ways to serve the community. It is an Ohio Benefit Bank site and offers food, clothes, health screenings and four community meals a month.

Without a volunteer to cook the evening’s community meal, Pastor Paula stands at the stove in the church basement stirring 20 pounds of ground beef. Like TLCO, she fills in where it’s needed, “We are trying to be present with folks who are hurting right here in the neighborhood where we are.” Sometimes that means serving a chili hotdog and sometimes that means providing a computer.

But computers weren’t something Trinity Lutheran could provide for the LEAP participants. According to Christy Wise, the LEAP job coach at the Trinity site, finding a job today means having access to a computer. So Wise started passing her laptop around the group of six. It proved awkward and inefficient. She decided a trip to Lakewood Public Library might help.

A week later John Guscott, Man-

ager of Adult and Electronic Services suggested the group could use the library’s Learning Lab. It offered a classroom atmosphere, plenty of computers and a projector where the job seekers made rapid progress. And it’s where Judy Abner gave her first power point presentation.

“Our Learning Lab is perfect for groups like LEAP. We are always looking for new ways to match our facilities with the needs of patrons,” says Guscott.

Judy Abner agrees. She rides by a lot of libraries on her way to Lakewood, “I love this library, and it’s so quiet. I can get so much work done without a lot of noise going on.”

If, like LEAP, the Learning Lab would be a perfect place for your group, please contact Manager John Guscott at (216)-226-8275, ext. 121.

For more information about the LEAP program, visit www.leapinfo.org.

If you need help or feel the need to help (or cook for community meals!) please visit www.trinitylakewood.org or call Trinity Lutheran Church at (216) 226-8087.

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Don't Fall Prey To Storm Chasers

Use LakewoodAlive's Contractor Referral Guide

by Laura Krawczyk

In the aftermath of last week's SuperStorm Sandy, it's important to be cautious of those who are looking to prey on vulnerable residents seeking to repair damage to their property. "Storm chasers" can be disreputable contractors or even outright scam artists, who solicit home repair work door-to-door in the wake of a natural disaster. Despite enticing offers of cheap repairs done quickly, these companies often overcharge and/

or do shoddy work.

LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Program connects residents with information to help them make informed decisions based on peer-evaluations. In addition to the following tips on how to hire a quality contractor, LakewoodAlive has compiled over 350 evaluations submitted by Lakewood home owners. These are available online at <http://lakewoodalive.com/contractors.html> and also at the Lake-

woodAlive offices. The evaluations are written by residents regarding the contractor they worked with and are sorted into building trades.

Lakewood home owners should be wary of anyone approaching them about "special" offers to repair roofs, replace siding, or remove trees. Many of these storm chasers will use high-pressure sales tactics urging you to sign a contract immediately, saying that their schedule will be booked soon, or that your home is unsafe and the repairs are urgent.

Additionally, it is illegal for contractors to work in the city of Lakewood if they are not licensed and insured. The names and contact information of all registered contractors in Lakewood can be found at http://onelakewood.com/PublicSafety/Housing_Building/RegisteredContractors.aspx, or by calling the Department of Housing & Building at (216) 529-6270.

While offers of cheap and immediate repairs may be tempting, due diligence in finding a quality contractor may be well worth your time.

- You cannot avoid paying an insurance deductible on a claim. Any contractor that suggests otherwise is committing insurance fraud.

- Get at least three written estimates from different contractors, and ask for references and examples of work they've done in the area.

- Don't let any work begin without a written, signed contract that includes the company's name, address, and license number, a start date, completion date, warranty on materials and workmanship, and a cost breakdown for labor and materials. Ensure that the wording is specific, and spells out what type of product will be used and what repairs will be completed. Also include



photo by Jim O'Bryan

a right-to-rescind clause, typically in three days' time, during which you can cancel the contract without penalty.

- Never pay the full amount upfront – a typical down payment should be no more than one-third of the total price. Use either checks or credit cards. If you pay by check, only make it payable to a company, not an individual.

- Verify with your insurance company what is covered under your policy, and what documentation is required. Keep all receipts, including any for food or temporary lodging that may be covered under your policy.

- Check with the Better Business Bureau and the local building department to see if there have been complaints filed against the company.

LakewoodAlive is a nonprofit economic development corporation whose mission is to facilitate economic stability and growth in the City of Lakewood. LakewoodAlive creates alliances with community leaders, leverages community assets and expands the pool of available resources to protect and enhance Lakewood's quality of life. The LakewoodAlive Housing Outreach Program can be reached at (216) 521-1554.

Lakewood's Fifth Annual Mayor's Ball A Huge Success



photo by Jim O'Bryan

The Ott family, Nicky Ott Wills, Adam Wills, Emily Hilty, Dan Ott, Kathy Ott, Steve Ott, recipient of the Key To To The City, and Mayor Michael P. Summers.

The 5th Annual Mayor's Ball happened just as we were going to press. Go to the Lakewood Observer website of Facebook and see 42 more photos from the night. It was a great night of fun while raising money for the Beck Center and Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation. The Beck Center is quickly becoming the hot spot for parties and social functions.



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Gordon and Susan Geiger with Susan and David Krebs

Nature's Bin Provides Food To Local Community In Time Of Crisis

by Mary Johnson

Hurricane Sandy has taken its toll on much of the East Coast as well as many homes and businesses in the local community, including Nature's Bin, a full service natural foods market in Lakewood which has been without power since 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 29.

"With no electricity to the store, we were forced to keep our food cold with dry ice and a refrigerated truck," stated Scott Duennes, Executive Director of Cornucopia/Nature's Bin. "Our goal was to not let the food expire, but without electricity we have reached our limit in keeping the food cold."

Due to the unforeseen circumstances of Hurricane Sandy, Nature's Bin knew there were plenty of people and organizations in the local community that could benefit from the store's misfortune of no electricity.

On Wednesday, Oct. 31, Nature's Bin reached out to St. Augustine's Hunger Center on West 14th Street and

donated hundreds of items – roughly 40 large garbage bags of frozen fruit and vegetables, frozen pastas, lasagna, burritos, pizzas, rice bowls, frozen potatoes, onion rings and more.

On Thursday, Nov. 1, hundreds of prepared meals and bakery items from the deli at Nature's Bin were donated to the Lakewood Division of Aging and the American Red Cross Shelter at Garfield Middle School in Lakewood.

"It's times like these when we are glad to rally around those organizations that support so many," stated Mary Johnson, assistant executive director at Nature's Bin. "We hope that the food donated by Nature's Bin was able to provide a healthy meal to someone who otherwise might have gone without."

While Nature's Bin does not know when the store will reopen or when the electricity will be restored, it does know that it reached out to those in need during a time of crisis.

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top of all aspects of the situation. I also commend Mayor Summers, Police Chief Malley, Fire Chief Gilman, Director Beno and other city leaders for not throwing caution to the wind (no pun intended) by putting city workers – our neighbors – carelessly in harm’s way. Yes, we all wanted trees cleared and power restored as soon as possible. However, despite all the heavy lifting in wet and cold conditions, not one city employee was injured in the recovery effort. Equally as amazing to me is the fact that, to the best of our knowledge, not one resident was injured directly by the storm.

Personally, my house was without power for just over a day and we sustained a bit of damage to a section of roof. I did respond to dozens of phone calls and visited many homes of neighbors concerned that their outages may not be on First Energy’s radar screen.



These were not small trees we were losing.

I collected and reported addresses to the Mayor’s office and our First Energy liaison. I am certain my Council colleagues had similar visits and communications throughout the week.

It is obvious not enough First Energy crews were in place to restore electric service in a timely manner to residents of Lakewood, Cleveland, Rocky River, Avon, etc. after the winds and weather calmed down. Also, communication from First Energy wasn’t as consistent as we would have liked. I would expect that these and other areas for improvement will be communicated in the near future to First Energy by Lakewood and our fellow West Shore communities.

I offer the following, though, as an interesting comparison. Lakewood’s emergency services must be ready to respond effectively to urgent situations at the drop of a hat. For example, Lakewood has 20 firefighters on the clock at all times. It is rare that all 20 are needed at the exact same time. But, when such emergencies occur we had better have the 20 in the fire stations and ready to go. This is a high and expensive standard but ultimately is not negotiable. Providing this level of service is a primary role of local government we all as taxpayers should feel comfortable in the fact that we have the needed number of dedicated firemen and police officers to get the job done.

To conclude, I am proud of our city employees and applaud Mayor Summers’ entire team for working tirelessly in leading us through a hard week.

Yours in service
David W. Anderson – Councilman, Ward 1



Downtown Lakewood at 10 p.m. the night of the storm, all the lights are off. This is looking east from CVS Pharmacy. Over 100 photos online!



Mark "Shane" Phillips, framed by Mayor Summers (L) and Mayor Patton (R) at Garfield Shelter.

"Say Goodbye To Sandy" Party Rocks Garfield Shelter

by Gary Rice

Last Thursday, November 1, an impromptu "Say Goodbye To Sandy" party was held at the Garfield School Shelter for area residents whose lives had been disrupted by the winds of Hurricane Sandy. Former Lakewood resident, professional entertainer, and Vietnam veteran Mark "Shane" Phillips and I dropped by to play and sing some music in order to lift the spirits of those most affected locally by the late, unlamented, and unloved Sandy. The informal and utterly unofficial "Say goodbye to Sandy" event marked a good time for all concerned. Shane provided his always exceptional combination of all-occasion, sing-a-long, and dance music with a one-man-band show. Shane even had the CERC volunteers line-dancing! I accompanied Shane on specialty songs, and performed a solo tribute to the victims of Sandy by playing "Silent Night" on the solo guitar, and "Amazing Grace" on the musical saw.

Garfield was packed with perhaps 100 people needing assistance. In addition to all of the resources that were provided by CERC, (the community volunteer response group) the Red Cross, and the schools, a number of Lakewood businesses also contributed to the cause.

Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers was present, lending support with Fairview Park Mayor Eileen Ann Patton, as we shared Lakewood’s Garfield Shelter during this crisis with other West Side residents in the spirit of inter-community cooperation, during this time of need.

Garfield’s smooth-running shelter and its occupants had little trouble saying goodbye to Sandy.



Live wires were on the ground all over the city. Here on Sloane Ave. the police guarded the wires for two days.



You often see a house damaged, here a tree takes down part of a brick apartment building.

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Veterans Day

Garfield Honors Veterans At Annual Program



A veteran shares his photo album with Garfield student Nicole Mikhail.

by Christine Gordillo

Veterans from across generations and from all branches of the Armed Forces gathered on Wednesday, November 7 at Garfield Middle School as part of the 16th Annual Veterans Day Recognition Program hosted by Garfield staff, students, PTSA and the Help2Others (H2O) service group.

Veterans from wars stretching from World War II to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts shared breakfast with non-combat veterans, spouses and students, who listened intently to the veterans' stories and looked on in fascination at some of the photos and other memorabilia the veterans brought to share.

Following the breakfast, an all-school assembly honored the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform. Principal Mark Walter, Superintendent Jeff Patterson and Mayor Michael Summers urged the students to be mindful of the sacrifices veterans have made over the years so that they can enjoy their freedom.

"This is a good reminder for each of us that our republic exists because of the hard work of these veterans," Mayor Summers said. "I hope each of you in your own way find a way to serve

just as these veterans have done."

After the remarks by Principal Walter, Superintendent Patterson and the Mayor, the Garfield band paid tribute to the veterans by playing the Armed Forces on Parade, a medley of fight songs from all the branches. As each song was played, veterans from the respective branch stood and were honored.

The students and veterans also heard from Lakewood High graduate John Brich, '65, a Vietnam War veteran and the current Maintenance Supervisor for the district. Brich shared his experiences from boot camp through his discharge from the military.

He ended his remarks by telling the audience, "We must never forget our veterans...those who paid the ultimate price with their lives...It is because of them we enjoy the freedom we do today."

The assembly also recognized the efforts of students and staff who helped put together about 20 care packages that will be shipped to veterans serving overseas, along with letters of thanks and support written by the students.

The winners of the Patriot Essay Contest, sponsored by the Edgewater VFW Post 387, were honored, as was eighth-grader Nate Young, who was awarded the Joseph A. Mazzarella Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Finally, Richard Healy, commander of the Lakewood-Rocky River Joint Veterans Council, presented Principal Walter with a Certificate of Recognition for the many years Garfield has honored veterans and the additional ways in which the school community has served the veterans, such as with care packages and letters to troops.



Former Harding Band Director and World War II veteran Bob Rice conducted the Garfield band in his original composition, The American Veterans' Last Salute.



Mayor Michael P. Summers(left) and Eric Sandy(right) listen to Key Note Speaker, Colonel David W. Taylor, Special Forces Branch (USAR - retired) speak to the Veterans and family members.



Lakewood Police Officer and Veteran Patrick Foye watches with his sons.



Lakewood Poet Laureate Bill Knittle reads his poem, "What is a Veteran?"

92 year-old WWII Vet Robert Rice Conducts Two Concerts In One Day!

by Gary Rice

Retired Lakewood Schools Band Director and WWII veteran Robert Rice once again donned his military uniform on November 7th to commemorate America's veterans by conducting the Garfield Middle School band in a performance of his original "American Veterans Last Salute March" at Garfield School's annual veterans observance. Rice then proceeded to the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky to conduct the Cleveland area Shrine Band with the same march for an appreciative group of vets, many of whom being his WWII era peers.

The American Veterans Last Salute March was composed by Rice and his son Gary, for the purpose of remembering America's veterans.



Veterans come in from all over to join with Lakewoodites in our observation of Veterans Day.



Lakewood High Band gets ready to play.



More photos online at: <http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=11374>

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Kim Yanoshik's Lakewood Daily Snap Comes To Lakewood Public Library



One of Yanoshik's Lakewood Daily Snaps

by Elaine Rosenberger

No one captures Lakewood as well as photographer and blogger Kim Yanoshik. Since June of 2008, Yanoshik has been posting striking images of our city at www.lakewooddailySnap.com. Now Yanoshik brings her favorite Lakewood Daily Snaps to the big screen on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakewood Public Library's Main Auditorium. But before she does, she sits down to answer some questions about herself and her work:

Q: Where did you get the idea for Lakewood Daily Snap?

KY: Through blogging I learned of a group called the City Daily Photo – it's a loosely organized group of photographers around the world who take pictures of the towns in which they live. The CDP website describes their portal as "a place where each day hundreds of photo bloggers from around the world bring you a photograph of the city in which they live."

Q: What type of camera(s) do you use?

KY: A Canon digital SLR, Rebel T1i to be exact

Q: How long have you lived in Lakewood, and what do you enjoy most about the city?

KY: I have been living in Lakewood since May 2005. The most – the people, the community spirit, and the city's pedestrian-centered-ness.

Q: Tell the readers a little about yourself.

KY: After many years working in medical education (I'm trained as a health sociologist), I decided to retire early and nurture my artistic interests. I still keep a finger in the health care arena; however, these days most of my freelance work is on creative projects – both photography and also quilting (I do commissioned quilts that span the life cycle). I especially enjoy traveling, museums, film, and I love food – both eating and cooking. Although I'm a true blue "city mouse," for me, there's nothing better than to spend the day in nature.

Q: When/how did you first get interested in photography?

KY: I've been interested in photography since childhood. I was eight when

my father, who was also an incurable shutterbug, gave me my first camera – I am coming upon my 50th anniversary of being attached to a camera.

Q: What do you most enjoy photographing?

KY: At the risk of making a bad pun, I have to say the thing I enjoy most about photography is that it allows me to focus on aspects of my world in a measured and deliberate way. For me there is a certain joy and spiritual dimension to taking photographs which is hard to describe. Perhaps the best way to put it is to say that I find photography is Zen-like - I can be both thoroughly engaged in what I am doing and thoroughly lost.

Q: What shot are you most proud of and why?

KY: Yikes, that is a very difficult question – it is like asking a parent "what child are you most proud of" – however, the photos I am most proud of are ones that capture something special – and that specialness can be as varied as light reflecting on a bridge at sunset, an expression on someone's face, or seeing a new world in the reflection.

Q: What's the most interesting feedback you've ever gotten for one of your snaps?

KY: I love hearing that one of my photographs made someone see or feel something unexpected.

Q: Whose work do you admire?

KY: The photographers I most admire are the social documentary photographers such as Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, Robert Frank, and Diane Arbus to name but a few. Last year when I was visiting New York I went to an exhibit at the Jewish Museum entitled "The Radical Camera" about the New York Photo League which existed from 1936-1951. The work, images, and commitment of the photographers in this group was so inspiring. Recently a street photographer named Vivian Maier was discovered. Although born in France, Ms. Maier lived most of her life working as a nanny in Chicago; on her days off she wandered around taking photographs – her story is amazing

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compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

November 13

School in the Cinema: “Up Heartbreak Hill” (2011),
Directed by Erica Scharf - Not Rated

Everyone has to make difficult choices that determine what path they take in life. For three Native American high school seniors living in Navajo, NM the decision to stay in the community or leave to pursue opportunities elsewhere will force them to look at what it means to be Native American in the world today.

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

November 15

Meet the Author: “The Man from Primrose Lane” by James Renner

James Renner, a successful true-crime writer, makes his literary debut with a genre-hopping novel so full of stranger-than-fiction twists you will be left gasping for more. In West Akron, Ohio, there once lived a reclusive elderly man who always wore mittens, even in July. One summer day, someone murdered him. Four years later, a bestselling true-crime writer takes a break from mourning his wife when he hears the story and is drawn back into a world he thought he had left behind forever. The closer David gets to uncovering the true identity of the Man from Primrose Lane, the more he begins to understand the dangerous sway of his own obsessions and how the murder of the hermit and the suicide of his beloved wife might be connected. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

November 17

Five Star Films

“Blow Dry” (2001), Directed by Paddy Breathnach - Rated R

Alan Rickman is a hairstyling genius but a bitter man. His hometown is going to host the National Hairdressing Championships. On opening day, arch-rival Bill Nighy sweeps into the venue like a rock star. He’s in it to win it, with cheating very much an option. In the final, decisive round of the contest does the good guy cut the bad guy down to size?

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

November 18

Sunday with the Friends: Lakewood Daily Snap

No one captures the details of our little corner of the world like lakewooddailysnap.com. Photographer and blogger Kim Yanoshik posts striking images that make us laugh and sigh nearly every day. Join her as she shares some of her favorites on our big screen.

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

November 20

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.

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

November 21

Lakewood Historical Society: Yesterday's Lakewood

Cleveland State University Library hosts a highly-collaborative digital collection of local history resources known as the Cleveland Memory Project. Special Collections Librarian Bill Barrow and University Archivist Bill Becker will share samples of the 50,000 photographs, postcards, maps, eBooks, oral histories and videos found in the project and explain how Lakewood institutions played a key role in its development.

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

Register Now For The Winter Season

by Philistine Ayad

It’s the most wonderful time of the year— Lakewood Public Library’s Winter Storytime Season! Registration is simple and easy. You can stop in at the Children’s and Youth services desk anytime to sign up. You can also call us at (216) 226-8275 extension 140 or 141, or register online at <http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth/>

LCA Cross Country Team

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each other to excel, each week they needed to have everyone work as a team to win. The parents of the LCA varsity teams - both boys and girls – as well as the LCA and Lakewood communities should be very proud of these athletes,” Gaspar said.

We congratulate all runners, coaches and families on a terrific cross country season!

[lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth/](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth/) and click on “Winter Story Time” under the Story Times tab. The storytime season begins the week of Monday, January 7th, and continues for eight weeks. Several options are available for different age groups: Just Baby ‘n Me has babies 9-24months bubbling up with laughter; Children from 2-3 ½ years in age are in for a treat with our Toddler Treats Program; Storylore provides a more traditional storytime for children 3 ½ -6yrs of age; Children anywhere from 2-6yrs of age can participate in our Shake Rattle and Roll (a more movement based storytime) and/or our Pajama Party program. Chase those winter chills away at the library!

Storytimes will take place in both the Main Branch and the Madison Branch. For more information, refer to the Lakewood Public Library Program Guide, the Children’s page online, or Call us at 216-226-8275 ext. 140.

November 22

Thanksgiving – Library closed.

November 24

Lakewood Art House Cinema

“The Conformist” (1970), Directed by Bernardo Bertolucci - Rated R

Marcello is a weak, wealthy Italian fascist who accepts a mission to kill his former college professor and mentor who is now exiled in Paris. Haunted by a traumatic experience from childhood, he will do anything to achieve and maintain a normal life at all costs. But how much is a man’s soul worth? Italian with English subtitles.

Saturday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

November 25

Sunday with the Friends

Sunday Afternoon Family Movie:

“Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs”

A likeable mad scientist makes food rain down from the sky in this surprising and clever animated comedy starring Saturday Night Live’s Bill Hader and Mr. T. Should a movie this goofy be so stunningly beautiful?

Sunday, November 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

November 27

Introduction to Ancestry: Library Edition

The Ancestry genealogy resource is free to use every day at the Library. How far back would you like to trace your family tree? Genealogist, Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Unravel your history with professional results. Space is limited. Call (216)226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

Tuesday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

November 29

Friends Holiday Bags of Books Sale Preview

Thursday, November 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
in the Friends Book Sale Room

Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, November 17

“Auntie Claus”

Author Elise Primavera describes Auntie Claus as “a cross between Coco Chanel and Auntie Mame, with a little bit of Mary Poppins thrown in.” This reader’s theater adaption of her adventures by Arthur Funni trails a little girl named Sophie who follows her eccentric aunt on a business trip to the North Pole.

Main Library Multipurpose Room

Saturday, Novemeber 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
ongoing through March 28

Madison Branch Bright Days

For students in kindergarten through fifth grade

As the leaves begin to fall, come to Madison Branch for books, crafts, fun and games.

Madison Branch Children's and Youth Services

Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 4:00 p.m.

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.

September 4 - May 23

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

Monday - Thursday, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Lakewood Schools

Former Lakewood Football Coach Honors H.S. Teacher At His Award Ceremony

by Paula Slimak

For any teachers who ever wondered if they touched the lives of their students, they only have to listen to remarks at any West Tech Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. This fall, one of those former teachers, Joyce Nader, heard the accolades in person, more than a half century after she taught inductee Angelo Privitera, class of Jan. '58. Privitera, of Lakewood, was honored as a standout high school and college athlete and as an educator and the youngest head football coach at Lakewood High School.

Miss Nader and her student reunited at the West Tech Centennial in the summer, and the family invited Miss Nader to be their guest at the September event. While Privitera also thanked Eugene Kolach, his track coach, and Robert Lazzaro, his football coach, for inspiring him to "understand the value of hard work, perseverance and teamwork," he used most of his time to focus on Miss Nader's influence not only in high school, but on his own teaching career.

"You taught me the most important lesson of all: to remember that every student is worthy of a chance," Privitera said, turning to Miss Nader. The track and football star at West Tech High School (WTH) and later at Bowling Green University explained he was unmotivated and under-achieving

when he entered her classroom. He left highly motivated and striving to reach his potential. "Your steady encouragement made me feel important, and your refusal to quit on me as a person made a tremendous impact on my teaching and coaching career," he explained.

To underscore her lasting impact, Privitera shared an example from his coaching days at Lakewood High School. Privitera instituted a "no cut" policy on his teams. He talked about a young man, fresh to the school in his senior year and right out of drug rehab.

Coach Privitera welcomed him to the team, even though he was a relatively small student who never had played football. The student proved himself on the field and in life, applying his experiences to help other young people as a school psychologist.

"Miss Nader, I want you to know that the lessons you taught me were far reaching, beyond your own classroom and ...impacted many young students that I was privileged to guide and mentor," added Privitera.

After expressing thanks from the podium to his late wife and high school sweetheart Karen Krach Privitera, who also taught in the Lakewood School System, Miss Nader, his coaches and his family, Privitera posed for photos with Miss Nader. Following his remarks, she said "I just want to hug and kiss him." Yet Miss Nader admit-

ted that she and other colleagues often wondered if they were making a difference. She's not wondering any longer.

Privitera has three adult children, Karen L., Anthony and Michael. Each resides in Lakewood. Other inductees into the West Tech Centennial Class of the Hall of Fame class are John Cimperman, '53, athlete and historic

preservationist, of Olmsted Falls; Linda Gunn Neiheiser, former West Tech faculty member and school psychologist, now of Florida; Theodore Zajac, '36, inventor and engineer, of Lorain, and the late Edward B. Henning, '40, artist and curator of the Cleveland Museum of Art.

It's A Disney Thanksgiving For Ranger Marching Band

by Christine Gordillo

While most people will be eating too much turkey at Grandma's house on this Thanksgiving, the Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band will be strutting down Main Street of Disney World's Magic Kingdom park as part of the Thanksgiving Day parade.

Eighty-two band members along with four staff and six parent chaperones will depart on buses from school on Tuesday, November 20 and travel through the night to arrive in Orlando Wednesday morning, November 21. The group will spend a day at each Disney theme park while they are there and take in some of the evening shows, including a presentation by the Blue Man Group. The Rangerettes will also attend a "Disney Dancin' Workshop"

where they will go through actual auditions for a Disney show. Later in the day on Saturday, November 24, it's back on the buses for the long, overnight trip back to Lakewood.

The band held several fund-raisers over the summer and early fall to help defray the \$860 cost for students. The band's last big trip was to the Cotton Bowl in Texas in 2010. However, this will be the last trip for Band Director Brian Maskow, who is retiring after 30 years at Lakewood High.

"Disney picks quality musical marching organizations that best exemplify excellence in what they do. You don't have to be a big marching band just a good one that shows disciplined musical and marching excellence with uniformity," Maskow said.

Kim Yanoshik's Lakewood Daily Snap Comes To Lakewood Public Library

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and her work most admirable!

Q: What do you like most about blogging?

KY: The things I like most about blogging – specifically the type of blogging I do – are the randomness of it and how it can connect me with people all over the world. A couple years ago I met someone who moved to Lakewood from Florida after accepting a job in Cleveland. She and her husband chose to live in Lakewood because, while they were investigating the Cleveland community, she stumbled upon the Lakewood Daily Snap and thought it looked like a neat town. This blew me away – and by the way, they still live in Lakewood even though they both work on the east side!

Q: If you could have a solo show anywhere in the world, where would

it be and what would be the theme?

KY: The idea of a solo show completely terrifies me. But if I were to have a solo show, anywhere in the world, I would have to say I would like it to be where I am living. As to theme – there are so many to choose from, how about "Random Connections." However, having my photographs in a show is appealing and I'm happy to state that my photographs will be part of a four artist show which is opening on December 1st at the Rock Flower Studio on Madison Avenue – the theme for my photographs for this show is what I'm calling "Seeing Near and Far."

Yanoshik's Lakewood Daily Snap presentation will take place in the Main Library Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18. Her presentation is free and open to the public; no advance registration is required.



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Lakewood Sports

LHS Boys Soccer Beat Expectations With 10 Win Season Curri, Fehrenbach, Foran Named to West Shore Conference 1st Team

by Jay Foran

The Lakewood High School Boys Varsity Soccer team closed the 2012 season with an overall record of 10 wins, 6 losses, and 2 ties. The team surpassed season-opening expectations by local soccer pundits given the large number of seniors that graduated from last year's team. Impressively, the 2012 Rangers made their mark in their inaugural West Shore Conference season by finishing 2nd of 8 schools competing with a record of 5-1-1; one game behind champion Bay High at 6-0-1.

State tournament play was the tale of two different games before the Rangers exited the tournament and the season. In their opening game vs. the Garfield Heights Bulldogs, the Rangers scored a convincing 7-0 win. Numerous players left their mark on this game with more than one achieving career firsts including:

Freshman Jafar Fadhel scoring the first varsity goal of his career

Freshman Jarod Macaluso scoring the first offensive point of his career, goal assist

Senior Zach Fehrenbach scoring the first varsity goal of his career

Senior Andrei Plop scoring the



Jameson Foran

first offensive point of his career, goal assist

Freshman Jim Marshall scoring the first goal of his career

Sophomore David Antz playing in his first varsity game and contributed four take-aways

Freshman Robby Fehrenbach making his varsity debut making three saves and scoring the first offensive point in his career, goal assist

Senior Dhak Poudel scored the first varsity goal of his career

Unfortunately, the magic could not

be replicated three days later against the powerful and only once-beaten Brecksville Bees. The Rangers succumbed to the Bees 6-1 closing their 2012 season. Fortunately, a strong nucleus of players return next year from this year's squad and the highly successful junior varsity team is expected to promote a number of players into key roles with the team next year.

LHS Players Receive League and Greater Cleveland Area Honors

Seniors Mirsad Curri, Aaron Donahoe and Zach Fehrenbach, juniors Jameson Foran and David Kemp and freshman Johnny Virag were singled out for postseason awards. Coach Andy Toth commented that having six players receive postseason awards is indicative of the quantity and quality of players being shaped by the Lakewood soccer program.



Zach Fehrenbach

Forward Mirsad Curri, goalkeeper Zach Fehrenbach and center defender Jameson Foran were named to the West Shore Conference 1st Team. Curri, the team leader in points (33) and goals scored (14) also was named All-Greater Cleveland Honorable Mention and was recognized earlier in the season as a Cleveland Plain Dealer Player of the Week. When asked about Curri, Coach Toth said "Mirsad is a physical presence on the field with top level speed, strength and creativity. He is a dynamic finisher both in the box and from distance and is absolutely tremendous in the air".

Zack Fehrenbach, a 3 year varsity starter at the important goalkeeping position and a team captain, set the season record for shutouts (10) and



Mirsad Curri

career school records for overall wins (24) and shutouts (18). Coach Toth stated "He is one of Northeast Ohio's top goal keepers, consistently making the saves he is supposed to make while making game-saving stops that should have resulted in the ball resting in the back of the net." Additionally, Fehrenbach was named to the All-Greater Cleveland 2nd Team and was honored earlier in the season as a Cleveland Plain Dealer Player of the Week.

Jameson Foran was second on the team in points scored (14) while leading the team in assists (8) and defensive take-aways (131). "Tactically he organizes and coordinates our entire defense. He is like a coach on the field. But it is his ability to read and understand the game that defines him as one of our area's best players" stated Coach Toth. Foran, who returns for the 2013 season, was also named All-Greater Cleveland Honorable Mention.

Team captain and center defender Aaron Donahoe was named to the West Shore Conference 2nd Team being noted for his competitive spirit, effort and enthusiasm which were catalysts that raised the team's level of play. David Kemp, who contributed steady play at left midfielder and was known for his long throw-ins to the box, was given West Shore Conference Honorable Mention. Freshman Johnny Virag, who started every game and played with confidence, poise and skill from his center-midfielder position, was named West Shore Conference and All-Greater Cleveland Honorable Mention.

Rangers Close Out Season With Loss



Lakewood High School varsity players Emad Mafarkeh, Jordan Anderson and Ryan Swingle (l-r) watch the action along the sideline during a muddy Oct. 26 away game against Elyria Catholic. An evening-long rain dampened the spirit of the Rangers (4-6) who fell 21-0 in their final outing of the season.

Freshmen Football Takes Conference Crown

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Ranger freshman football team, under the direction of head coach Tedd Bruening, won the West Shore Conference championship this season, its first in the conference.

The freshmen Rangers finished the season with a 6-3-1 record. The offense finished the season strong, averaging over 30 points per game and the defense was solid all season and finished the season with a hard fought

shutout of Elyria Catholic.

The championship season included major wins over Norwalk, Avon, Rocky River, Bay Village, Midview, and Elyria Catholic. Coach Bruening, Coach Mkie Ribar, Coach Harry Manos, Coach Chris Bielopetrovich, and Coach Sam Giffels are very proud of these young men and they would like to thank everyone involved for a successful season.

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Lakewood Is Art

“A Journey With Clara To The Land Of The Sweets”

Beck Center Hosts Dance Workshop For Young Ballerinas

by Fran Storch

Beck Center Dance Education presents “A Journey with Clara to the Land of the Sweets” on Sunday, November 18 in the Recital Hall of Beck Center’s Music-Armory Building. This dance workshop offers 90 magical minutes of fantasy fun for children ages 4 to 8 years.

The magical story of The Nutcracker comes to life for young children as they see, hear and join Clara on a journey to the Land of the Sweets. Students listen to the story, watch portions of the story unfold before them in dance, and learn simple movement

and dance steps from Beck Center dancers. The workshop concludes with an opportunity for photos with their favorite Nutcracker characters.

Students may select from two class times – 1:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per student. Class size is limited, so enroll today! Register online at beck-center.org or call Beck Center Customer Services at 216.521.2540, ext. 10.

“A Journey with Clara” is a fundraiser to support a group of eight Beck Center dancers on their journey to the Youth American Grand Prix competition in Chicago, January 18 through 20, 2013. All proceeds from this work-



shop help to fund this trip.

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is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for special needs students, and gallery exhibits featuring local, regional and international artists.

Lakewood Resident Stars In Comic One-Women Show

by Julia Shutt

Laura Viccarone returns again to star in another performance at the Beck Center for the Arts. She is a comic writer who appears at comedy clubs and small theaters. Her new show entitled “Laura...This is your father” is a collection of short stories and spot-on accounts of her hilarious experiences growing up in a large Italian family. Her unique voice and style reveals sharp wit. Laura lives in Lakewood with her husband and children and is actively involved with the Beck Center and their dance department. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards dance education. Don’t miss this show Friday,

7 p.m. November 16th at the Beck Center for the Arts. At 7 p.m. hors d’oeuvres and one free beverage will be served and the performance begins at 8 p.m. (contains adult content- 21 and over please).

Artist Bio: Laura Viccarone is a writer and story- teller. She and her husband Jim live in Lakewood, Ohio and have two teenaged daughters. Laura grew up in Northern Ohio in a large Italian family with seven kids. As the fourth child born into this lively family, she gained a unique perspective and the experiences she had growing up are strong



Lakewood Comic reads her hilarious and true stories about growing up in a Large Italian family.

influences on her writing today. She performs her work for audiences in comedy clubs, intimate book club settings, artist organizations and SOLD OUT theaters!

A Family Favorite For The Holidays

“Annie” Shines This Holiday Season At Beck Center

by Fran Storch

The sun will come out tomorrow at Beck Center for the Arts when their Professional Theater presents one of the world’s best-loved musicals, ANNIE, December 7, 2012 through January 6, 2013 on the Mackey Main Stage. Annie is the touching story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents who abandoned her on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Hannigan’s evil schemes and finds a new home in the mansion of billionaire Oliver “Daddy” Warbucks.

Show times are 7:30 pm Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 pm Sundays

(no evening performance on Saturday, December 29 - matinee show only) with 7:30 pm evening performances on Thursdays, December 20 and 27 and double performances (2:30 and 7:30 p.m.) on Saturdays, December 15 and January 5.

Tickets are \$28 adults, \$25 seniors (65+), \$12 students (with valid ID), and \$10 for children (12 and under). A \$3 service fee per ticket will be applied at the time of purchase. Ask about extra savings when you purchase Flex Passes. Special discount rates are available for groups of 13 or more. Purchase tickets online at beckcenter.org or call Beck Center Customer Services at 216.521.2540, ext. 10. Tickets are selling fast – especially for matinees – so don’t delay, purchase your tickets today!

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Lakewood Cares

Food Drive Underway To Fill Thanksgiving Food Baskets

by Chris Crawford

Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp. (LCAC) provides Holiday Food Baskets for 600 Lakewood families and seniors in need each year. Currently, the annual Thanksgiving food drive to fill those baskets is underway at Grant, Lincoln and Horace Mann Elementary schools and St Edward High School.

Lakewood High School and Garfield Middle School students are pitching together to raise money to pay for perishable food items needed such as turkeys, potatoes, pumpkin pies, and more.

Together these students uphold a long-standing tradition of helping neighbors in need.

How can you help?

Non-perishable food donations will be accepted at the schools through Thursday, November 15th. Staples such



Volunteers sort and fill baskets with everything from canned goods to pumpkin pie in the basement of the Masonic Temple during last year's LCAC's holiday food drive.

as fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, and tuna are especially needed. Monetary donations can be made directly to LCAC through the website at www.lcac.info

or mailed directly to: LCAC, P.O. Box 771421, Lakewood OH, 44107. Once the food is collected, it will all need to be sorted so the "human

chain" can systematically place food in bags and get them ready for delivery. Many helping hands are greatly needed to sort, assemble and deliver the 300 Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

Volunteers are needed!!!

Join us as little or as much as you would like...or better yet, bring a friend or neighbor!

Lakewood Masonic Temple (15300 Detroit Ave.)

Friday, November 16th
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Food donations are collected and sorted

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Filling of non-perishable food bags

Saturday, November 17th
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bagging of perishable food and delivery of food baskets

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LCAC is a non-profit all-volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of Lakewood's families in need. For more information or to find our Christmas Food Drive schedule, visit us at www.LCAC.info, check out our Facebook page.

The Christmas Food Drive will start in early December. Sorting, bagging and delivery of an additional 300 holiday baskets will take place on December 14th and 15th. Watch for more details!

Lakewood Methodist Church Votes To Transform Sanctuary

by Gary Rice

On November 4th, a meeting of the congregation of Lakewood United Methodist Church was held. In response to a church committee's proposal, members approved a dramatic change to their church's interior design, in order to further accommodate their already successful IMPACT alternative worship experience. To date, the IMPACT service has been held in the church's basement. The plan calls for both traditional and contemporary services to be offered in two areas of the cavernous main floor of the church at different times on Sundays.

In addition to changes to the East Transept section of the church, where the IMPACT service is soon expected to be held, the plans also call for a new restroom and refreshment/gathering area, as well as for remodeling and updating of the existing traditional worship choral and organ sections.

The plans now move into the hands of the church's trustee group.

LCSC Introduces Winter Wishes

by Jane Leschnik

The staff and volunteers at Lakewood Community Services Center are counting on the generosity of our community to help us make some children's wishes a reality this holiday season. This year we are replacing our Adopt-a-Family program with Winter Wishes in an effort to empower our parents to play a role in making their children's holiday dreams come true.

What parent doesn't remember the pure joy of purchasing that longed-for gift your five-year-old had on the top of his wish list? Or the fun – and maybe even the frustration – of making sure each of your kids had the same number of presents to open? We hope that our new Winter Wishes program will bring that delight to our clients this year. The generosity of our community has been amazing in the past years and it does not go unappreciated. Our goal is to help our client families, many of whom are facing these severe economic burdens for the first time, enjoy the little pleasures that may be out of reach as they struggle to keep their families housed, warm and fed this winter.

So instead of adopting a family and purchasing gifts from a wish list, we are asking supporters to purchase gift cards from Target or Walmart for the following reasons:

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3. The accessibility via public transportation, particularly to the Target store on W 117th

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For our planning purposes, please sign up to participate by contacting

Jane Leschnik by November 22. We are requesting that donations be submitted to LCSC by December 10. This will allow our clients adequate time to prepare for the holidays.

We hope that you will embrace Winter Wishes and will join with us as we try to bring joy to families who have very little during the holiday season.

Please contact Jane Leschnik at 216.226.6466 or jane@lcsclakewood.org.

From all of us at LCSC, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Wreath Sale - Lakewood Historical Society

by Annette Millisor

Celebrate the holiday season by displaying a beautiful, handcrafted 30" mixed greenery wreath adorned by artificial snow-covered eucalyptus and red berries. The wreath and red ribbon with gold trim were crafted in the USA. Proceeds benefit the programs and projects of the Lakewood Historical Society and support the operation of the Oldest Stone House Museum and The Nicholson House.

Place your order NOW online at www.lakewoodmuseumstore.com or call 216-780-2222 (please enter area code). Price per wreath is \$35 (\$17.50 tax deduc-



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Wellness Watch

Yin Is In: A Yoga System On The Rise

by Marcia Camino

Last May, I received a teaching certificate in Yin Yoga and have been teaching it steadily since. So, as founder and director of the first of very few studios in the Cleveland area to offer weekly Yin Yoga classes, I was thrilled that a recent issue of “O: The Oprah Magazine” featured an article on Yin Yoga. Yin Yoga is an incredibly beneficial system of yoga that is just now coming into its own in the vast world of yoga styles and practices.

What is Yin Yoga? “O:The Oprah Magazine” quotes my teacher and Yin master Paul Grilley, who describes the rising system of yoga like this: “[Yin] work(s) your joints in a way similar to how other types of exercise work your heart.” In a nutshell, Grilley states, “Yin Yoga is joint rehabilitation.”

Yin Yoga is good for the body and is available to all body types. It targets parts of the body that are often under-recognized and under-appreciated in Western exercise and workout systems: the joints, tendons, ligaments, and fascia.

Whereas our muscles stay healthy by heat and repetitive motion found in activities such as spinning, walking, dancing, and vigorous yoga, a rather large part of our physical construction—skeleton and connective tissue—is classified as Yin and does not respond to heat or repetitive movement at all; rather, the Yin body responds to simple, long-held stretches, which comprise the basis of Yin Yoga. It can bring on strength and flexibility in the joints, can relieve back

and overall body pain, and helps bring the whole body into balance.

Yin Yoga is also good for the mind. It asks nothing more of us than to go inside, to hold yoga poses for several minutes, and notice what happens when we do. What happens, if we give it time, is a calmer, freer mind. Yin, quite literally, is in.

Here is a list of some of my students (names changed) and types of people with whom I have had the privilege of sharing Yin Yoga. I both quote and summarize these persons’ responses to the effects a Yin practice has had on them:

*Lynn (a runner): Her knees, thighs, and ankles hurt less from the impact of running. This is one of the greatest proofs of Yin Yoga’s power, Lynn says. The internal focus that Yin cultivates tends to help her with calm and ambition to go the extra mile, Lynn believes.

*Jim (a golfer): I prescribed Jim a Yin Yoga regime to rehabilitate parts of his body-- his shoulders, arms, and wrists--which were strained from repetitive, asymmetrical use (typical of the athletic body). He reported in his first lesson relief in tight spots.

*Dana (a cyclist): “My riding is so much more enjoyable now. My knees and hips feel stronger and more flexible, and my mind is more at ease.”

*Professionals/Travelers: Students whose professional garb (read ‘heels’), demanding travel schedules (read ‘cramped planes’), and tough hours that keep their bodies locked up and in fatigue

mode are reporting a love for Yin Yoga. It is a great release for the constraints that their jobs and lifestyles put on their bodies, one regular student, Mandy, reports.

*People over 50: For the body that feels the pain of aging connective tissue--which can leave us feeling compressed, vulnerable, off-balance, and closed-in—mature adult students gravitating toward a Yin practice report relief and positive mood shift.

*Non-exercisers: Yin Yoga is very inviting. Those who don’t like exercise and/or have never tried yoga have started with Yin Yoga at the studio and have felt encouraged to try more styles. It can be the key to the world of exercise for some.

*Carol (a caregiver): “I’m an R.N., which is hard on my body. I love Yin because it helps me do my job so much better. Yin makes me stronger, flexible,

and more patient.”

*Dan (physically limited): I prescribed Yin Yoga in a chair for Dan, as he had difficulty getting to the floor. He reported ease and more flexibility after just a few classes.

*Breathers: For those who take yoga’s breathing exercises (pranayama) seriously, Yin Yoga’s long holds and internal focus form an absolutely perfect playing field for breathwork.

*Tyler (a meditator): Because it’s a quiet practice, Yin Yoga helps him experience his mind and body in new ways.

Note: Yin Yoga is not recommended for pregnant women due to the hormone Relaxin, which the pregnant body produces and which loosens the body’s joints.

Pink Lotus Yoga is located in Lakewood (18103 Detroit Avenue), check the site for class details: www.PinkLotusYoga.com.


Nature’s Bin Buckeye Bliss Bars

courtesy of Josie Duennes & Live Well Lakewood

This is the recipe you’ve all really been waiting for!

- 1/2 cup butter, melted (1 stick)
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup heavy cream

Spray a 9 x 12 pan with non-stick spray. In bowl over a pan of hot, not boiling, water. Melt the chocolate chips with the cream. Meanwhile, blend the butter, sugar, crumbs and peanut butter til well mixed. Spread them evenly in the pan. Stir the melted chocolate gently but well, until there are no lumps. Pour over the base and shake gently to even out the layer. Refrigerate til firm, at least one hour. Cut into the size pieces you wish to serve. We do a 2 inch square, which would give you 12, but that is a generous serving.



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Business News

Visit Empty Nest To Fill Your Home

by Adnrew Harant

Chances are, if you are a Lakewoodite, you have something in your home, condo, or apartment from Empty Nest (14423 Detroit Ave.) or at

least you have stepped into that store looking for something. It has been selling second-hand furniture for the past 16 years, when current owner Bob McNulty's aunt and her friend began

the store. McNulty and his wife Dione took over the store two years ago.

The McNultys' path to being Lakewood business owners began when Bob ran a ship aground in Brazil, where he met Dione. For many years, they lived on a sailboat in New Bern, North Carolina. Dione ran the Boathouse Nautical Gift Store, and Bob worked at Yachtsman Canvas and Sail. Now, they are fully entrenched in Lakewood, with both their business and their home.

At first glance, Empty Nest seems to be much the same as it has been over the years, with second-hand sofas, dressers, cabinets, lamps, tables, and many other items in good condition. In fact, Bob said that they move two to three van loads full of furniture each week. However, there are some new pieces creeping into the store's selection. One wall displays bold-color prints for sale from a local artist. A rack near the store's entrance displays

a good selection of local pottery pieces. Also on display is a collection of new Polish pottery. Having more local art and pottery for sale is part of the plan the McNultys have for their store.

Another part of their plan is to begin selling Bob's own vintage industrial furniture pieces. Using skills that he gained studying photography and sculpture at Cleveland State University, Bob is recycling leftovers from factories and other sources into interesting and practical furnishings. In the works are several different wine racks, coffee tables from metal carts, a lamp made from an old street-light, a cantilevered shelf unit made from a rack that once held large spools of wire, and something using a device that moved transmission parts in a Ford plant. Vintage industrial furniture is currently a growing trend in the area, and Bob's creations will soon drift into the store's collection amongst the work of local artists and the second-hand furnishings that have always filled Empty Nest.



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A member of Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and a 14 year Lakewood resident, Bodnar is actively involved in giving back to the community through leadership in organizations including Boy Scouts of America and Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network, a local homeless shelter for families in need. Lakewood resident Lisa Sierk says “We have all of our insurance with Michael Bodnar. We had been with the same agent for decades who retired without informing us. Michael is professional and experienced and we wanted someone who would be in our corner and we have that with Michael.”

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Business News

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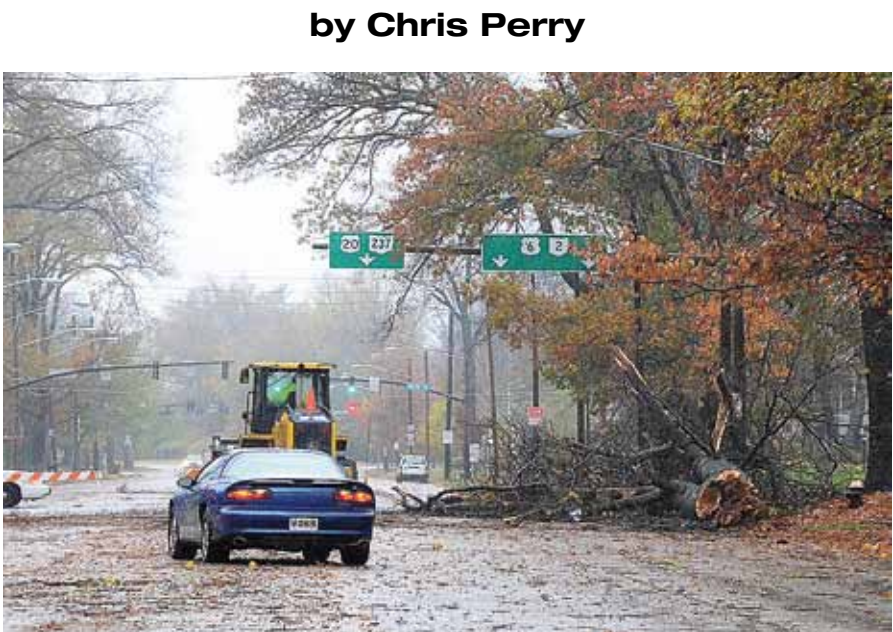
Lakewood - A Natural Disaster Paradise

Natural disasters are by definition terrible, tragic, and not to be desired. But the way that the residents of Lakewood reacted to the havoc that Hurricane Sandy unleashed upon us challenges the way some of you may think about catastrophes, in particular the idea that they bring out the worst in people.

Many of us expect incivility after crises, and having lived in locales perched on both ends of the cultural divide, I've witnessed it firsthand. Incivility and worry about impending mayhem is fueled by sensational media coverage, which all too often shapes our reactions. Hunker down or help thy neighbor? Hoard or send in food? Lock your doors or provide shelter? Who are we anyway? I realize that Lakewood's Hurricane Sandy experience was not as severe as what took place in New York City and New Jersey, which in turn never reached the extremes of Hurricane Katrina. Nonetheless, in the aftermath of what we woke up to, we found out who we are--that we are the people we say we are.

What you believe shapes how you act. By and large, those of us who reside in Lakewood adhere to one of the most longstanding societal or tribal collective ideals of forming networks of affinity and affection--in progressive communities the myth of the free-standing individual exists largely as an outcast or in a self-imposed exile. By and large, under the cover of darkness and in the midst of cracking and falling timbers, we came together and cast out the evil spirits of a selfish and hostile society and acted upon our ancient tribal roots, Lakewood style.

At times, the deep cultural divisions and dominant political overtones of a modern individualistic divide-and-conquer ideology, in lieu of a common civil society, sever the old traditional



ties of community. All too often, we are pitted against one another and rant about having to "take on others," in particular those expressed through economic arrangements--the keeping of one's brothers and sisters. In many cases, natural disasters break through our cultural and political walls and purge the myths and prejudices that separate us. Unlike poverty, joblessness, homelessness, hunger, displacement and other untenable living situations, weather-wrought devastation can mobilize public sympathy, and government action is recognized as vital and irreplaceable because it is a "natural" disaster. This delineation is of course mostly a myth, but it is one society clings to, because to recognize natural disasters as the natural outcomes of human capitalism would be even more disruptive than the storm itself. But that speaks to a broader topic and this is meant to be a Lakewood story.

The dominant character and culture of a community shows itself in the event of natural disasters. It can go in one of two ways, unveiling a cul-

ture of hyper-individualism, self-made mysticism and brutal survival of the fittest social Darwinism, or launching a showcase of human solidarity pointing the way to a more just and equitable society. Witnessing, from the moment the sun rose after Hurricane Sandy's winds battered our city, the typical Lakewoodite response of spontaneous altruism and mutual aid, with neighbors and strangers calmly helping, feeding and housing each other, dispelled all the media-fueled myths associated with human nature--at least in the case of the City of Lakewood.

When you think about it, everyday life is a social experiment with perpetual cycles of social tribulations that one must navigate. History has taught us that sometimes a disaster intensifies social disorder, but sometimes it offers a remarkable reprieve from it. Fortunately for us, we find ourselves in this date and time residing within the borders of Lakewood, where many ordinary patterns are shattered and scores of us step forward to become their brothers' keepers. As horrible as the winds were that roared through our city, it could have been much worse. Both in the event and our response thereto, the winds of Hurricane Sandy blew open a door to allow us the opportunity to enter an inner Lakewoodian Paradise.

The image of the Limkemann Family, all with their "I just won the lottery" smiles, set amid the ruins of four massive trees toppled upon their Waterbury Avenue house is, to me, the most enduring image of the post-Hurricane Sandy Lakewood story. They are not shedding any tears, rather almost reveling in the fact that the Lakewood spirit can't be broken, or crushed. Or was it the two young men I encountered on Winton Avenue that had a makeshift sign stating that they would barbeque for beer, offering to cook meat (for a beer) before it spoiled. Or was it a resident on Elbur Avenue that had a couple of extension cords running out of the front door, across the street, into another home to presumably power the neighbor's refrigerator (a hidden advantage of high-density living). Or was it the image of the City of Lakewood, within 24 hours, setting up an emergency shelter at Garfield Middle School to assist individuals who were without power

for days or who were in need a place to get a meal, charge their cell phones or a warm place to spend the night. Or was it the response of our City's Public Works employees and Public Safety forces responding in such an impressive, timely and compassionate manner. Or was it... well, you get the picture. It was the character of many of you that shined through the wreckage in the aftermath of the storm.

Much of our society is based on choices. We choose our diet, exercise regimen, politics, music, belief in social safety nets, environmental protection, to buy local; and some of us have the good fortune to choose where we live. Thankfully my family and I chose Lakewood. But disaster, no matter its level of severity, does not sort us out by preferences; it forces us to react in the face of difficult circumstances. Once the initial shock of the events subsided, the residents of Lakewood demonstrated powerful social ties, which on a personal level, further reinforced my decision to move to this community. Civility ruled the day as we continue to lend everything from a day's work to a chainsaw in an ongoing show of community care. Not every community reacts this way to adversity.

Years ago, I lived in a small mountain town out west that was impacted by one of the largest forest fire events of the past 100 years. Many people lost their homes on the periphery of the community and the entire region was cloaked in a haze of ash and smoke for weeks. What transpired both during and after the fire was shocking in its rage and divisiveness. Instead of banding together in a spirit of mutual aid, the dominant culture that permeated the region saw it as an opportunity to advance their ideological agenda. At the height of the flames' reach, a march was organized to demonize the area's environmental community. The leader of a state-wide environmental organization had his home set on fire and the landlord who held the group's office lease evicted them after a mob broke the window and threw all of their office equipment out onto the parking lot. Events like this would simply not take place in Lakewood.

Yes, in a cultural sense, I have experienced both natural disaster extremes. Throughout history, every activist movement begins with its participants united by a sense of purpose aspiring to a shared vision of a better world. I think it is this social strain of DNA that guided the residents of Lakewood during this storm. For me, every tree that was uprooted by Hurricane Sandy deepened the roots of a shared purpose and greater appreciation of our community. A civil society is what succeeds--a belief that my well-being is not independent of yours. Sometimes extreme events are needed to intensify or reconnect us to that notion. We know that our friends, family and neighbors are greater than any havoc wrought by winds. I know that the people of Lakewood are who they say they are.

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The Ever-Blowing Winds Of Change

Having just been walloped by the remnants of Hurricane Sandy, I thought that when we finished chasing down our garbage cans and recovering our porch furniture, we might remember one of Lakewood’s other major storms from the last century with this updated reprint of a classic “Pulse of the City” column.

A while back, I wrote a column about Lakewood in 1969. I suppose that year set the stage for many of the changes we are living with today. In many ways, that year changed everything. Just about anyone alive at that time knew it too. Much of what is remembered as “the ‘60s decade” transpired in that year, or soon would. It was also quite a time for this young writer, who was about to graduate from Lakewood High School.

Let’s step back in time to those 1969 Lakewood streets. You would have seen a city much different from today. Giant elms, sycamores, and maple trees stood along the serene tree lawns of Lakewood’s side streets, lending cool green shade and a womb-like sense of security and peace to the residents. Most impressive of all were those elms, with their V-like branches reaching heavenward and overarching the nearby homes, providing the illusion that every street was in its own little world. Many of those streets had not yet been paved with asphalt. They still retained their red-brick luster. While that made for slick driving during the rains, and bumpy moments for our bicycles, the overall effect was much like that of a halcyon, idealized portrait of front-porch middle America. Milkmen home-delivered daily milk to your home chute. Ice-cream trucks, bicycle-borne knife sharpeners, and fruit vendors all advertised their presence by pleasant bells and plaintive calls.

Many of those moments were captured by the family’s fantastic Polaroid camera, a fold-out black-and-brushed-metal affair that you also had to manipulate with a multi-step process of cocking it, clicking the button, pulling out a little paper, and carefully pulling out the picture as it was squeezed through metal rollers. You then set a timer and waited. If the photo was black and white, you had to carefully coat the print with a jelly-like substance after you pulled it away from the backing. It was amazing how Dad got the great pictures that he did. It seems as if there was more time for all of that stuff back then.

There was also time to get on my Sears J.C. Higgins Flightliner bicycle and enjoy a ride. That red-and-white vehicle gleamed like a space ship, with its twin headlights, fancy horn, and comfy seat. Let’s take an idealized bike ride into the past, shall we? Because that time that I just wrote about? You know...that time frozen underneath that jelly-swathing of Dad’s old Polaroid pictures? It was about to run out.

First, that’s me over there on the front porch, with those funky black horn glasses, plucking out a folk-rock tune on my little acoustic guitar, accompanied by a good friend. Anyway, we finish our jam session and I put my guitar away. It’s after rush hour now, and it’s time to

by Gary Rice



Gary with Lakewood tree, July, 1969.

take the bike out. I had yearned for one of those new 10 speed racing bikes when I was younger, but Dad seemed to feel that the Flightliner’s big balloon tires and coaster brakes would be safer for me. That Flightliner’s fenders and center tank had finally been stripped away, so that it would be as light as possible, but I still found it hard to keep up with the other guys on the block. Before long, I bought my own 10 speed. Maybe I even had one by that time, I just don’t remember... but let’s bask in that imagined sunny 1969 spring evening for a bit longer, while we take our virtual ride back into time. We hop on our bikes and start cruising along Madison, heading east, with the warm sun at our backs, and we pass Jameson’s Barber shop and MG Motor Sales.

Earlier that day, we’d enjoyed a couple of grilled cheese sandwiches made with inverted hamburger buns at Prange’s Diner at the corner of Hilliard and Madison. We try to decide whether to drop into Elmwood’s or Wagner’s Bakeries for dessert. Either place would have been a good choice, but instead we settle on a cone at Coneland, having had a banana split at Malley’s the last time, and a sundae at Bearden’s on Warren the time before that. We turn north, by Union Carbide, onto Highland (now called W.117th Street) and soon make a left onto Detroit. We pass Fairchild Chevrolet and Koepke Mercedes. We pass Bobson’s Hardware and Hornack’s Bowling Center. We savor the great smells wafting from the doors of Chicken Delight and Kelly Donuts as we proceed past Educators Music and the Lakewood Elks Club.

Coming into the downtown area, we pass the hospital, along with Lorbach Opticians, Geigers, First Federal, Carson’s Dress Shop, and both Keith and Everden Jewellery stores, as well as McCollum Insurance and Lakewood Camera Shop. Farther along, we pass by the Masonic Temple, the Christian Science Church, the Detroit Theater, and of course Miller’s Restaurant (no alcohol served, and there were always plenty of those sticky buns!). Along the way, we also pass the numerous bars and churches that dot Lakewood like the daffodils of springtime.

As evening’s shadows lengthen, I remind myself that my bike no longer sports that streamlined center tank with those twin headlamps to light my way. That tank had been lost, along with a great many other things in life. I had no idea what else (and who else) was about to be lost, before very long...

In those weeks before graduation, all of that ubiquitous mixing of hopes and dreams transpired in the class of ‘69. There were elements of fear and uncertainty on the part of the guys, as the military draft was going strong, along with the war in Vietnam. We were losing sometimes hundreds of guys every week to warfare, and it was time for many in our class to serve. Some of us were planning for college. The gals were asserting more independence, as “Women’s Lib” became an everyday term. Schools were losing more and more battles over hair length, and freedom of expression in speech, dress, and behavior came into the classrooms. Radio was big back then.

Lakewood High had even won a stereo console from a radio station for their “L Room” social area. As seniors, we hung out there a lot, lounging on those hopsack couches. We often shared our straw-served drinks from the same red and white wax-paper cups with the gals there too, as we enjoyed those pretzel rods from that see-through container sitting on the counter. Our class motto? Yesterday, only a dream--tomorrow, just a vision, but today we live.

Some of us did. anyway...On July 4, 1969, Lakewood changed forever. A horrific storm roared off the lake and through our city about 7 p.m. Trees toppled like matchsticks, and people died, including a very dear classmate of mine. Nowadays, those elms are gone, either victims of that storm or of Dutch Elm Disease. Most of the brick streets are gone too, along with so many other things in life. Many other friends are long gone as well, victims of alcohol or chemical abuse, disease, war, and life in general.

Our country changed too. A few weeks later, men were on the moon. Violence increased in the streets. Campuses erupted in protest. Cities burned. It seemed that anything on a pedestal got knocked off, never to be placed back on again. Trust went from being a given to a taken. The ever-blowing winds of change had again been felt in the world, and in our city as well.

Would Lakewood ever be quite as beautiful as it had been in those halcyon pre-storm days of 1969? It would, in fact, take awhile for our city to bounce back, much as it will also take time to recover from the effects of Hurricane Sandy. At the same time, those ever-blowing winds of change can offer opportunities to reconnect with others, and to reassess what is really important in life. Thankfully, the pulse of our city continues.

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Lakewood Living

KLB Beautiful Home Awards Go On

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neighbors' homes from the sidewalks or the streets as we walk or drive by. Surprisingly, we often find even more beauty in the back yard than in the front. We usually find, if the front is well maintained, the back is too. This year's awards are no exception. We have



Hayes - 17222 Riverside - G. Ara Hamamjian - presented by Susan Lust and Gail Higgins, Photo Dan Morgan, Straight Shooter

some home owners who really go all out to exhibit their pride in Lakewood home ownership. Sometimes through seasonal decoration, sometimes landscaping, and sometimes tremendous outdoor living spaces create year-round enjoyment and beauty in a home.

Congratulations to the Winners, listed here by school district, followed by the Keep Lakewood Beautiful board members who had final say in their designated district.

Horrace Mann - 17852 Lake - Stacy & Tim Doane - presented by Dan

Morgan and John Gilbride.

Lincoln - 1101 Leedale - Ralph & Shelly Zittowski - presented by Dan Morgan & Marianne Quasebarth.

Roosevelt - 2162 Wyandotte - Anthony Kohutt & David Heller - presented by Maria Parke.

Hayes - 17222 Riverside - G. Ara Hamamjian - presented by Susan Lust and Gail Higgins.

Emerson - 13932 Clifton - Delores Quail - presented by Carla Kowalski and Ruth Gillett.

Harrison - 2026 Magee - David & Gloria Rothhaas - presented by Carla Kowalski and Ruth Gillett.

Grant - 2220 Warren - Paul & Kimberly Jenkins - presented by Maureen Kermode and Melissa Meehan.

The Beautiful Home Award winners and the Adopt A Spot volunteers will be treated to an appreciation breakfast at the Lakewood Park Womens Club Pavilion. The cost of the Awards and souvenir programs at the breakfast were



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funded with a generous contribution by First Federal of Lakewood. The Root Cafe, Eddie and Eddie and Jammy Buggars all contributed gift cards as additional support for the Adopt A Spot volunteers this year.

The Keep Lakewood Beautiful board would like to thank over 100 volunteers who help make Lakewood beautiful every day with their many hours of volunteer contributions. With this support, Keep Lakewood Beautiful is able to continue its unique partnership with the city bringing these programs to Lakewood. The Keep Lakewood Beautiful board is always considering new ways to expand our Adopt-A-Spots and its many other great programs. Lakewood residents are encouraged to participate in all their programs, including the Beautiful Home Awards nomination process, and can contact the board with ideas and volunteer interests. via e-mail at klbgeneral@lakewoodoh.net

Keep Lakewood Beautiful urges residents to 'like' the new Keep Lakewood Beautiful facebook page or keep up with



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our upcoming events at our web site www.OneLakewood.com/KLB.



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Interfaith Peace Dancers Gathered In Lakewood

by Subhana Cathy Graf

Peace Begins With/In Me, an interfaith peace weekend retreat with the Dances of Universal Peace took place Oct. 26-28 meeting the first two days at Lakewood Presbyterian Church and finishing up at the Sacred Arts Holistic Center on West Blvd. The retreat leader, Eric Narayan Waldman, came from Montana and the 28 participants came from 6 other states, including South Carolina and Idaho. The diverse community included men and women from all walks of life. There were, among others, Presbyterian, Methodist, Unity and interfaith ministers, a Catholic sister, two former nuns, a former Jesuit, Buddhist practitioners, numerous Sufis including those practicing Christianity & Sufism and those practicing Judaism & Sufism, retired teachers, an engineering professor, a hospice nurse, therapists, and energy healers. They all came together to chant and dance joyous prayers for peace in many languages from many faith traditions. Chanting in



Narayan (pictured with his guitar) leading dancers in a turn.

Hebrew, Sanscrit, Latin, Arabic, English and more, the dancers celebrated many names for the Divine.

The Dances of Universal Peace offer a way of embodying spirituality physically and energetically. The whole being is involved through mantra,

melody, and movement to create a community mandala of moving meditation. The religions of the earth are honored by using sacred phrases from scriptures or oral traditions, and by singing in the original ancient languages which vibrate with the prayers of millions through the

centuries. Simple dance steps are taught to the circle, along with attunement to the meaning and feeling. No prior experience is needed. Each song and Dance is taught as if no one in the circle has ever done it before.

The Dances were created in the 1960's in San Francisco by American Sufi Samuel L. Lewis as an effort to bring "Peace through the Arts." Now they are done all over the world. Googling "Dances of Universal Peace YouTube" results in many thousands of videos of the Dances, but is no substitute for actually experiencing them. You can reach the Northeast Ohio Dances of Universal Peace website at www.NEODUP.webs.com. It has a calendar of local events and links to the North American and International websites. Local Lakewood leader Subhana Cathy Graf, 216-521-6277, grafkc@cox.net, leads the Dances at Lakewood Presbyterian Church on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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Lakewood Living

VP Biden Visits LHS

by Brendan McCallum
Lakewood Middle School Student

On Sunday November 4, my family and I walked to Lakewood High School to see Vice President Biden. We waited in a very long line for 45 minutes before we were allowed inside. While I waited, I people-watched and tried to stay warm. Campaign volunteers walked around telling us we would be subject to “airport style security.” They also offered pens to people

so ticket stubs could be filled out before entering the building. When we finally got inside, I went through the metal detector and emptied my pockets onto a table for inspection. Thankfully I did not have to take my shoes off! I entered the gym and my family decided to sit on the bleachers instead of standing in the mosh pit. Unfortunately, we were seated under the Lakewood Project and could not see

them as they performed. We waited again as the gym filled up. Campaign workers asked people to move closer together so it seemed like there were more people in attendance. They also pulled a variety of people to sit on bleachers behind the podium. Those spectators were noticeably diverse, not only in skin color and age but also in their sports or university garb. Finally the event began. The Lakewood Project played a number of songs to warm up the crowd, ending with their signature song, Aaron Copeland’s “Hoedown.” Then it was on to local speakers, including Mr. Favre, Mayor Summers, County Executive Fitzgerald, and Judge Brown. They all spoke about Lakewood being an important part of Ohio as a “battle ground” state and voiced their like for the Obama/Biden ticket.

The last part of the warm up was Grace Lazos singing the National Anthem. I have known Grace for several years and think she did a much better job singing the anthem than numerous celebrities who have forgotten words, hit flat notes, or couldn’t hit the high notes. I was happy that Grace represented Lakewood so well.

Pop musician Jason Mraz performed some of his popular songs. When he was done performing, he described how he supported the Obama Biden ticket.

When Jason Mraz finished, it took a very, very long time for the Bidens to arrive. It was terribly boring. Eventually my friend’s dad informed us that the Biden’s had stopped at My Friends on their way to LHS.

Suddenly all the press started aiming cameras and Secret Service agents took their places by the stage and the entrances. I saw one woman talking into her wrist and the rest scanned the crowd for any possible threats.

Jill and Joe Biden came out on stage along with members of their family. Mrs. Biden spoke about being a teacher and introduced her family. Then Vice President Biden spoke.

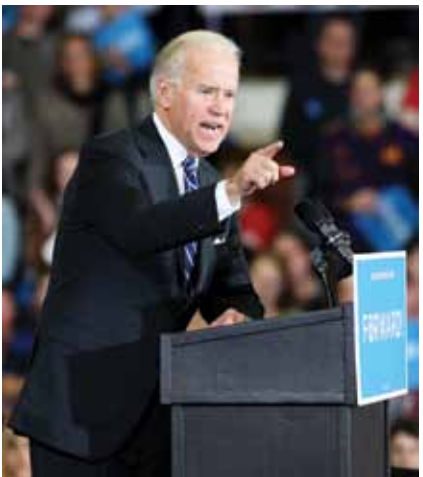
He was more animated than other candidates. He seemed to go off script, but his binder just could have been a prop for when he referred to Mitt Romney’s “binder full of women” remark. Some



LHS Senior Grace Lazos singing the National Anthem just before Joe and Jill Biden enter.

people shouted from the crowd and Vice President Biden responded to them. He was clear in his statements against Mitt Romney and support of the President. When he finished speaking, Vice President Biden stuck around but a lot of the crowd did not. We left because we were hungry and I had homework to do.

This was the first political rally I ever attended. I liked being able to hear Vice President Biden speak first hand, vs. a scripted television performance. It was more interactive and I liked his spontaneity. I was glad that Lakewood was Vice President Biden’s first stop of the day, because had we been in Fremont or Lancaster, the waiting would have been even longer!



VP Joe Biden talks to a large crowd of supporters.

“Trust”

by Nadhal Eadeh

Vice President Joe Biden spoke to a boisterous crowd of 1,200 people in the historical east gymnasium on a chilly Sunday morning at Lakewood High School. Citing issues of trust in his speech, Biden spent the next half hour dismantling the Romney/Ryan agenda.

Flanked by his wife, Dr. Jill Biden, and members of his family, Vice President Biden spoke emphatically about the importance of winning the Buckeye State “Ohio, I need you,” said Biden as the crowd of supporters flashed their sea of blue “Forward” signs.

“This is not your father’s Republican Party,” emphatically stated Biden. “Here’s the deal. They ran on this 5 trillion dollar tax plan. Every study shows that it will raise taxes.” When describing details of the Paul Ryan budget, Biden declared, “The Ryan budget decimates programs that affect the middle class; Mitt Romney called the Ryan budget marvelous and said he would sign it if he became president.”

Speaking to the now debunked argument that President Obama is allowing Jeep to ship jobs out of Ohio’s Toledo-based plant to China, Biden responded, “Romney was described by the Washington Post as a ‘pioneer of



Vice President Joe Biden with his wife Dr. Jill Biden.

outsourcing’ to China.” Building on the theme of character and distrust, Biden further chided the presidential hopeful, Mitt Romney, “Both General Motors and Chrysler have denounced the ads as untrue and a lie.”

Waxing nostalgia to older voters, Biden pivoted to the baby boomer hopefuls in the east gym, “Have you ever seen a time when the CEO’s of two major corporations would publicly, in the last week of a campaign, say that the Republican candidate was lying?”

As the ground game has increasingly becoming crucial, data released by CNN this morning shows that early

vote trends favor the president; a theme central to the president’s re-election campaign. 28% of Ohio votes have already been cast, and according to public polling obtained by CNN, President Obama leads 63/35 among those who have already voted.



A large crowd showed up to hear and support the Vice President.

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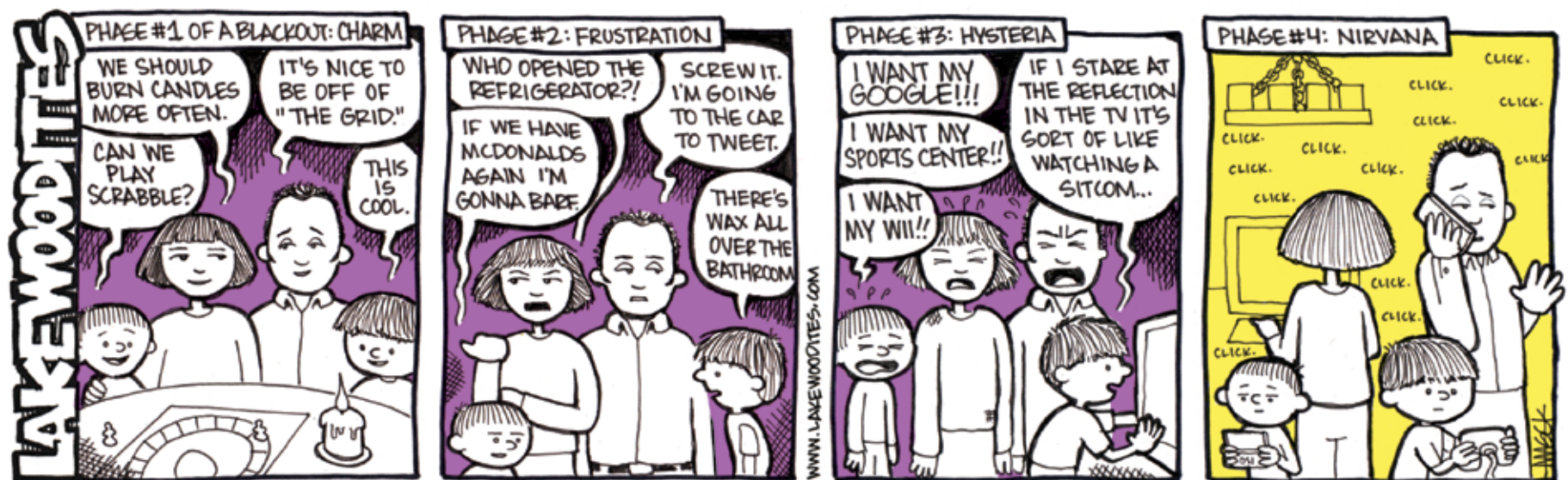
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