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## Board Of Education Extends Contract Through 2019

# Superintendent Patterson's Contract Renewed

by Edward Favre  
Lakewood Board of  
Education President

At its July 15 meeting, the Lakewood Board of Education plans to extend the contract of Superintendent Jeffrey Patterson for an additional five years, through 2019. Mr. Patterson's contract extension is similar to recent school employee contracts. There is no pay increase and his medical coverage contributions were increased consistent with other district employees.

Superintendent Patterson has provided solid leadership for our district and he is an asset for Lakewood. The Board has been very sat-



Superintendent Jeffrey Patterson

isfied with his performance and we've received many positive comments from Lakewoodites about the direction of our District. As we plan for the completion of our Master Facilities Plan while continuing to provide excellent educational opportunities for

our children, knowing Superintendent Patterson will lead our district for at least the next five years provides the stability and leadership we need.

We anticipate that this month, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission will approve Lakewood for the long-awaited final stage of the Master Facilities Plan to rebuild the rest of Lakewood High and replace Grant, Lincoln, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools. Superintendent Patterson has been working closely with the OFCC in keeping Lakewood a front runner for approval.

One of Superintendent Patterson's stated goals is to make Lakewood one of the

top 20 school districts in Ohio by 2020. During his tenure, Lakewood City Schools were rated 14th highest out of 832 districts for value-added. In addition, Patterson led a com-

munity engagement process that helped guide the district through difficult financial times. Mr. Patterson is committed to continuing the **continued on page 8**

## Sam O'Leary, Candidate For City Council At-Large, Earns Lakewood Democratic Club's Endorsement

by Morgan McPhearson

Supporters, friends and neighbors gathered at Mahall's 20 Lanes in early April to hear Sam announce the launch of his campaign for Lakewood City Council At-Large from the bowling alley and bar at the top of the street he grew up on, which he sees as a symbol of the kind of economic recovery and entrepreneurial spirit that marks Lakewood's future with promise.

Before and since the event Sam has been busy listening to residents discuss the issues that matter to their neighborhoods and talking to business owners and others about working with nearby residents to implement shared solutions to common goals.

"I believe that I have a unique perspective to bring



Sam O'Leary talks with supporters before the 4th of July parade.

to council," said Sam O'Leary. "As a third generation resident, I understand the issues that Lakewood faces. But, as a member of the millennial generation who made the decision to move back here, I also understand what we can do as a city to retain Lakewood kids so that they start their own careers and families here, as well as what we can do to attract those looking to re-

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## Downtown Lakewood Will Meltdown On Saturday July 13

by Ken Brand

LakewoodAlive is once again closing down Detroit Avenue for a few hours on Saturday July 13 to bring the community the Fourth Annual Lakewood Summer Meltdown from 4-10 p.m. between Arthur and Marlowe Avenues. Matt Fish and Melt Bar & Grilled will also be the title sponsor once again this year for this fast growing event.



Meltdown will kickoff at 4pm with the expanded "Healthy Lifestyle Festival"



a free, interactive, family-friendly event that encourage families to exercise, eat well, and take advantage of summer weather from 4-6pm. This festival will showcase over 40 local vendors ranging from yoga to football, wrestling, fencing, ballet, meditation, vegetable gardens, interactive games, CrossFit, the Supplies for Success school supply drive, along with the famous Water Moose.

The ever-popular 5K race returns along with a beer garden, live music, and food. Last year, the Meltdown featured more than 500 runners on a relatively flat and competitive course making it one of the fastest growing races in the region. The 5K, which begins at 7 p.m. is preceded by a 1-mile Kids Fun Run which begins at 6 p.m. 5K advance registration is \$23; day-of is

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## Independence Day Observed



Lakewoodites observed Independence Day on July 4th and we observed them- from the morning parade to Mayor Michael Summers lighting of this year's wonderful fireworks show. See pages 10-11 and check out the Observer online for another couple hundred photos and even some videos! <http://lakewoodobserver.com>



photo by Craig Lovejoy, Low Level Aerial Photography

## Cornucopia Gets A Helping Hand



Lowe's employee volunteers pose in front of their landscaping handiwork for Cornucopia's new training facility.

by Casey Ryan

Neither blazing heat nor stifling humidity nor the threat of summer thunderstorms could prevent a half dozen Rocky River Lowe's employees from pitching in to

help Cornucopia re-landscape their new training and food preparation facility on Sloane Ave. on Lakewood's far west end Tuesday, June 25th.

The building, formerly a **continued on page 19**



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"Old Home Maintenance And Efficiency" Workshop To Be Held July 20

by Laura Krawczyk

LakewoodAlive's Housing Education Series presents "Old Home Maintenance and Efficiency," a presentation by Mary Ogle of the Cleveland Restoration Society.

All houses need continual maintenance to keep them looking their best. We will take a top to bottom approach at typical old house maintenance issues. The session will outline ways to spot problems before they become headaches and provides

useful information on ways to make your older home more energy efficient without breaking the bank.

Join us at the University of Akron, Lakewood Campus on Saturday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m. This event is free and open to the public. Free parking will also be available in the rear lot.

Details on the full series are available at: [www.tackk.com/LAHousingEducationSeries](http://www.tackk.com/LAHousingEducationSeries)

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cate here."

Between the housing market crash and unprecedented cuts at the state level to the local government fund, economic development has never been a more important piece of Lakewood's future. Sensitive to residential concerns, Sam supports pursuing economic development that preserves Lakewood's authentic neighborhoods and keeps Lakewood a walkable, bikeable city.

"Another priority is to reinvigorate our neighborhood block clubs to help us not just foster community, but empower our residents to work together to address neighborhood problems directly," O'Leary said.

On Tuesday July 2, the members of the Lakewood Democratic Club voted to endorse Sam for City Council At-Large, providing momentum for his campaign. He marched with the club and a large contingent of supporters in continued on page 17

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# City News

## Zoning Change Approved, Clifton Pointe To Move Forward

by Christopher Bindel

Council President Brian Powers called the July 1, 2013 Council meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

For the first order of business he asked Council to consider passing a resolution in support of the Lakewood Reads community project. Lakewood Reads is a concept started at the high school two years ago when it was decided that the teachers would choose one book for all the students in the school to read together as one of their summer reading books. They also decided to invite everyone in the community to read the book with them. Throughout the summer, and at the start of the school year, there are community gatherings to discuss different aspects of the book.

This is the third year for the Lakewood Reads project, and the book chosen was “Outlier” by Malcolm Gladwell. An outlier is a statistical term to describe things or phenomena that lie far outside normal experience. Each year the book is chosen by a different department; the previous two being English and Social Studies. This year’s book was chosen by the Math Department. They decided on the book because the author explores a variety of explanations for outliers using numbers, statistics and logic.

Council passed the resolution unanimously.

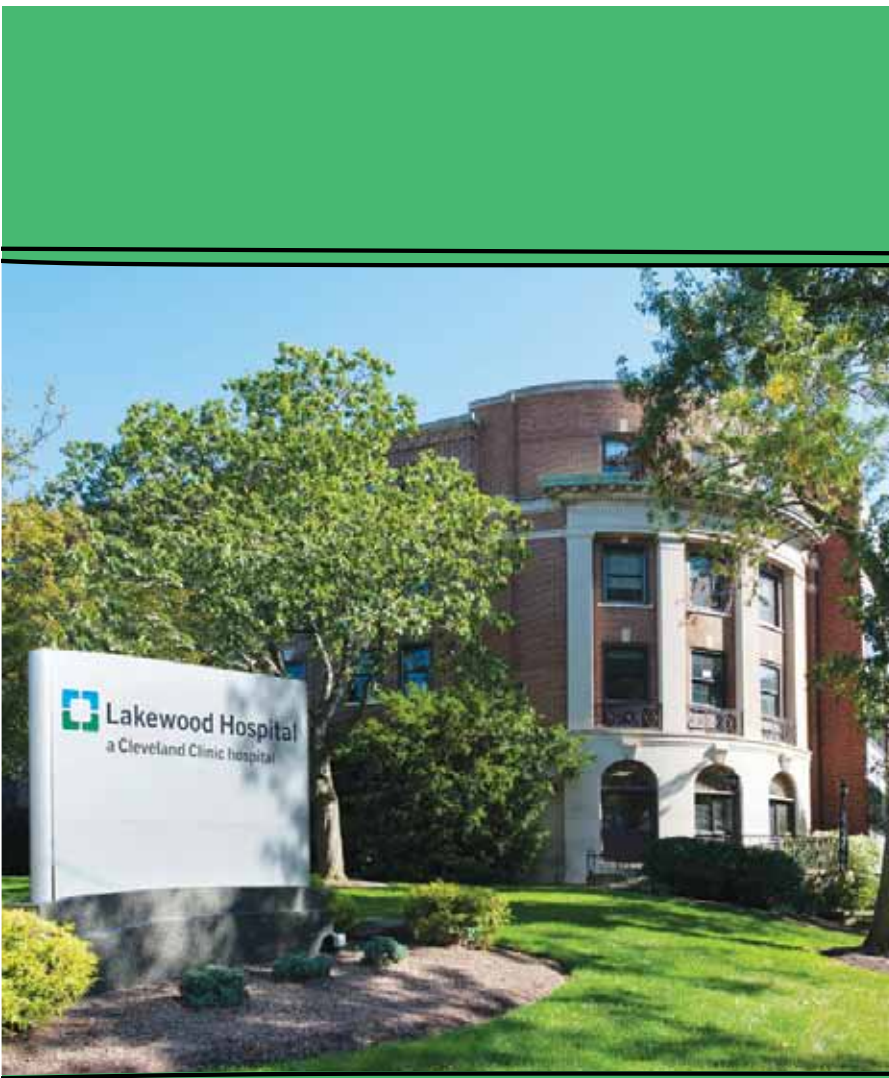
Next, Planning and Development Director, Dru Siley, read a report regarding the rezoning of a parcel on Sloan Avenue for the phase II of the Clifton Pointe development. Currently the property is zoned for a single or two family home. The rezoning would change it to a multiple-family/ high density zone so the developer can build more of their condos there. The change was approved by the Planning Commission with the condition that Council also seek approval from both the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Architectural Review Board before acting on the ordinance. Director Siley was reporting to Council that all those conditions have been met, and that all three boards have approved the zoning change.

Before voting, Council allowed a few members from the public who were there in regards to the zoning change to make statements. The first to speak was Kevin Brown. Mr. Brown said that he did not take issue with the design of the proposed property or even as the property for high density housing, however his issues arise from the overall height of the project, the setback from the northern property line, and the 100% tax abatement given to the project. He stated that he and his neighbors have stated their concerns several times in several forms over the span of the process and that they have been ignored by both the city and the developer. He said that it has been a very disappointing process, as no compromises have been offered on any of their points and he does not feel than any of their concerns have been taken seriously.

Another neighbor of the proposed project also objected to it saying that they have put a lot of time and money into their property and the addition of this development would be detrimental to their neighborhood and property values. She said that had they known this project was going to move forward they would not have put as much investment into their home. Her concerns include noise from the new development, less privacy, and even the possibility of landslides on the cliff. She also feels that the city boards and commissions are giving special treatment to the proprietors of the project and ignoring the neighbors.

Councilman Powers (At-Large) said that he appreciates how active the two residents have been, and he appreciates the time they took to share their opinions with Council. However he wanted to make the point very clearly that the City and he himself (he pointed out that he is also a resident of Clifton Park), do take their concerns very seriously. Between his time on Council and his five years on the Planning Commission he said he has never seen someone not take their job seriously or ever disregard the thoughts and opinions of the residents.

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# Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

**Wednesday, July 10**  
**Introduction to Ancestry.com Library Edition**  
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

**Thursday, July 11**  
**BOOKED FOR MURDER: Queens of Crime**  
**“Portobello” by Ruth Rendell**  
The greatest collection of crime-solving, lady detectives from yesterday and today will keep you up late, turning the pages. Unburden yourself once a month and share your sleepless ponderings with this friendly, law-abiding group of mystery lovers. Visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs) for more clues and full book descriptions.  
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

**Friday, July 12**  
**LakewoodAlive Front Porch Concert Series: Revolutions Brass Band**  
7:00 p.m. on the Main Library Front Porch

**Saturday, July 13**  
**Documentary Film**  
**“My Perestroika” Directed by Robin Hessman - Not Rated**  
They were the last generation to grow up behind the Iron Curtain. Five young adults struggle to find their place in a new Russia that is vastly different from the one that was promised to them as children. This intimate portrait finds great laughs and great sorrow in the contradiction of being young and free when you can’t quite escape the old regime.  
**Saturday, July 13 at 6 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

**Tuesday, July 16**  
**Knit and Lit**  
**“Those Who Save Us” by Jenna Blum**  
Gail Eaton hosts a social club for multitaskers—a combination book club and stitchery

## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

**Friday, July 12**  
**Our Zoo To You - For the whole family**  
Get up close and say hello to an assortment of exotic and domestic animals.  
3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

**The Learning Garden Story Time - For the whole family**  
Make the Learning Garden a part of your family time with stories, music, and activities about vegetables, fruits, flowers, and good things to eat!  
10:30 a.m. in the Learning Garden right behind the Madison Branch Library.

**Saturday, July 13**  
**Tail Waggin’ Tutors - For school-age children**  
Bone up on your reading skills by reading to a dog. Drop in for a one-to-one session with one of our dogs and owners that have been certified through Therapy Dogs International.  
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

**Tuesday, July 16**  
**Afternoon at the Movies - For the whole family**  
**“Atlantis: The Lost Empire”**  
Beat the summer heat by taking in a movie on our big screen. All movies are free and open to the public. Movies are shown in the Main Library Auditorium.  
1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 21**  
**Lakewood Lego® League**  
**For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (caregivers welcome)**  
Use LPL’s collection of Lego®Bricks and your own imagination to create fabulous new structures and designs each month. No registration, but numbered tickets will be given out first-come, first-served. One ticket per child. For more information, stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

**Summer Reading Club - For youth, birth through twelfth grade**  
Feeling adventurous? Join our Summer Reading Club and read 30 books or for 30 hours over the summer. Visit the Reading Club desk to collect stamps and tickets for prize drawings. Special rewards for those who finish! To register, please stop in and fill out a registration form  
**Monday, May 20 – Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Children and Youth’s Services desk at both the Lakewood Public Library’s Main and Madison branches.**

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](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs) full book descriptions.  
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

**Friday, July 19**  
**LakewoodAlive Front Porch Concert Series:**  
**Vance Music Studios (student rock bands)**  
7:00 p.m. on the Main Library Front Porch

**Saturday, July 20**  
**Five Star Films**  
**“Witness for the Prosecution” (1957) Directed by Billy Wilder - Not Rated**  
Despite a recent heart attack, cigar smoking, hard drinking barrister Charles Laughton accepts a murder case. The defendant is an unemployed American, Tyrone Power, down on his luck and married to East German beer hall performer Marlene Dietrich. Although there were no eyewitnesses, the prosecution thinks it has a strong enough case to convict.  
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

**Sunday, July 21**  
**Sunday with the Friends: Wallace Coleman’s Living Blues**  
An unbroken chain of songs and stories, passed down through musical generations, connects Wallace Coleman to the crossroads birth of the blues. But forget about genre and style for a minute. The blues are really just a way of looking at things. Coleman blows his harmonica and sings songs both funny and sad to make people smile. Works every time.  
2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

**Friday, July 26**  
**LakewoodAlive Front Porch Concert Series: Bobby Ferrazza**  
7:00 p.m. on the Main Library Front Porch

**Saturday, July 27**  
**Lakewood Art House Cinema**  
**“Power of One” (1992) Directed by John G. Avildsen - Rated PG-13**  
Even before Apartheid, South Africa was a difficult place to find justice. When a young white man whose family spoke up finds himself orphaned and imprisoned, there seems little hope for him or his country. But with the help of some wise men, including Morgan Freeman, Stephen Dorff fights the system with nothing more than his fists. Make no mistake, this film is about more than boxing.  
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

## The Library Supports Lakewood's "English As A Second Language" Community

by Eric Knapp

The population of English as a Second Language (ESL) residents in and around Lakewood continues to grow, and so too do the support and materials Lakewood Public Library offers for this community. Both the Library’s Main and Madison branches have been improving their collections, resources, and services for ESL residents.

Julie Strunk, Manager of Children and Youth Services at Lakewood Public Library, stated that the library’s goal is, “to actively welcome new citizens to the community, help them transition to American life, encourage them to sign up for a library card and use our resources, and to provide a meeting place for them. The library helps new Americans to find paths to success.”

If you visit the Library’s Madison branch, you will see many of the new ESL items in the collection, including DVDs, picture books, beginner readers (for both children and adults), dual-language dictionaries, pocket guides, and adult non-fiction lesson books to begin learning English. In addition, Madison Branch has also purchased materials to assist with attaining US citizenship and to help adults who are aging out of high school to pass the GED.

Providing ESL materials must be paired with community awareness.

Lakewood Public Library has partnered with Lakewood City Schools and Asian Services in Action (ASIA), Inc. to educate ESL students about the library. Judy Grabowski, the manager of the Lakewood Public Library Madison Branch, works regularly with Kitty Leung, manager of Children, Youth and Family Services at ASIA, Inc. by helping ESL students sign up for library cards at their annual summer camp and by hosting weekly meetings at the library to assist parents of ESL children in the community. Strunk stated that she will also continue to support ASIA, Inc.’s summer camp program by sending librarians to read to ESL children in a series of regularly scheduled outreach programs.

In addition to ASIA, Inc., the library has partnered with preschools that have the highest population of ESL students for monthly outreach story times, which Strunk says adds up to seven programs a month. A story time typically lasts 30 minutes and consists of several songs, two books, a dance, finger play or movement, and an interactive story or activity.

The Friends of Lakewood Public Library volunteer organization regularly donates picture books to ESL students in partner schools and ASIA, Inc., and also participates in the “Welcome to Lakewood” events for new ESL residents.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## The Lakewood Library's First Summer Reading Club Finisher Of 2013

by Julie Strunk

July 1, 2013 was the first day our Summer Reading Club patrons could finish reading 30 books or 30 hours! Arianna Vaughn was first in the door on July 1. Her reward included a brand new book which she chose from a selection of over 600 books! Arianna chose a Fancy Nancy book by Jane O'Connor. She also received a certificate, a free game of bowling and shoe rental at Madison Square Lanes, a Taco Bell coupon, 8 ounces of Menchie's frozen yogurt, and an invitation to "A Diggin' Good Time at Madison Park" on August 7th. She is standing next to her nameplate on the front of the Children's desk at the main branch. Congratulations, Arianna!



Arianna Vaughn, the first reader in Lakewood to complete 30 books.

## Our Zoo To You! Live Animal Show

by Nicka Petruccio

Bryan and Terri Wise each loved animals before they married and now currently have 30 animals that have been rescued or re-homed. Get ready to get wild with rabbits, spiders, hedgehogs, snakes, macaws, sugar gliders, chinchillas, foxes and more! Meet, learn about, and even pet many of the animals. Cameras are welcome.

This Special Friday Performance will be held on July 12th in the Multipurpose room of the Main Library. The show will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will



last up to an hour. There is no registration; the show is open to the public. And, of course, you can't beat the price, it's free!

## Wallace Coleman's Living Blues At Lakewood Public Library: A Free Concert!

by Lisa Calfee

Like a million other Americans in the 1950's, Wallace Coleman left his southern home and headed north looking for work. But he didn't leave the state of Tennessee without a deep and abiding love for the blues, thanks to a radio his mother had given him as a child. He also had a rare talent for playing the blues harp, and it didn't come from taking music lessons once a week in a dusty parlor. It came from somewhere inside.

Coleman is packing up his harmonica, along with a lifetime of blues experience, and heading for Lakewood Public Library on Sunday, July 21 at 2:00 p.m. for another great concert. As always, this Sunday with the Friends event is free and everyone is welcome! It will be held in the Main Library Auditorium at 15425 Detroit Avenue.

When Coleman was still listening to Nashville's WLAC on his radio back in Tennessee and the sounds of Sonny Boy Williamson, Big Walter Horton, Howlin' Wolf, Little Walter Jacobs and Muddy Waters made a big impression. Later he saw many of these same performers in person at different clubs throughout Knoxville and then in his new hometown of Cleveland.

For the next 31 years Coleman worked at Cleveland's Hough Bakeries and saw as many blues players as he possibly could. He didn't realize it, but during those years he was also mastering the harmonica. He played on lunch breaks. He played after work. He played on his days off. He played for



the love of it.

Others started noticing how talented he was. He wasn't convinced. It required a co-worker to play a few tricks, but Coleman finally made his first public debut with Cleveland's Guitar Slim at the Cascade Lounge in 1985. He was so good that Robert Jr. Lockwood asked him to play in his band, which he did two years later after retiring from Hough Bakeries. They made records and toured all over the world.

Nowadays Coleman is performing and recording music on his own record label, Ella Mae Music. Ella Mae is the lady who surprised a little boy with a radio so many years ago. Well, he's all grown up, the awards and accolades keep coming in and he's still living and loving the blues. Thanks, Mom.

Please join us on July 21 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakewood Public Library for this special Sunday with the Friends Program: Wallace Coleman's Living Blues.

## Booked For Murder

by Amy Kloss

Have you always wanted to be in a book club but didn't know how to start or join one? Lakewood Public Library's got you covered.

Each month, readers meet to discuss a mystery title in the Booked for Murder club that gathers in the Main Library Meeting Room. There's no need to register; all are welcome to attend. This friendly group meets on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. A Lakewood librarian chooses the mysteries based on the preferences of loyal book club members and supplies a list of questions and discussion topics for the meetings. Titles are usually a little out of the mainstream so that the books will be fresh for read-

ers. The date of the next meeting and the book to be discussed can be found at [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/events/bookedformurder.htm](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/events/bookedformurder.htm). Clicking on the book title will link you to the library catalog, where you can check the availability of the book.

It's not too late to get in on the July 11 discussion of Ruth Rendell's Portobello, a suspense story weaving together several characters living in a London neighborhood and an envelope of cash found lying on the street. On Thursday, August 8, discussion will center around Time to Be in Earnest, the autobiography of legendary mystery writer P.D. James.

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Reserve Your Tickets For  
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Starry Night -- August 2

by Sabrina Powers

Lakewood Hospital Foundation is proud to host the eighth annual Starry Night fundraiser on Friday, August 2, from 7–10 p.m. under the starlit tents on Belle Avenue at Detroit Road. Recognized as one of the West Side's premier events of the summer, the festivities are held outside on Lakewood Hospital's campus where guests can dine on a variety of gourmet cuisine offerings and enjoy lively entertainment by The Chris Vance Quintet.

Proceeds from Starry Night benefit the Diabetes Assistance Initiative (DAI), a program that provides funds for diabetes testing supplies, medications and education to individuals who are unable to afford this life-saving support. The DAI is a program of the Lakewood Hospital Diabetes and Endocrine Center. Monica Robins, WKYC News Senior Health Correspondent/Anchor, will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

Tickets for Starry Night begin at \$100, and can be purchased at [lakewoodhospitalfoundation.org/starrynight](http://lakewoodhospitalfoundation.org/starrynight) or by calling 216.529.7009. This event has sold out quickly in the past; please make your reservations early. Complimentary parking is available in the Lakewood Hospital Garage via St. Charles Street entrance.

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Hospital, is an acute care community hospital that has served the diverse healthcare needs of the greater west side communities since 1907. Its tradition of caring and personal patient experience has become the hospital's legacy. Lakewood Hospital has been named to the top 10 of the U.S. News & World Report ranking of best area hospitals, and has received recognition by the Joint Commission in numerous areas, including advanced primary stroke, heart failure and stroke rehabilitation.

Lakewood Hospital Foundation provides the channel for interested individuals, businesses and foundations to directly support the life-changing patient programs and services offered through Lakewood Hospital. Established in 1956, the Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds exclusively for Lakewood Hospital, contributing more than \$13.5 million to patient programming and services in the past decade.



LEAF Presents: Cheesemaking  
With Lucky Penny Creamery

by Heather Ramsey

You are invited to join the Lakewood Earth and Food (LEAF) Community for an educational session on cheesemaking with Abbe Turner of Kent's Lucky Penny Creamery. The demo will take place on Wednesday, July 31 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (16400 Detroit Ave.).

Abbe, a milkmaid, cheesemaker, and Slow Food delegate, studied at University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture. She uses the goat and sheep milk produced at Lucky Penny's partner farms to create handmade arti-

sanal cheeses including chevre, feta, and ricotta, as well as other dairy products. Abbe will demonstrate how to make cheese at home and create a perfect cheese plate for summer entertaining, as well as discuss the cheesemaking process, from farm to creamery, and present recipes and creative ideas for appetizers and more.

As always, this LEAF educational event is free and open to the public.

For more information about LEAF and its educational events, find us on Facebook, check out our website at [leafcommunity.org](http://leafcommunity.org), or email us at [leafcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:leafcommunity@gmail.com).

Club Heading Effort To Provide Science  
Lab For School In Nepal

by Lynn Donaldson

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River has received approval for matching grants to help fund its project to outfit a Shree Chandeswory Higher

Secondary School, the only high school in Nala Village, Kavrepalanchowk District, Nepal, with an updated science lab.

The project will provide over \$12,600 for lab materials, physics, biology and chemistry cupboards and storage.

The Lakewood-Rocky River club will contribute \$3,522 to the project. Rotary District 6630 will match the club's contribution. Application has been made to The Rotary Foundation for the remainder of the funding.

The Rotary Club of Kantipur is host club for the project.

Because of the limited financial support that it receives from the government, the school is having increasing difficulty retaining science students. Once the project is begun, it will take six months to complete. It is estimated that over 200 students will benefit from the improved facility and equipment.

The school, established in 1948 as a lower primary school, became a secondary school in 1978, and a higher secondary school in 2008.

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# Lakewood Cares

## Lakewood Hospital Nurse Named To Board Of Directors Of Case Management Society Of America

by Angela Smith

The Case Management Society of America (CMSA) will install five new members of its National Board of Directors this year, after recently completing its 2013 election. In one of the largest elections in the Association's history, CMSA's membership has elected a president-elect, secretary and three directors to begin serving 2, 3, or 4-year terms on the national board.

Mary McLaughlin Davis, RN, MSN, ACNS-BC, CCM of Bay Village, will serve as secretary of the board, beginning her term this June at CMSA's 23rd Annual Conference & Expo in New Orleans.

"I am truly honored to have been elected to the CMSA board of directors," said McLaughlin Davis. "This is an exciting opportunity to help shape the delivery of healthcare to ensure our patients receive the best possible care."

McLaughlin Davis is the director of case management at Cleveland Clinic's Lakewood Hospital. She has been a certified case manager since 1994 working in the insurance industry, private case management, physical rehabilitation, and acute care. As a clinical nurse specialist, McLaughlin Davis is a strong proponent of provid-

ing safe patient care transitions, has taught clinical nursing, and promotes evidence based case management and nursing. She is also a third year student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Ursuline College and is scheduled to graduate in 2013.

"Mary is a wonderful advocate for our patients and we are proud of her accomplishments," said Robert Weil, MD, president of Lakewood Hospital. "She is a proven leader who provides quality, patient-centered care in this changing healthcare environment."

CMSA is a membership organization of approximately 11,000 professional case managers, social workers and other health care professionals who work across the healthcare continuum to advocate for patients' wellbeing and improved health outcomes. One of several initiatives the national board will focus on for 2013 and beyond is the recently launched CMAG 2012, an educational resource designed to provide case management professionals with assessment and intervention tools to improve patient medication and treatment adherence.

Other leaders to be installed to the 2013-2014 CMSA Board of Directors are from Texas, Arizona, and New Jersey.



Photo courtesy of Mark Hebert; Rocky River Memorial Day Parade 2013

## Westshore CERT Launches New Website

by Tricia Granfors

The vision of the Westshore Regional CERT (WSC) is to make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to be both disaster resistant and disaster resilient. To further that vision and our mission, the WSC has launched a new website, [www.westshorecert.org](http://www.westshorecert.org).

Originally and graciously hosted by the City of Westlake, the new site was created by and will be hosted by team member Michael Kinder and his company, M&K Kinder Design,

LLC. Much of the design and content was developed by a committee of team members over the last year.

Serving Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River, and Westlake, the team's goal is to provide an up-to-date local website that provides disaster preparedness tips, information and links, and encourages personal responsibility with regard to preparedness, prevention, and mitigation. Check it out! Bookmark it! Use it! Pass it on!

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Lakewood Is Art

# Beck Center Recipient Of Brighton’s “Give Back To Kids” Fundraiser

by Pat Miller

*Accessory company’s goal is to raise \$1 million for the arts nationwide*

Brighton Collectibles at Beachwood Place has selected Beck Center for the Arts as the recipient of their “Give Back to Kids” fundraiser for the second year. Retailers across the country will donate proceeds from the American jewelry line through July 31 to arts organizations of their choice with a goal of raising \$1 million nationwide.

Over the past decade, Brighton, an iconic accessory company, has supported charities with more than \$8 million in donations. For the last two years they have turned their focus to donating to a wide-range of arts programs for children. “I can’t imagine what my life would have been like without the ballet classes I took throughout my school years, the piano lessons and recitals, or learning to paint with oils,” remarked Laura Young, Brighton’s President of Sales and Marketing. “My participation in those programs not only gave me an appreciation for the arts, it gave me the confidence to become the person I am today.”

For each Independence Charm Holder Bracelet, \$58, or Americana I.D. Bracelet, \$48, sold through July 31, 2013, the company’s 172 Brighton Collectibles stores and participating

Brighton retailers will contribute 50% of the retail cost to children’s art programs of their choice. “We are flattered that Brighton Collectibles at Beachwood Place selected Beck Center

again this year,” said Jason Weiner, Beck Center’s Director of Development. “Brighton’s commitment to the arts provides organizations across the country with the opportunity to

continue offering quality arts programming while fostering a sense of community.”

For a complete list of retailers visit [www.brighton.com](http://www.brighton.com).

## Fun Unfolds During Origami Convention

by Brendan McCallum

The pool, the beach, summer camp, and cookouts are just some of the things I like about summer. From June 21 to June 24, I did something very different from these: I attended the Origami USA Annual Convention in New York City. Sponsored by Origami USA, the convention takes place at the Fashion Institute of Technology. It provides members with opportunities to teach origami models and techniques, learn from teachers from all over the world, and meet some famous and not so famous origami artists.

Every morning attendees selected classes organized by difficulty. Among the classes I took were a Bascetta Star, which is a modular model made up of 30 units. Each unit is identical to the next and they are assembled to create the model. I also learned a new butterfly, designed by Michael LaFosse but taught by Sok Song. Both men are prominent origami artists; LaFosse



Helping a classmate fold the Bascetta Star after I finished folding my blue model.

how to make his Stellar Snap model in the main meeting area. Other notable teachers included MIT professor Eric Demaine and physicist Robert Lang.

Over 600 people attended the convention, many from countries outside the United States. I am really glad I was able to attend!

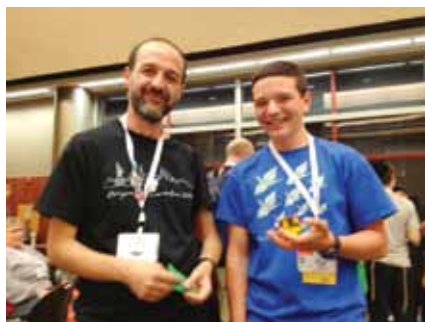
Here are a few pictures from the convention. To learn more, you can visit Origami USA at [www.origamiusa.org](http://www.origamiusa.org).



Samples of modular origami on display in the exhibit hall.

has written several books and is also known for his paper-making. Song has written several books and was Creative Director of an origami magazine, “Creased.”

Jorge Pardo from Spain and Ralf Konrad from Germany were guest teachers. I took a box class from Konrad. Pardo’s class was full before I got to register for it. However, he showed me



Spain’s Jorge Pardo, who gave me a one-on-one tutorial on his Stellar Snap model.

### Board of Education Extends Superintendent Jeffrey Patterson’s Contract through 2019

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community dialogue next year and beyond.

Patterson said, “I am honored to serve as Lakewood City School District’s Superintendent into the future. We are blessed to have a visionary Board of Education, a highly skilled staff, and a very engaged and supportive community. We need to prepare our students with 21st century learning skills in a safe and nurturing environment. Our students deserve our collective best effort.”

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Ohio Chautauqua In Lakewood 2013:  
Witness To Western Frontier History

by Martha Neff

More than 2,000 people journeyed back in time over the course of five nights during Ohio Chautauqua 2013: “When Ohio Was the Western Frontier” in Lakewood Park June 25-29, sponsored by the Lakewood Historical Society and Ohio Humanities Council. The big red and white striped tent in Lakewood Park drew hundreds of people under its flaps each night and brought a festive spirit to the city, despite several nights of rain and even thunder and lightning.

“The event was again an overwhelming success this year,” said Ohio Chautauqua Committee Chairwoman Ann Bish, who brought the idea of Lakewood hosting the Chautauqua to the Lakewood Historical Society for the first time in 2011, and again this year.

Each night under the tent, local musicians -- many students from the Lakewood City Schools -- regaled the audience with musical pieces from the



Lakewood High School's own Vive L'Four was showcased as part of this year's Ohio Chautauqua in Lakewood.

Revolutionary War period and later. Groups included Lakewood High's Vive L'Four singing quartet; the Webb Trio; Will Crosby, Diane Virostko and Duncan Virostko; Four Seasons String

Quartet; Luke Lemmeier and Grace Lazos; Foster Brown; and Lakewoodite Gary Rice on the banjo.

“The music was wonderful,” said Bish. “We have so many talented musicians in Lakewood.”

Following the music, riveting stories presented in first-person character were told by the trained actor/scholars who travel with Chautauqua. Hundreds packed the tent each night to listen to Johnny Appleseed, frontier

aristocrat Margaret Blennerhassett, Iroquois leader Chief John Logan, Lewis & Clark expedition member York, and the hero of the Battle of Lake Erie, Oliver Hazard Perry.

In addition to the crowds at the tent each night, adults and kids turned out for programs at the Beck Center for the Arts and the Lakewood Public Library on aspects of the Western frontier such as Indian life, nature-based artwork, slavery, stories of the birth of the United States Navy and more. The programs drew not only Lakewood residents, but history buffs from across Northeast Ohio.

Expanding on the great success continued on page 18



Many characters took the stage.



Crowds gathered under the big red and white striped tent at Lakewood Park.

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# Hot Fun In The Lakewood Summertime

## Independence Day - July 4th Lakewood, Ohio

by Jim O'Bryan

Each year since the Lakewood Observer has been in print, we have walked with whoever wanted to join us in the Independence Day Parade down beautiful Lake Avenue. For the past 8 years or so, we have turned the camera on the parade watchers. After all we all know what a parade looks like, and there are thousands of people photographing it and watching it, but we are here for you and here is our look at the celebrations of the day, from the parade to the last BOOM! Please stop by the Lakewood Observer website, check out our photoblogs, and the Observation Deck where others share their images, thoughts, comments, quotations, and Observations on life in Lakewood, Ohio, the city we all love. we all love.



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Families were piling into Lakewood Park all day for fireworks fun.



And the ooohs and ahhs could be heard all over the city, and the Mayor smiled.



Us boys take fireworks pretty seriously.

## Lakewoodites Flirt With 1876 Tom Sawyer Style



Three guys from Lakewood rafting down Rocky River in the beautiful Emerald Canyon.



by Jim O'Bryan

I have to admit, my mind was a million miles away. I had just gotten back from some meetings in Parma. The differences in the various cities around Cleveland always amaze me, but at the same time every Clevelander and Cleveland neighborhood is so much alike. Each neighborhood straining between new, and old, rich and poor, arts, life, biking, garden, golf, shopping, all starting to blend into an over-homogenized almond double mil latte, while desperately struggling to hang on to the reality we all want and need to believe. We have made the right choice, our neighborhood is...

Three guys from Lakewood living the Tom Sawyer dream.

Suddenly I cannot believe my eyes. I try to use Metro Parks when ever possible for getting around the city. There is no fast way to Parma, so why not take the most relaxing. As I look over between the branches and weeds, I swear I was seeing Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn rafting down Rocky River on hot summer day. I pull the car over stop and grab my camera and sure enough coming around the bend is a raft made of who knows what, with 4 folding chairs attached in some wacky way with 3 teenagers who were living the big adventure, building a raft and taking it to the river, and to the rapids.

I am sure it is much like a nautical version of "Sharkey's Hill" another foolish

and sometimes dangerous way for young boys to blow off steam, test their manhood, while desperately being "cool." (Sharkey Hill story, "You really should have been here yesterday" <http://lakewoodobserver.com/read/2012/1...rkeys-hill>)

I shouted down to them and asked, "YO Captain Stubbins, where are you guys from?" One of them shouted out, "Lakewood!" Ah it takes me back to when we were lads, and they were building, well, they were building every crappy building in Lakewood when I was a teen, and there would always be a cement trough or two-- in the 60's and 70's they would mix their cement on site, in a metal trough big enough to fit four boys. For many of Lakewood's youths, or ewtes if you are a fan of "My Cousin Vinny," these were our dream yachts, our SS Minnows, you could grab one, or two, take them right down the cliffs, and into the river. You could be a captain for a day, or even sometimes a week, before they were found and returned or sunk. Another idiotic chance to prove manhood on so many silly-ass levels, but a lot of fun.

So here we are in the 21st Century as these three were living the dream of boys and lads for decades. As I was at peace with the world, and had the time, I went to the first ford they would cross. It was flooded enough that the guys would not have to stop, and it was enough of a drop to cause a little anxiety--I don't care what the would-be river pirates might tell you--

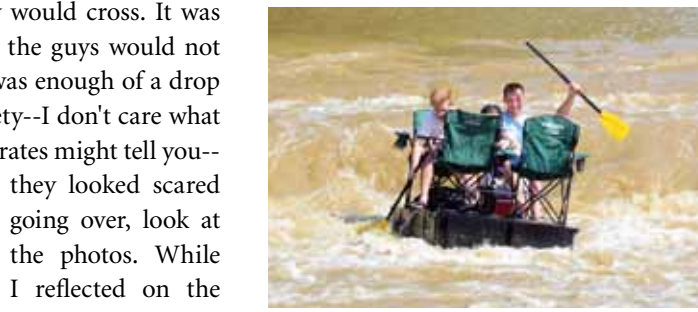
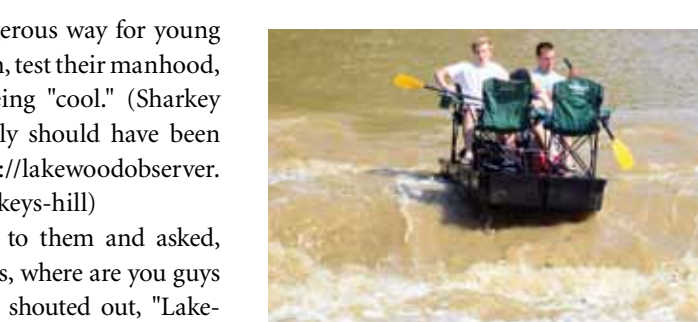
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Wellness Watch

# The History And Healing Benefits Of Traditional Thai Yoga Massage

by Caressa Mathews

Traditional Thai Yoga Massage is a therapeutic technique of bodywork that was developed over 2,500 years ago by Jivaka Komarabhacca, a friend and physician to the Buddha and renowned as a healer in Buddhist tradition. When Buddhist monks and nuns migrated from India to Sri Lanka, Laos, Cambodia, Burma, and Thailand, they brought the knowledge of Thai Massage and medicine with them.

Traditional Thai medicine is a natural, holistic approach to health and well-being, developed over thousands of years, which includes proper nutrition, physical exercise, the use of medicinal herbs and therapeutic massage. Traditional Thai medicine is concerned with curing diseases and ailments, and maintaining health and well-being. The medical knowledge developed by Thai people through many generations has come to be known as the ancient wisdom of Thailand.

Diagrams inscribed on the walls at the temple of Wat Po in Bangkok illustrate one of the fundamental principles of traditional Thai medicine: that energy flows through the body along ten major channels, or sen lines. If an obstruction occurs in any of these channels it is believed that pain or disease results. In this sense, traditional Thai medicine is similar to many other ancient healing systems, which believe that illnesses are caused by an imbalance or obstruction within the individual, or by an imbalance between an individual and their environment. Ancient Thais treated a number of ailments by using massage to restore the flow of energy throughout the body.

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More information about Traditional Thai Yoga Massage can be found at [7sensesyogaandmassage.com](http://7sensesyogaandmassage.com).



The author, Caressa Mathews practices Thai Yoga Massage on a client.



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## Business News

# Lakewood Winery Going Strong

by Andrew Martin

Did you know that Lakewood has a winery? Me either, but it does.

Humble Bee Vineyards quietly opened its doors on October 14, 2012 with a friends and family tasting event at their hard-to-find location inside the Lake Erie Screw Factory building. Don't let the name fool you, Humble Bee Vineyards produces mead, or honey-wine, not grape-based wine, and judging by the award list their brewer has amassed, they do it very well.

What is mead, you ask? At its simplest, mead is honey, water and yeast that's allowed to ferment, producing a pleasingly sweet and surprisingly mellow wine. Evidence points to it being the world's oldest fermented beverage, predating conventional grape wine by thousands of years. Vikings, for example, were particularly fond of it and mead figures prominently in many of their myths and sagas.

The idea for Humble Bee came about in 2007 when Travis Hreha was given a mead recipe that dated back to a fifteenth century monastery. He then began experimenting with his own formulations and when he made one he was especially happy with, he carefully noted the recipe and sent samples to wine contests all over the country. As he began to take home gold medals he realized he was on to something and

began to plan on opening a meadery.

Together with his twin brother Carson and friend Dave Mellen, he founded the company in 2010 and the three patiently navigated the maze of Ohio's complex liquor laws. Finally, in July 2012, they sold their first bottle and have been off and running ever since.

Humble Bee integrates well into the strong Cleveland "buy local" movement. All their wines feature locally sourced produce whenever possible.

"There's no reason to look anywhere else but Ohio for most of the fruit and honey we use," explains Sales Manager Dave Mellen. "We can get better quality fruit right here at home than if we were to buy from national suppliers. Currently the only outsourced produce we use are pomegranates, cranberries, oranges and kiwis, which to the best of my knowledge, no one is growing locally. The strength of the locally focused market in the northeast Ohio area has really been a big help to us."

They've even started growing their own fruit. All of the cantaloupe that went into their 2012 summer seasonal, Bella Estate was grown by the Hreha brothers on a farm in Lorain county.

"We hope to grow more of our own stuff for future batches, it's just really hard to find the time while you're working a full-time job and trying to

get a business off the ground at the same time," says Travis. "There just aren't enough hours in the day."

Humble Bee currently offers four wines and have recipes for nine more. Their business model centers around one flagship wine, Cleveland Sunset (Strawberry wine with orange zest) and a revolving set of seasonal offerings, as well as limited editions such as their Midnight Moon (blueberry-kiwi). This presents certain challenges to the company.

"The biggest problem for us is buying as much as we can of any given fruit while it's in season and being able to store enough of it for future batches until the growing season comes around again," says Dave. "This is especially true for strawberries. We have two wines that we use strawberries in and we have to buy and store enough to last us through winter and spring until we can restock in early summer. Using berries shipped in from the west coast isn't an option for us because they literally have no flavor and we couldn't

maintain a consistent quality when we've tried to use them in the past. We have something like a quarter ton of locally grown strawberries in two giant freezers in our winery."

The Lakewood-based winery currently has over 50 retail locations in eight counties and is also available downtown at The Greenhouse Tavern and Flannery's, as well as the Buckeye Beer Engine in Lakewood. Not bad for a company that's only been open for four months and is self-distributing.

In addition to Buckeye Beer Engine, Humble Bee wines are available in Lakewood at the following locations: Rozi's Wine House, Simone's Beverage, TJ's Butcher Block, Nature's Bin and Beverage Square.

On October 12th, Humble Bee will be having a 1 year anniversary party at Buckeye Beer Engine on Madison Ave. Please check their website [www.humblebeevineyards.com](http://www.humblebeevineyards.com) for more information about their honey wines and details on upcoming events or to find the nearest retail location.

## Deagan's Bike Night On Thursdays This Summer

by Tracey Bradnan

Biking to Deagan's Kitchen & Bar this summer could win you a brand-new bike.

For the third straight year, Deagan's Kitchen & Bar in Lakewood and Century Cycles bicycle store in Rocky River are teaming up for Deagan's Bike Night, every Thursday from June 13 through October 10, 2013.

Simply ride your bicycle to Deagan's ([www.deagans.com](http://www.deagans.com); 14810 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood) on Thursdays from 5pm to close to receive 15% off every item on their award-winning gastropub menu, plus get an entry form to win a brand-new Raleigh commuter bicycle from Century Cycles.

The more Thursdays you bike, the more you save, and the more chances you get to win the bike and other grand prizes at the Deagan's Bike Night Finale Party on October 10.

To kick off the first Deagan's Bike Night on June 13, Deagan's tapped Fat Head's Brewery's Trailhead Pale Ale, a special beer brewed to aid the Cleve-

land Metroparks' mountain bike trails.

"We personally love to ride our bikes anywhere and everywhere possible, and we're thrilled to have our own bike night here at Deagan's," said Daniel Deagan and Erika Wolfe, owners of Deagan's Kitchen & Bar.

"Bicycling to your favorite places to eat and drink makes a night out even more fun," said Scott Cowan, owner of Century Cycles ([www.centurycycles.com](http://www.centurycycles.com)) bicycle stores in Rocky River, Peninsula and Medina. "We're happy to once again partner up with Deagan's to give people some great incentives to ride their bikes and enjoy a terrific meal."

The Deagan's Bike Night grand prize is the Raleigh Misceo 2.0 bicycle provided by Century Cycles, an ideal commuter bike for urban wandering to Deagan's and all over town, yet still tough enough to tackle the Royalview mountain bike trail in the Cleveland Metroparks. It retails for \$549.99.

For more information about Deagan's Bike Night, go to [www.centurycycles.com/for/DeagansBikeNight](http://www.centurycycles.com/for/DeagansBikeNight).

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Opinion

# “Move To Amend” Lakewood Files Petitions

by Trudy Hutchinson

A Lakewood citizens’ group marked Independence Day by completion of a petition drive that seeks to eliminate the growing influence that corporations, unions and other artificial entities have on the political process. The U.S. Supreme Court’s 2010 ruling in Citizens United vs. FEC further expanded the influence of these nonhuman creations of law on our political process by extending to them the right of free speech as represented by the large amounts of money that these entities injected into our elections.

“Our initiative calls on Lakewood’s elected representatives at the state and federal government levels to support

an amendment to the US Constitution that restores to the people the inalienable rights guaranteed to them when our country was founded. Our initiative reverses the steady erosion of rights that belong to the people as represented most recently in the disastrous Citizen’s United decision. Our initiative would legally clarify that corporations are not people and money is not speech”, explained Glenn Campbell, a member of the committee of petitioners. “This will help curb the corrupting and out-of-control influence of money on our political process.”

The citizens’ committee, formed to add Lakewood to the growing list of Move to Amend communities in

Northeast Ohio and approximately 500 nationwide, has completed the first phase of the citizen initiative and has submitted petitions to the Lakewood City Council Clerk for examination. According to the Lakewood City Charter, City Council Clerk Mary Hagan will assure that the petitions are signed by the required number of qualified electors. If the review verifies that the requirements of the Charter have been met, the citizens initiative will come before City Council.

Lakewood citizens who signed Move to Amend petitions are on the forefront of the organizing effort by the nonpartisan citizens’ group that was established to promote the nationwide Move to Amend campaign among Lakewood residents. The effort began on January

19 with a public forum at Lakewood Library where citizens gathered to discuss the influence of money in politics.

**Move to Amend seeks an amendment to the United States Constitution that states the following:**

A) Only human beings, not corporations, are legal persons with Constitutional rights,

B) Money is not equivalent to speech and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

“Even if you’re not interested in politics, the Citizens United decision and its predecessors affect you because

it is a big part of the reason Ohioans couldn’t escape the political advertising during so much of the 2012 election season,” said Campbell. “And if you are interested in politics, whatever your causes may be, they’re increasingly lost causes unless we can roll back money’s ludicrously large influence on our elections and the way we are governed. This initiative and the Move to Amend movement are an important step in that direction. Help us put Lakewood on the right side of history by calling on our state and national leaders to amend the Constitution to put the people above the corporations for a change.”



Petition Committee Members Bonnie Sikes, Trudy Hutchinson and Katie Steinmuller prepare to file Move to Amend petitions with the City Council Clerk.

## Downtown Lakewood Will Meltdown On Saturday July 13

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\$28. 1-mile registration is \$18 and is at the event only. Sign up for the 5k race at PeaceRacing.com

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After the 5K, an after-party kicks into high gear starting with the music of Misty Gonzales followed by the Burning River Ramblers, a beer garden (for those 21 and over only) featuring brews from Buckeye Beer Engine and four foods trucks (Jibaro Pit Stop, Mad Mouth Gyros, Fired Up Taco Truck and StrEAT Mobile Bistro). Buckeye Brewing and the Buckeye Beer Engine have partnered with LakewoodAlive and the Lakewood Summer Meltdown to have 3 local Buckeye Beers on tap in the Beer Garden including one that was specially brewed just for this event. Buckeye Brewing Brewer Gavin Wright said, “Buckeye Brewing is

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Opinion

# Boys To Men: Where The Trouble Is

by Mark Moran

Some thirty years ago educators and social science types, motivated in part by the women’s movement but also by real gaps in achievement between boys and girls, began to recognize the need to address the particular educational and emotional needs of girls, and to fashion opportunities in the classroom and elsewhere that would allow girls to flourish. As the father of a teenage daughter I am grateful for this; my child has opportunities and accommodations that were not available to girls when I was a teenager, and that were undreamed of when my mother was her age.

But however real the disadvantages faced by girls in an earlier generation, I cannot be the only one to notice that the demographic that is really in trouble today, and that needs our attention, is boys and young men. This is not an original observation — as early as the 1990s some began talking about a “crisis” in the education of boys. There was push-back, I believe, from feminist quarters as well as some disputing the statistics about educational achievement; I’m no expert in education so I’d leave it to those who are to sort out these controversies.

But the recent blizzard of terrible news involving boys and young men — Aurora, Newtown, the Steubenville rape case, the Chardon High School shooting (and the vicious behavior of the shooter in court), and now the horrific Boston bombing — would seem to underscore that whether the problem is

in the classroom, the family, or the culture at large, boys are in trouble.

Some of these crimes are more heinous than others and to conflate them may seem unfair; they also involve very different causes and antecedents, and different forms of failure on the part of the young men or the communities around them. But there is also no overlooking the obvious, which is that all of these crimes were committed by boys and young men between the ages of 16 and 25, an age-range that for males appears to be a kind of Bermuda triangle for bad outcomes: whether one is looking at violence, incarceration, suicide, severe mental illness, accidental death or injury related to alcohol or substance use, or educational failure, males in this age cohort are somewhere in the lead.

So what is it about being male and between the age of 16 and 25?

To start with the obvious it’s the age when boys become men and they are expected — whether they are prepared for it or not — to begin acting like adults. They are at or approaching the age of what the lawyers call “emancipation,” an interesting term that typically denotes release from servitude or hardship, but in this case means release from the authority and supervision of parents — a supervision that in the case of many young men may have been sporadic or episodic at best, and which many of them still desperately need.

It’s a passage — from boy to man — and like all such passages, it’s essen-

tially an internal one that a boy must make on his own using whatever tools for navigation he’s been given; it is bound to be precarious in the best of circumstances.

Looking back on my own passage a forever ago, I did a foolish thing or three and made some mistakes, but what strikes me now so many years later is the sense I had of having to pretend I knew what I was about (since everyone else around me seemed to know) lest someone should guess how clueless I really was. I never really did begin to “find myself,” in all sorts of ways, until I was well into my 30s.

And I had every sort of blessing at my back: happy childhood memories (you only need a few), a family that valued education, and (my most potent asset, though I didn’t recognize it at the time), the presence of a thoughtful and kindhearted father from whom (I now flatter myself to think) I acquired my best attributes.

I also had less to contend with. It’s not very original to complain about the culture that young people are exposed to — I think my elders probably did so when I was coming of age — but the problem today isn’t only the content of the culture, but its pervasiveness. My coming-of-age period in the late 1970s and early ‘80s now seems quaintly prosaic and serene compared to the unrelenting, all-the-time onslaught of stimuli, of visual and aural incitements.

It’s interesting to me that the troubled or trouble-making young men who make the news invariably have been adept at online social media — texting, Facebook, Twitter accounts and all the rest — but I wonder if they could sustain an in-person, one-on-one conversation with someone about complicated or difficult thoughts, feelings or ideas. At the same time I wonder if they would have any tolerance for, let alone capacity for enjoying, silence or solitude, the prerequisites for reflection and the development of any kind of a spiritual life (virtues that may, in any case, be regarded as vaguely shameful or ludicrous).

And the content of popular culture is nothing to celebrate. Violence and aggression are glamorized in a way that cannot be good for boys, for whom a central developmental task during their adolescence and early adulthood is to learn how to harness for constructive purposes the naturally restless and aggressive energy that comes with a Y chromosome.

The most vulnerable or desperate or ill-equipped for facing manhood, at least, are bound to feel themselves judged by (and forever falling short of) the yardsticks of the culture’s shallowest values — aggression, sexual conquest, and material acquisition — and so will not surprisingly be drawn to ever more audacious acts to prove themselves, a tendency abetted in some cases by the worst kind of publicity. (An especially obnoxious example of this was the front-page coverage in the

Plain Dealer of the recent courtroom behavior of the Chardon High School shooter — coverage that must have lacerated the feelings of the families of victims and which, judging from many online responses by readers, did not exactly bring out the best in people. I think the PD owes the community an apology.)

But those of us determined to see a “crisis” everywhere should be prepared to offer a solution, or at least something positive. So here is something: What I think boys need to navigate the journey from boy to man are rites and rituals that sanctify the voyage, that serve as markers of those who have made the crossing before them, and that provide fixed points of reference in a tumultuous landscape.

Fr. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest (and an exceptional writer, thinker and theologian) who has written and spoken much about male spirituality and the need for male rites of passage. And he has developed a model of “male initiation” that has been copied around the country and in which thousands of men — young and older — have participated. I have not, but friends who have — some of whom have done so with their coming-of-age sons — say it is a powerful experience. You can read about Rites of Initiation at [http://www.malespirituality.org/rites\\_of\\_passage.htm](http://www.malespirituality.org/rites_of_passage.htm) and hear Fr. Richard speak at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5G0\\_jm1SRu8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5G0_jm1SRu8). Those interested in learning about Rites of Initiation in the Cleveland area can contact Chuck Rihm at [rihm@compuserve.com](mailto:rihm@compuserve.com).

Some of the preceding observations are extravagant generalizations, and my impressions of adolescent life are just that: impressionistic. To be sure, there are, here in our own community, countless boys and young men already busy remaking the world in positive ways. But the worst case scenarios of the last twenty years — from Columbine to Boston — seem to say something tragic and melancholy about the hazards of coming of age as a male today, and should convince us that we are long past the time for arguing about which demographic is most desperately in need of our time, attention and resources.

The most desperate of the young men among us are adults, or approaching adulthood, in the eyes of the law, with the freedoms we accord to grown-ups, but in every essential way that defines manhood — self-awareness, a reflective capacity, and the ability to channel naturally aggressive instincts into constructive purposes — they are just boys, children, infants even. Lost at sea in the passage from boy to man, they drift through their adolescent and post-adolescent years, vaguely aware that somehow they are falling behind and smolder with an inarticulate rage. And it is only a matter of time until, like the bomb in the baby carriage, they go off.



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# Pulse of the City

## The Civil War...150 Years Ago... Gettysburg: July 1-3, 1863... 150 Years Ago, Or Only Yesterday?

So much has been written about the Battle of Gettysburg and its aftermath, (including President Lincoln’s famous address) that, at first glance, one might wonder why we continue to be fascinated by that epic struggle. Many, if not most 8th graders in this part of the country, have visited that battlefield either on the way to, or from, their visit to Washington D.C.. Hundreds of school buses enter and exit those bus loops around the Gettysburg Visitors Center each year, giving students the opportunity to view the iconic Cyclorama painting by Philippoteaux, and to purchase different souvenirs. In all of that hustle and bustle, students could be excused for missing a few aspects concerning that sacred ground.

For sacred it is, in so many sublime ways.

As far as I have been able to determine, I may have had ancestors on both sides of that historic struggle at Gettysburg. That was because during WWII, Dad had been stationed in the South,

to legitimacy with the European powers. In January of that year, President Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation, announcing that slaves in the Confederacy were to be considered free. In March, the first Conscription Act was passed by the Federal Government, forcing men into service. The passing of that act led to huge riots and resistance, particularly in New York. By May, General Lee had won a costly victory at Chancellorsville, but by then, the South too was trying to draft men into service with equally mixed results, and in the West, the Confederate city of Vicksburg was being threatened. It was rapidly becoming apparent that the South needed to stay on the offensive and try and get the Union to come to terms, before it ended up fighting an ever-losing war of attrition.

A Confederate attack through southern Pennsylvania would appear to be an attempt to encircle Washington D.C.. With America’s capital threatened, perhaps the war could be brought to a rapid conclusion with a peace treaty. Union support for the War was by no means universal either, with many “Peace Democrats” continually challenging the Republican President Lincoln at every turn.

At first, the Confederates were able to practically race through Pennsylvania before running into the Union Army at Gettysburg. After an initial skirmish inside that town, the Union Army wisely withdrew to the high ground south and east of Gettysburg, forming a fish-hook shaped defensive line. After attempting to dislodge the Union Army from either end of that fish hook during the first two days of battle, it was on the third day, when General Lee decided to order a massed infantry attack across a broad open field; an attack that opened with a fierce cannonade, and ended with the bloodied remnants of the Confederate Army retreating back across that same field- having been torn into ribbons by the victorious Union Army.

In a nutshell, that was the story of Gettysburg. The loss of life there was horrific, and with the Confederate loss of Vicksburg happening on the following day, the South’s days as an independent Confederacy were numbered. The war would drag on for about two more years, but from that point on, the struggle for the South would primarily be defensive in nature, against a Union force that was growing stronger

every day. The Union had the men and the factories to provide what it would take to finally subdue the South, but not before losing around three hundred thousand men in the process.

On November 19th of the same year of Gettysburg’s battle, President Lincoln came to that community, along with many other dignitaries, to formally consecrate the new Gettysburg National Cemetery. The principal speaker at the event was the noted orator, Edward Everett, and he spoke for two hours. Finally it was the President’s turn. Lincoln rose and spoke in his high-pitched voice for less than five minutes. Although few realized it at the time, those few minutes helped to define the purpose of the Civil War in an immortal way. Although, believe it or not, there were some vociferous journalistic critics at the time who panned Lincoln’s short speech, his Gettysburg Address went down in history as being one of our nation’s pivotal moments of reflection and commitment

to a higher purpose. Gettysburg’s battle indeed changed the world. At that point, world leaders were able to take the measure of our young Republic, and see it for what it was, and for what it was becoming. Slavery was on its way out, and an increasingly powerful and centralized Federal Government meant that America was rapidly becoming a world-class power to be respected, and reckoned with. Advocates of states-rights would continue to advocate, but from that point on, their cause was a losing one, at least when it came to America’s national vision.

Still, the powerful Federalism that developed during the Civil War did not attempt to usurp the rights of individual Americans, but instead, insisted that our national government would indeed be responsive to individual Americans through the “Rule of Law”. It continues to be true, as President Lincoln so eloquently expressed, that our “government of the people, by the people, and for the people” has not perished from the earth.

### Sam O'Leary, Candidate For City Council-At-Large, Earns Lakewood Democratic Club's Endorsement

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the 4th of July parade.

A proud graduate of the Lakewood City Schools, Sam earned his B.A. in political science with a concentration in public policy from The George Washington University and his law

degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Currently, he serves on both Lakewood’s Board of Zoning Appeals and the City of Lakewood’s Tax Incentive Review Council, addressing issues related to economic development and neighborhood quality of life.



View from Little Round Top, where the South was stopped on the second day of battle. (Photo by Gary Rice)

where he met the prettiest Southern Belle that Alabama had to offer, (or at least he thought so!) and I certainly agreed with him. Mom and Dad kept on fighting the Civil War, good-naturedly, on and off for the next 59 years, but they made a really good team otherwise, and, of course, they also made me! As a “Sou-northerner”, I’ve always been fascinated with the Civil War, and the stories behind the stories of that sublime conflict.

By the spring of 1863, Confederate General Robert E. Lee felt it necessary to bring the war to the North. There were practical, as well as strategic and tactical reasons for doing so. For one, the Confederates needed food and supplies. The Union blockade, as well as the tide of war, had extracted a severe toll on the South already, and it was becoming more and more apparent that the South would need to achieve substantial victories in order to keep its claim

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# Lakewood Living

Few residents realize that Lakewood and Rockport Township were home to hundreds of working gas and oil wells. According Mark Bruce, spokesperson for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), “Rockport Twp. has 874 producing wells, only eight of which are producing, the rest are plugged, abandoned, or in the final restoration state or in another non-producing state.”

Bruce added that three permits have been granted for Rockport Twp. (Lakewood, West Park, Rocky River, Fairview Park) in the past three years.

According to writer Ralph Pfingsten’s book, “From Rockport to West Park,” “the first discovery of natural gas in the area was reported by the Cleveland Leader in 1885. Henry Mastick developed a well at Rocky River and J.M. Glasser put one into production for lighting and heating his greenhouse near Phinney’s Corners. However, because of the sparse settlement of the area, there was no market to justify exploring the resource. By 1913 however, things had changed. Gas was widely sought after and the first of the Lakewood wells was drilled in January. So successful was the venue that within a year 33 wells had been drilled in Lakewood. By 1915, the boom had spread to West Park. Six hundred sixteen wells were eventually drilled in Rockport, and in the 1913-1915 period it was one of the top

## Under Our Feet

by Thomas George

producing areas in the Midwest.”

Because of the lack of regulation on drilling, wells sprang up everywhere, said Pfingsten. The citizens of Lakewood were outraged over the noise and pollution caused by the drilling. Just about the time Lakewood was starting to regulate the industry, most of the wells went dry according to Pfingsten. It was not until the 1960s that the State of Ohio began regulating gas and oil drilling.

According to writers Jim and Nancy Borchert, “Early residents (of Lakewood) were aware of natural gas on their property. A natural gas boom began in Lakewood after 1910 and reached a peak in 1914 and 1915.”

Reportedly wells at National Carbon Company (Madison and W. 117) and Winton Motor Company produced a million cubic feet of gas daily. Beach Avenue contained three wells which supplied gas for several years to the tenants of the numerous apartments of Clifton Prado.

Some experts predict natural gas to become America’s energy of the future. It is readily available, low priced, environmentally friendly and abundant. Experts claim new technol-

ogy makes it easier than ever to extract.

However many, and not just environmentalists, are concerned about gas exploration and the effects of new modern drilling techniques that now explore deep beneath the earth’s surface.

According to a study conducted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), “despite its importance to the national economy, natural gas has been often overlooked, or at best taken for granted, in the debate about the future of energy in the United States. Over the past two or three years, this has started to change and natural gas is finding its place in the heart of the energy discussion.”

“Natural gas is important to many sectors of the economy--for electricity generation, as an industrial heat source and chemical feedstock, and for water and space heating in residential and commercial buildings. But it is in the electrical power sector that natural gas competes with coal, nuclear, hydro, wind and solar,” says the M.I.T. study.

According to a 2012 Ohio E.P.A. report, “together the Marcellus and Utica shale regions extend across New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio and parts of Kentucky and Tennessee. The deposits sit between 7,000 and 12,000 feet below ground. Both are important geological formations because they hold large reserves of natural gas.”

The E.P.A. report continues, “most

drilling is now occurring in the Marcellus shale region of Pennsylvania with growing interest in West Virginia and New York. Ohio is experiencing far less Marcellus shale drilling than other states. However, Ohio will likely see a significant increase in future drilling, as much of the state sits over the Utica shale formation which experts also predict holds large natural gas reserves and potentially oil.”

Rockport Township and Lakewood sit under the Utica shale formation and on the edge of the Marcellus Shale reserve. ODNR Spokesperson Bruce continues, “the health and safety of all Ohioans is our top priority at ODNR. The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management (DOGRM) is responsible for the effective regulation of all of Ohio’s oil and gas industry in order to protect citizens while managing the state’s natural resources. ODNR has strong comprehensive regulations and highly technically trained field staff, both of which are needed to have an effective program.”

“ODNR has more than 50 full time inspectors working across the state with each county having a lead and backup inspector. Inspectors will make unannounced inspections and follow up on any complaints that are filed,” continued Bruce.

Only time will tell if Lakewood and Rockport Township experience a renewed gas boom. With newly enacted state laws and oversight, hopefully Lakewood can avoid the Wild West atmosphere of a hundred years ago.

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## Ohio Chautauqua In Lakewood: Witness To Western Frontier History

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cess of the 2011 Ohio Chautauqua in Lakewood, the Historical Society offered a prize package that included two Opening Night tickets to “Disney’s The Lion King” at PlayhouseSquare, two vouchers to the 2014 “Come Home to Lakewood” House Tour, complimentary overnight stay at the Wyndham Cleveland at PlayhouseSquare, private tour of Lakewood’s Templar Motors Factory Building, Display and Archives for four, and more. Annette Cirino of Euclid was the win-

ner of the Prize Package drawing.

Another new feature of this year’s Ohio Chautauqua was appearances from several gourmet food trucks. We were also lucky to have great food from Lakewood restaurants and concessions from the Kiwanis Club.

In thanking the volunteers, non-profit groups, sponsors, city officials and many others who made the Chautauqua event possible – not to mention all those who attended the events -- Bish spoke for the entire Lakewood Historical Society when she said, “Lakewood is the greatest community ever.”



Recent LHS graduate Grace Lazos takes the stage under the big tent.

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Lakewood Living

Cornucopia Gets A Helping Hand

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McDonald’s restaurant, has undergone extensive renovation and remodeling and will be used by Cornucopia, LLC to help train staff and prepare food and deli items for their retail outlet Nature’s Bin, literally at the other end of the parking lot. Cornucopia and Nature’s Bin work extensively to provide training and employment for people with learning disabilities. Nature’s Bin sells numerous organic and wholesome, healthy foods and other products.

After the interior work was done, a little exterior beautification was necessary, and the Lowe’s Heroes program was contacted. With plants, soil, mulch, and tools provided by Lowe’s of Rocky River, several employees spent their day off getting down and dirty to get vegetable and herb gardens planted. Playing in the dirt were Corwin Arvin, Claire Weiss, Nathan Lee, Josiah Green, this writer, and HR Director Sherrie Klamm. Canine companionship was provided by Arvin’s Corgi Sebastian, who was happy to be outside with friends but clearly preferred shade and cold water to the labor of gardening.

Lowe’s Heroes projects are done in coordination with local non-profit organizations to enhance and benefit community relations as well as provide assistance to local businesses. As a 501(c)3 non-profit with a mission to assist people with disabilities integrate into the workplace and community at large, Cornucopia is certainly a worthy company. Through their Vocational Services they provide Employment Services, Work Adjustment, Work Based



The finished product includes raised vegetable and herb gardens.

Training, and Situational Assessment training to people with disabilities. In addition to Nature’s Bin, Cornucopia operates several other businesses, with anywhere from 35 – 40 people at each as well as a case manager on site. Last year Lowe’s Heroes worked on another local project with Lakewood High School.

“Having Lowe’s select us is deeply appreciated,” said Cornucopia CEO Scott Duenes. “The labor of the day was difficult but everyone was in great spirits.” Lowe’s also provided shutters for interior work on the building and fence boards to repair a gate on a dumpster enclosure.

“It speaks well for Lowe’s and the community to have this kind of project happen,” Duenes added. “The appearance of the building will be enhanced,

and the gardens look great.”

The volunteers, all employees of Lowe’s of Rocky River, under the guidance of Duenes and Jessie, a Nature’s Bin employee, pulled weeds and rocks and loose roots from two large garden beds. Then the beds were filled with straw and compost – cour-

tesy of Oberlin College – and soil from Lowe’s. Jessie directed the placement of cucumbers, eggplant, tomatoes, basil, numerous peppers, and other herbs and vegetables. After everything was planted, the area was completely mulched and the plants thoroughly watered. All the herbs and vegetables will go into foods sold at Nature’s Bin or used in the Cornucopia training kitchen. Duenes provided Angelo’s pizzas for lunch.

“It’s a little warm, to be sure, but we got an early start, and we beat the rain,” said Klamm.

And, she added later, “I really like that it’s a nice legacy there. The people at Cornucopia will be using the stuff we planted for a long time, and those beds will be replanted. And it serves a dual purpose, for training in the kitchen and cooking.”

A perfect ending was provided later in the day. When all the work was done and the volunteers were long gone, a good soaking rain got the gardens off to a healthy start.



Volunteers spread mulch, planted gardens and more in the blistering heat!

Zoning Change Approved,  
Clifton Pointe To Move Forward

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ions of a resident. Therefore he said he finds it very hard to believe that the members of the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Architecture Review Board were all cavalier towards this project. He said he was sorry they are disappointed that they did not get what they wanted out of the process, but that it was a full and properly ordered process, and that Council has full faith in their boards and commissions to execute their jobs properly and effectively.

Council passed the ordinance, changing the zoning and allowing the development to move forward.

Mayor Summers then asked Council to consider passing a reso-

lution that would allow the City to accept a \$41,725 grant from the Ohio Development Services agency. The grant was awarded to the City for its Lean Lakewood initiative. The City has been working hard over the last year to find ways to make the city more efficient and to save money. This process also involves training and seminars to help figure out what can be consolidated.

Although the grant from the State requires matching funds from the city to receive it, Lakewood already spent the matching funds last year, so accepting this grant has no bearing on this year’s budget.

Council passed the resolution. Coming to the end of another short agenda, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

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