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Ryan Nowlin: Why I'm Seeking Re-Election To City Council

by Ryan Nowlin
Counciman-At-Large

I grew up on Woodford Avenue, in a house my great-grandparents lived in. I attended St. James School, same as my father and grandfather. My Grandpa Nowlin worked as a shipping clerk at Martindale Electric, on the city's East End. My roots in Lakewood run deep, but that's not why I'm asking for your vote for re-election to City Council.

I live on Chase Avenue with my wife, Meghan, and our four children: Maisie, Tommy, Peter, and Jimmy. As our kids roam around our neighborhood (by bike, Big Wheel, or stroller), I am reminded of



how safe I felt as a child, riding my own bike up to the Hobby Shop, or Dairy Queen, or the old Mini Mart. As the Chair of City Council's Public Safety

Committee, I want to ensure that my children feel as safe riding around our neighborhood as I did when I was a kid. But that's not why I'm asking for your vote for re-election to City Council.

We live in a city which was struck hard by the foreclosure crisis, and whose century homes require a lot of TLC as they grow into their second hundred years. Lakewood's greatest asset is its housing stock, which must be protected by not only maintaining our houses, but by improving them as well. We must continue to ramp up housing code enforcement and help our residents through the process of

meeting code requirements. I want to help our city focus on the critical issue of housing, but that's not why I'm asking for your vote for re-election to City Council.

In recent years, our City

Council has worked with Mayors FitzGerald and Summers and their administrations to put the city on better economic footing. As property values

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Spooky Pooch Parade Returns October 19



by Ken Brand

LakewoodAlive is set to host what has become an annual tradition in Downtown Lakewood: the Spooky Pooch Parade. This year's event will once again fill the streets with hundreds of our favorite canine friends wearing costumes in celebration of the Halloween

season. The festival is free while the parade registration cost is \$10 (pre-register) or \$15 day-of. New this year: Multiple dog discounts available with pre-registration only. Bring your dogs dressed in their scariest, funniest, or most out-

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You're Invited!

by Julie Derrick

You're invited to join Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA) for our first general meeting of the school year! We represent all children ages six and under who live in Lakewood and surrounding communities. We are not specific to any particular school; however, we will have our first meeting of the year at Hayes Elementary School located at 16401 Delaware Avenue on Monday, September 30th. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Art Room. Just look for the signs to lead the way to the Art Room. Door Prizes and refreshments await you there as well as great information about LECPTA. If you are a parent or guardian of a child aged six and under, this simply is a MUST join organization. It

is not to be missed. There are so many activities for young children that are planned, hosted and organized by LECPTA!

At the meeting, we will discuss organizational business and then will be eager to hear from our speaker Brittney Lesch, Associate Director of Creative Arts Therapies at Beck Center for the Arts. This is a great opportunity for the community to learn about the Beck Center and the many programs that are offered in theater, dance, music and visual arts. No matter your age or interest, there is something for everyone at the Beck Center!

For more information, please email lecpta@gmail.com, visit our website at www.lecpta.com and "Like" us on Facebook.

North Coast Health Ministry's Celebration Of Caring Raises Proceeds Of Over \$160,000

by Jeanine Gergel

More than 330 people turned out for North Coast Health Ministry's Celebration of Caring on Thursday, August 29, 2013 at LaCentre. Over \$160,000 was raised through the event, which represents more than 10 percent of the organization's operating budget and will be used to support the life-saving health care NCHM provides.

"We are very grateful for the outpouring of support we received," says NCHM Executive Director Lee Elmore. "It is heartening to know there are so many in our community who share our concern for the needs of the low-income uninsured and are willing to join our efforts to be their connection to good health."

The event was co-chaired by Carol Gress, Wendy Kied-



From left to right: Nancy Huffman and Ken and Kathy Haber

ing, and Kathe Serbin. Honorary Chairs were Ray and Diana Marvar. The winner ticket for the Hilton Grand Vacation was drawn that evening. The winning ticketholders were John and Ruth Meyerhoffer of Bay Village.

At the event, the following awards were presented:

Community Champion Award: Dr. and Mrs. Michael and Kathy Smith

Partner Award: Kaiser Permanente and the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation

Hahn/Hoeffler/Sanders Memorial Award for Outstanding Medical Volunteers: Fred Jorgensen, MD, and Margaret Richmond, RN

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Spirit Parade September 27

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood City Schools' annual Spirit Parade is Friday, September 27. The parade steps off from Lakewood Park at 5:45 p.m. and will wind its way up to First Federal of Lakewood Stadium via Belle, Clifton and Bunts. The parade should arrive just in time for pregame activities for the Homecoming game between the Rangers and the Bay Village Rockets.

Come out and join the fun as school clubs, bands and sports teams of all ages march to display their Ranger Pride!

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rageous costumes. Register today at spookypoochparade.com.

The day starts off with a pre-parade festival and registration at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Charles Green, just north of Detroit Avenue between St. Charles and Belle Avenues. The festival features a fantastic gathering of 40+ diverse vendors who bring a unique collection of doggie creations and activities. This year we encourage you to dress the kids up in their Halloween costumes as vendors will have a little treat for the kids that dress up this year. We are also bringing in The Lakewood Garden Center who will have a great pumpkin patch to pick up some of your favorite Halloween outdoor decorations. Once again we thank The Furry Nation as our Top Dog Sponsor. All are welcome to attend this pet- and family-friendly festival.

The Spooky Pooch Parade will step off from St. Charles Green at 2 p.m. along St. Charles to Detroit Avenue, then West on Detroit Avenue. Once

the parade reaches Elmwood Avenue, marchers will turn back and head east on Detroit to St. Charles and back to St. Charles Green. Judges will choose the best of the best in five categories: Spookiest Pooch, Best Dog & Child, Best Dog & Adult, Best Group and Best in Show. We have made improvements to the judging process to allow us to announce the winning dogs when the parade arrives back at St. Charles Green after the parade.

You be able to visit The Furry Nation (15800 Detroit Avenue) on Friday, October 18th from 5 - 8 p.m. to pick up your parade numbers if you registered online or register in person during this time to avoid the day-of rush.

The entire community is invited to visit the festival and line Detroit Avenue from St. Charles to Elmwood Avenues to see one of the best pet parades in the country.

For any questions please visit www.spookypoochparade.com or call LakewoodAlive at 216.521.0655

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City News

Board Of Ed Update: Lakewood Educators Pioneer "Maker" School Within A School Idea; McKinley School To Be Sold To The City

by Betsy Voinovich

At the September 16th Board of Education meeting, Lakewood educators Sean and Karen Wheeler, Julie Rea and Ken Kozar made a presentation outlining their grant-winning idea for a "Maker High School" within the Lakewood School District.

Lakewood High School is one of 30 organizations nationwide to receive a \$100,000 planning grant from the Next Generation Learning Challenges initiative, which funds ideas that use technology in improving college readiness and completion.

The idea is that students will be at the center of the curriculum, empowered to use all of the technology at their fingertips to work on real world problems and projects, accessing and applying all subject areas, to create real world solutions. According to the Lakewood team, the new Common Core standards are ideally met within this structure because of its focus on process. "It's not only 'how do I do the calculating?'" explained Karen Wheeler, "but 'How are we going to use it? WHY do I need to know how to do this? The Common Core gives us that

freedom."

The community will also have access to the Maker space, where they will be able to use the tools and expertise of the students to address their own needs, providing students with more real world experience, within the maker school, and eventually with actual internships (for high school course credit) within community businesses.

Another impressive aspect of the "maker" approach is that it can be used by all students, on all points of the academic spectrum, who can design projects to solve problems at levels that make sense to them. Board President Ed Favre complimented the team on this particular part of the plan.

Superintendent Jeff Patterson congratulated the team, pointing out the maker school plan capitalizes on the

idea that when students are actively engaged, they learn more.

According to Sean Wheeler, Lakewood has attracted the attention of education and technology experts from around the country. "Lakewood is now on a national stage. We could be an innovation agent for the whole country," he said.

The other big story of the night was that a resolution was introduced outlining the proposed sale of the former McKinley Elementary School property to the City of Lakewood.

According to Superintendent Patterson, the transaction would free the district from the responsibility of finding a buyer – allowing it to focus on its mission of education - and give the City a prime piece of property to help meet its economic development goals.

Proceeds of sale of the property by the City would be returned to the District. The deal calls for the District to contribute 1/3 of the cost to demolish the school building, which sits on almost 3 acres of land at 1381 West Clifton Boulevard.

The purchase agreement requires that the property be used primarily for residential purposes and that no tax abatements or tax deferrals may be offered, thus guaranteeing that in the end, the schools will benefit, because eventual owners of housing in the new McKinley development will pay property taxes.

The Board is meeting in a joint session on Oct. 7 with City Council to discuss the potential transaction.

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declined due to the foreclosure crisis, the state cut Lakewood's funding by slashing the Local Government Fund and eliminating Ohio's estate tax. Lakewood's government made tough choices about how to balance its budget, but our city is stronger as a result of those choices. As a member of City Council's Finance Committee, I am eager for the opportunity to remain on the front lines of our effort to keep a balanced budget without cutting core services. But that's not why I'm asking for your vote for re-election to City Council.

I have been honored to serve on City Council since I was appointed to replace State Representative Nickie Antonio in January, 2011. I was humbled by the voters' decision to retain me later that year. But I want the opportunity to serve Lakewood with a full term, allowing me another four years to represent Lakewood's residents on City Council. I want your vote for re-election because I love this city. Lakewood has given me so much over the years, and I want to continue to return the favor by paying service to our city and its residents. I know that Lakewood is on the right track, but we need to be ever vigilant about how to move forward. I pledge to continue listening to the concerns of our residents, and to keep working hard to make sure those voices are heard in City Hall. I am thankful to be a part of Lakewood's government, and I hope to keep serving our city for the next four years.

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Crosswalks And Pedestrian Friendly Measures

by Christopher Bindel

Returning from a busy summer break, Council President Brian Powers called the September 3, 2013 Council meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. The first order of business was to approve the minutes to the last official Council meeting as well as those from a few special Council meetings which were held over the summer break.

Councilman Brian Powers (At-Large) then read a letter regarding the concerns of Grace Avenue residents. In his letter he mentions that Grace Avenue is one of Lakewood's most picturesque streets populated in large part by involved citizens living in well-maintained century homes. These residents have shown a lot of concern recently with the establishment of two new retail businesses at the end of their street. They fear that these establishments will adversely and permanently change the character of Grace Avenue. Specifically the residents are concerned with increased traffic, intrusive lighting, and commercial encroachment on to the residential portion of the street.

Councilman Powers brought this letter to Council in hopes that as the City tries to balance economic development with the concerns of the residents they might be able to learn from the experience of the Grace Avenue residents. He asked Council to refer his letter to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion, which they did.

Next, Councilman Tom Bullock asked Council to consider adding crosswalks, speed control, and improved conditions for pedestrians in Lakewood. He began by pointing out that Lakewood is rated very highly by places such as Walk Score for its walkability potential. However he emphasizes the word 'potential' and says that there is much improvement that can, and should be made.

The first suggestion, he said, was based on suggestions made by several residents. Many have requested that crosswalks be added to several intersections around town, including, but not limited to, Mars and Detroit, Madison and Arthur, Madison and Mars, and Merl and Bunts. These suggestions were made because these are areas that have nearby places of interest increas-

ing the number of people crossing, or wanting to cross at these intersections, and right now it is not safe to do so.

The second point he made continued along the line of pedestrian safety. He asked that police enforcement of crosswalks be increased as several residents have witnessed and complained about drivers failing to yield to pedestrians, including on man who was hit at Detroit and Manor Park in the last week.

Third he said that crosswalks at traffic lights need to shorten the time pedestrians need to wait to cross. He also said that crosswalks with buttons that need to be pressed for pedestrians to cross are confusing exacerbating the waiting problem.

Lastly he said something needs to be done about chronic speeding. He recommended increased enforcement, signage and traffic calming measures.

He closed by saying that with how much Lakewood values its walkability, and ever growing cyclist population, that Lakewood should be at least as convenient for them as for motorists.

Councilman Powers made a statement before moving on to the vote. He said that before sending the communication to committee he wanted to mention a few things for them to keep in mind. Detroit Avenue is roughly two miles long and has 26 traffic lights, that, he said, is an average of about one light every tenth of a mile. There used to be 30, however Detroit is a State Route and they control, to a point, what Lakewood can and can not do, and they decided that 30 lights were unnecessary. The State said the City could keep those lights, but at their own expense of about a half million dollars. However at the same time the State cut the City's funding by about \$3 million.

He continued saying he personally is not a fan of crosswalks and would rather put in traffic lights, even at the cost of \$120-150,000 a piece. Based on the research he has done he said that he does not believe that crosswalks work, that motorists do not pay as much attention to them as they do traffic lights. Although he said he wholly holds motorist responsible for



Confusing at best, deadly at worst. Photos from the LO Study of the lights at Manor Park from March 6, 2013 to illustrate issues brought up on the Observation Deck nearly a year earlier: It is dangerous to have no light, that the flashers are hard to see early morning and at sunset, and motorists we asked believe yellow means caution not stop.

their actions, he just does not think it is worth the safety risk, and that they are asking for trouble.

Councilman Shawn Juris (Ward III) said that he is looking forward to seeing where this conversation goes but wanted to mention that the numbers that were used to decide whether to remove lights or not, did include pedestrian usage. He also said that he believes they are going to find during this process, much like they did during the City Vision project, that there is no right or wrong answer, but that it is about finding the balance. He said he is looking forward to seeing this discussion held in a pragmatic way, not an overly emotional one.

Several members of the public spoke in regards to Councilman Bullock's communication. Several were from Woodward Avenue complaining about the speed at which people drive down it. They asked that Council respond to the petition they submitted a year ago and that they consider traffic calming measures on their street. Others gave testimony on why crosswalks should be added or how enforcement needs to be improved. One of the members of the public who spoke was the

man that was hit on Detroit at Manor Park last week.

After everyone had spoken, Council referred the matter to Public Works for consideration.

Councilman David Anderson (Ward I) then mentioned that they had received notice that the Department of Housing and Building announced changes made recently to the roles of the Code Compliance Specialists in the city. Now totaling three on staff, these specialists are responsible for enforcing the Property Maintenance and Safety Code in Lakewood. Councilman Anderson said that the specialists' roles are not only important for the day-to-day compliance of the city, but in the context of the City's Housing Forward Survey, which includes checking every house in Lakewood for compliance, they are pivotal. Considering this change, Anderson believes a conversation regarding the administrations overall strategy for enforcing Lakewood's Property Maintenance and Safety Code would be good to have to keep them up to date on the work they are doing and possibly identify potential opportunities to improve it.

Councilman Anderson's communication was referred to the Housing Committee.

Next Mayor Summers wished to make Council aware of a 1.5% bonus that will be given to all union employees of the city. In 2012 all of the contracts for city union employees expired. Considering the recent decline in money from the state as well as uncertain revenue from both income and property taxes the city did not feel comfortable in signing a long term deal with those unions. Therefore they asked all of the unions to agree to a one year continuation of their current contract agreements so that the city can hopefully get a better understanding of its financial future. As part of that agreement it was agreed that if the financial situation was agreeable that the city would offer a one time bonus to match that which the union workers would have gotten if it was not for the situation.

As it turns out, the City has not received any less money from the state, and at this point appears to be ahead on taxes collected from where they thought they would be. Therefore it was decided to pay the union members a one time bonus of 1.5%.

Director of Planning and Development, Dru Siley, then told Council that streetscape improvements on Madison Avenue were going to begin to be installed in the next 45 days. In 2012 Charter One awarded Lakewood Alive in partnership with the City a \$26,323 grant to install streetscape improvements on Madison Avenue between 117th to Madison Park. The grant will cover the cost for new bus shelters, bike racks, benches, trash cans and signage in accordance with the Madison East Streetscape Plan that was developed in 2010.

Coming to the end of the agenda, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:59 P.M.

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Lakewood City Council At Large Candidates

Candidate/Occupation Qualifications for Office	Question: What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing Lakewood?	Question: How would you address this issue?
Tom Bullock Ohio Representative, The Pew Charitable Trusts Current Lakewood City Councilperson. Served as the Chair of Lakewood’s Public Safety and Public Works Committees, Currently serve on Lakewood Hospital’s Board of Trustees	Keeping neighborhoods strong is priority. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• keeping housing quality strong;• keeping neighborhoods safe and family-friendly ;• making Lakewood a model, green, walking city;• supporting our schools,	Calls to landlords; partnering with block clubs to assist with housing problems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick up litter; reduce speeding traffic• Improve crosswalk safety;• Support our schools’ bond issue.
Anthony Davis Public Contact Representative, U.S. Department of Labor Lakewood resident for eight years. Have observed City Council since 2008, I have the knowledge, time, and passion to make it of greater service to citizens of Lakewood.	Coping with the challenge of being an inner-ring suburb (increasing poverty levels, aging housing stock, ever-present crime, declining population and widespread citizen apathy)	Raise citizen expectations and challenge the status quo by improving communication with residents, mandating more government transparency, and strongly advocating for improvement in the troubled East End.
Cindy Marx Practice Manager for Raj Plastic Surgery Experience in managing healthcare practices; member of Lakewood Executive Committee Cuyahoga County Democrats; member of Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee	Rental residential property can present a problem for our City. Absentee landlords who are not invested in the community present a great challenge to our neighborhoods.	Ensure that the City properly enforces current regulations. I would look for new approaches to hold landlords accountable, perhaps revocation of a rental license if standards are not met.
Ryan Nowlin Attorney; Lakewood City Councilmember Councilmember since January, 2011; Chair, Public Safety Committee, member of Finance, experienced in dispute resolution.	How to keep the city on solid economic footing. Infrastructure is aging. Must balance the budget without cutting core services.	Work with administration to sensibly allocate tax dollars; foster Lakewood’s great reputation; increase commercial tax base; improve housing stock; stabilize and increase property values
Sam O’Leary Did not respond		

Lakewood School Board Candidates

	Question: What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing Lakewood Schools?	Question: How would you address this issue?
Betsy Bergen Shaughnessy Director, Revenue Cycle Operation St John Medical Center 20 years experience as a member of the Board of Education, community involvement in community organizations, career experience which enables me to balance the fiscal and educational interests	Improving academic achievement; meet student’s unique needs; Passage of the Bond issue and Permanent Improvement Levy is critical.	Engage students, parents, staff and community in supporting excellence through collaboration and innovation Provide staff with the resources and training needed to utilize technology and respond to new standards. Secure community and staff input supporting completion of the re-building of our schools and formulating a transition plan.
Edward Favre Retired Lakewood Police Officer Lakewood resident 37+ years. Four children graduated from Lakewood Schools. Active in various school and community organizations. Served on Board of Education since 1997.	Finishing the facilities project is the most immediate.	We need to pass the bond issue and collect the \$50 million from the state, then efficiently finish the facilities project. Second, continue to work with our state representatives and other advocates to correct deficiencies in state school funding. Finally, work within the organization to improve teaching and learning.

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compiled by Morgan Maseth

Wednesday, September 18

Lakewood Historical Society: Preservation 101

Margaret Lann of the Cleveland Restoration Society will give a brief overview of the historic preservation movement and explain the legal and governmental structures through which preservation activities are carried out. Learn how the movement has evolved from concern for the homes of founding fathers to preserving recently historic resources and presenting a broader vision of cultural significance.

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

Thursday, September 19

Muslim Journeys: The Poetry of Rumi: An Appreciation by Dr. Mohammad Jafar Mahallati, Presidential Scholar in Islamic Studies at Oberlin College

“Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it.” The Sufi mystic and poet Jalalu’l-Din Rumi is beloved for his poems expressing the ecstasies and mysteries of love in all its forms. Born in what is present day Afghanistan in 1207, he is best known for the Masnawi, a masterpiece consisting of over sixty-thousand poems that drip of the divine and startle readers into a profound remembrance of the ineffable Essence that links all people. Our guest speaker, Dr. Mohammad Jafar Mahallati, began memorizing the poetry of Rumi in its original Persian when he was still a boy. Today, in his scholarship, he explores the relationships between Sufi literature and Islamic ethics, as well as the philosophy of friendship. Mahallati is currently Presidential Scholar in Islamic Studies at Oberlin College. He served as Iran’s ambassador to the United Nations from 1987 to 1989 and successfully negotiated a peace agreement to end the war between Iran and Iraq. But poetry lovers and spiritual seekers should not be intimidated by his resume. He enthusiastically invites all who would be friends to join him for an evening of warm reflection and simple enjoyment.

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

Thursday, September 19

Booked for Murder: “Time for Crime: The End of Wasp Season” by Denise Mina

Lakewood’s premier puzzle-solvers tackle a selection of recent mysteries in this friendly, law-abiding book group. Come share your thoughts and air your accusations. For full book descriptions, visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs.

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

Thursday, September 19

LEAF

Bring the whole family and join your neighbors on the Library’s Front Porch to pick up your locally farmed produce and enjoy the labors of local artists, musicians and craftpersons.

5:30 on the Main Library’s Front Porch

Saturday September 21

Learning Lab Classes: Basic Software Skills

Take this simple overview of the three most popular and useful programs around. Word processing skills come in handy almost everywhere. Spreadsheets help you get organized and powerful presentations get your ideas across with style.

3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

Saturday, September 21

Western Films: The Golden Age Part 2: “Johnny Guitar” (1954) Directed by Nicholas Ray

Joan Crawford runs a saloon on the outskirts of an Arizona cow town. She figures she’s in the right place at the right time as railroad workers blast their way west, bringing civilization closer and closer. The townsfolk, led by a manic Mercedes McCambridge, don’t quite see it her way and aim to put her out of business. Written on the sly by a blacklisted writer, this film can be seen as an allegory for mid-fifties’ McCarthyism. In any other movie, Crawford would be hiring men with guns. Instead, she hires a guy with a guitar. But she has her reasons...

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

Sunday, September 22

Sunday with the Friends: Jim “LooseChange” Snively

Jim, “LooseChange” Snively got his first guitar in 1964 and he’s been writing songs and performing on street corners—both literal and figurative—ever since. “I usually let my songs tell the story but I know who I am. Born in Akron, Ohio in 1944, I was the third of three sons and we had a baby sister, Judi. My oldest brother began playing, what was then called “Moon Dog” and later rechristened rock and roll, on a small loading dock behind

the A&P Store. He toured with people like Eddie Cochran and Roy Orbison, and shared his guitar with an up and comer named Elvis Presley. I followed a different musical path. Harry Chapin showed me there were no walls, no rules, when it comes to music. I loved that he stepped away from the mindless love songs of the day and told stories.”

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

Tuesday, September 24

Muslim Journeys: “The Light in Her Eyes” (2011)

A Documentary Film Directed by Julia Meltzer and Laura Nix

Houda al-Habash, a conservative Muslim preacher, founded a Qur’an school for girls in Damascus, Syria, thirty years ago when she was just 17 years old. Every summer, her female students immerse themselves in a rigorous study of Islam, in addition to their secular schooling. A surprising cultural shift is underway—women are claiming space within the mosque. Challenging tradition, Houda insists education for women is a form of worship. Using Qur’anic teachings, she encourages her students to pursue higher education, jobs and public lives, while remaining committed to an interpretation of Islam prioritizing women’s role as wives and mothers. The Light in Her Eyes tells the story of a leader who challenges the women of her community to live according to Islam, without giving up their dreams. Shot right before the uprising in Syria erupted, this documentary, an Official Selection of the 2011 International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, offers an exclusive look at a social movement thriving in a country controlled by a repressive regime.

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

Tuesday, September 24

Learning Lab Classes: One-on-One Job Search

Spend thirty minutes with a staff member polishing your resume, brushing up on computer skills and exploring employment websites. Whether you need a new job or just want to explore your options, we want to get you started with personal attention.

Appointments are available between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 26

Meet the Author: “Five Million Steps on a Journey of Hope: Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail” by Bob “Buckeye Flash” Grau

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

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, September 28

Jim Kleefeld – Magical Entertainer - For the whole family

A Dr. Seuss themed magic show with comedy, music, audience participation and a few surprises that will delight all ages.

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

Saturday, September 7 - Thursday, September 19

Muslim Journeys for Youth - Various ages, program specific

Want to decorate your hand or face with a temporary Henna tattoo? Would you like to write your name in beautiful Arabic script? Maybe you’re an artist who would like to try your hand at paper marbling or making a mosaic? Join us for Muslim Journeys! Programs have set age ranges. See our program guide, stop in, or call for specific program dates, times and ages limits.

Monday – Friday, September 2 – May 23

Homework ER

For students in kindergarten through eighth grade

Need a little extra help with homework or just a cool place to study? Come to the Homework ER room for help and resources. No registration. Homework ER closed for school holidays and vacations.

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Main and Madison branch Children’s and Youth Services.

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

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An Evening With Author (And Cosmo Editor) John Searles: Benefiting The Lakewood Public Library Foundation

by Ben Burdick

The hottest book of the fall hits bookstores this week and its author will be celebrating in Lakewood next Wednesday.

John Searles, author of the acclaimed "Boy Still Missing" and "Strange but True" (which Salon.com called the best novel of 2004), returns to the top of critics' lists with "Help for the Haunted," a dark and unexpected mystery about one young girl's family secrets. Just a week and a day after the book debuts, Searles will appear as the guest of honor at the Lakewood Public Library Foundation's fall fundraiser on Wednesday September 25 at 7 p.m. to share his own dark secrets—the writing kind—and enjoy the moody atmosphere and delicious fare of Vosh, Lakewood's newest jazz, blues and Motown club. Tickets are still available at www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/foundation.

Capturing the vivid eeriness of Stephen King's works with the compelling quirkiness of John Irving, "Help for the Haunted" is that rare story that brings to life a richly imagined and wholly original world. From the very first page, it takes readers on a captivating journey, told in the heartbreakingly resonant voice of a young heroine who is determined to discover the truth about her family and what went wrong one snowy winter night.



When he types his pulse-pounding fiction, Searles presses really hard on the keys.

Searles, a Deputy Editor at Cosmopolitan, oversees all book coverage for the magazine. His essays, articles and reviews have appeared in the Washington Post, the New York Times and other national magazines and newspapers. He appears regularly as a book critic on NBC's Today Show. He has also appeared on CBS's The Early Show, Live! with Regis & Kelly and CNN to discuss his favorite book selections. Now he will rub shoulders with Lakewood's literary elite and other ticketholders.

Sara Gruen, author of the best-selling "Water for Elephants," raves "A quickly paced and boldly rendered ghost story, Searles's dark novel about a young girl haunted by the murder of her parents had me up reading all night. And checking the doors. I found it impossible to put down."

Admission for An Evening with

John Searles is \$40 and \$20 of the admission price is tax deductible. Admission can be purchased online at lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/foundation or in person (with cash or check) at both the Main Library and the Madison Branch. Checks should be made payable to The Lakewood Pub-

lic Library Foundation. Lakewood Public Library Main Branch is located 15425 Detroit Avenue and our Madison Branch is located at 13229 Madison Ave. Call the Library at (216) 226-8275 ext. 104 to arrange other options.

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Lakewood Public Library Annual Spelling Bee

by Kathryn Tatnall

Attention Spellers! And we know from experience, there are a lot of you out there! This year we will be combining the championships for the second through fourth, and the fifth through eighth graders on one special night.

Both groups are invited to participate in a preliminary round. They will take place on October 3 and October 10th. The second to fourth graders will be meeting at 4 p.m. for their rounds. The fifth through eighth graders will be meeting at 4:45 p.m.

You need only register and attend one preliminary round to be quali-

fied for the championship. The final round championship will be held on Friday, October 18th. All participants of both age ranges will meet at 6:15 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Grades 2 to 4 will compete at 6:30 p.m., with awards to follow directly after the competition. Grades 5 to 8 will compete at 7:15 p.m., with awards to follow directly after the competition.

To register for a preliminary round, please call 216-226-8275 ext. 140, or just stop by the Library. You may also register online at www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org. See you at the Bee!

Do You Believe In Magic?

by Marge Foley

Close your eyes and imagine a show that combines Dr. Seuss and magic. Now open your eyes and bring your kids to a fascinating program starring magician Jim Kleefeld at the Lakewood Public Library. Children and parents alike will watch in amazement as magical events take place. Dr. Seuss's words will literally fly right out of a book! The routines will be light and fun, with a lot of comedy and audience participation.

Magical Entertainer Jim Kleefeld began performing magic at the age of seven when he received a small magic

set. He majored in theater in college and then became an elementary school teacher. After many years of performing, Jim is still fascinated by the art of magic and how entertained people are . . . especially children. Jim says, "The look of amazement in someone's eyes when I vanish an object is priceless."

This display of amazing illusions will take place on Saturday, September 28th at 7 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. Generously funded by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library, this event will be held in the Multipurpose Room, which is located in the Children's Department.

Henna Tattoos Are Back

by Philistine Ayad

Back by popular demand: Henna Tattoos at the Lakewood Public Library! Henna has been used throughout history to dye nail, hair, clothing, and many other things. It has also been used in traditional celebrations to create beautiful body art. Teens sixth through twelfth grade are welcome to come learn all about it, and even have a small tattoo applied!

Bummed out because you are an adult and can't attend? Well you can! That is, if you are attending with your teenager. The Main Branch will be hosting this program on Friday, October 4th, from 4:30 - 5 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Registration is mandatory.

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Lakewood Schools

Lakewood Ranger Marching Band To Host Band Festival, Lead Spirit Parade

by Valerie Mechenbier

A night of music will fill the skies at First Federal Lakewood Stadium with the sounds of seven northeast Ohio high school marching bands.

On Saturday, September 21st, the Lakewood Ranger Marching Band will host the 27th Annual Lakewood High School Marching Band Invitational Festival. Six visiting marching bands will perform at this year's festival, including: Brush, Columbia, Fairview, Lutheran West, Garfield Heights, and Eastlake North, plus the 2013 Lakewood Ranger Marching Band. Mr. Nathan Harris, in his first year as the Lakewood Ranger Marching Band Director at Lakewood High School, is excited to carry on the tradition of hosting the festival. "It is a wonderful experience to bring so many students to Lakewood, all of whom share the same love of music as our own students, and put on this great show for our parents and friends, the Lakewood community, and the students involved."

The Lakewood High School Marching Band Invitational Festival is organized to feature the talent and performances of great high school marching bands, bringing nearly 600 talented high school musicians, their parents and families, and marching band enthusiasts of all ages to Lakewood for an evening of pageantry and musical entertainment. The Lakewood Ranger Marching Band has put in many hours of preparation, working diligently since the beginning of Band Camp II on August 5th for their performance on the 21st. "The students have really worked to prepare an awesome show for the festival," said Mr. Harris. "We will perform our complete '80s show – only parts of which have been seen at football games – which includes: 'Any Way You Want It' and 'Don't Stop Believing' by Journey, 'Mickey' by Toni Basil, and 'Beat It' by Michael Jackson."

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with the traditional "pass and review" introduction of each band as it enters the stadium. Individual field shows

of each band will follow, culminating with the performance of the 2013 Lakewood Ranger Marching Band. In addition to showcasing the students' talents, the Band Festival also serves as the primary fundraiser for the Lakewood Ranger Marching Band's seasonal expenses. Tickets will be available at 6pm at Lakewood Stadium the night of the festival at the following prices: Adults \$7, Senior Citizens \$5, Students \$3, age 5 and under are

free. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase an event program that features all seven performing bands. Concessions will be available as well.

Six days later on September 27th, the Lakewood Ranger Marching Band will help kick off the 2013 Lakewood Homecoming festivities as they lead the pre-game Spirit Parade from Lakewood Park to First Federal Stadium ("the Fed") via Belle Avenue, Clifton Blvd. and Bunts Road. The band is also looking forward

to performing on the field that evening with Lakewood Ranger Marching Band Alumni. Band Alumni can contact Sean DeRenzo at 216-570-3019 for reunion and performance details.

To learn more about upcoming Lakewood Ranger Marching Band events and performances or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact Nathan Harris, Lakewood Ranger Marching Band Director, at 216-227-5980.

Rare Cruise On A Great Lakes Freighter

by Missy Toms

Ever wonder what it's like to navigate the Great Lakes in a working freighter? In search of a unique, once-in-a-lifetime vacation experience? We are excited to announce that the Interlake Steamship Co. has generously donated a cruise on a Great Lakes freighter for two to three couples. You can't buy these trips. They are available only through charitable raffles.

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Raffle tickets are \$100 each. Only 100 tickets will be sold. That's a 1 in 100 chance to win!

The winning ticket will be drawn on December 18, 2013. All proceeds benefit the Lakewood City Schools and the Lakewood Alumni Foundation.

Don't wait. These tickets are going fast. Purchase your tickets today! Online: www.lakewoodalumnifoundation.org. By phone: 216.529.4033. By mail: Lakewood Alumni Foundation, 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107.

Winners must have current passports, be at least 18 years of age, have a very flexible schedule, and be able to climb a ladder. Winner is responsible for transportation to and from departing port. The trip is non-transferable. No alcoholic beverages will be provided, but guests may bring their own.



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Rangers Drop Home Opener 29-10



by Randy Varcho

Lakewood Ranger Marching Band director Nathan Harris (l.) offers a suggestion to spirit leader Rechelle Ray during the football game at First Federal Lakewood Stadium, Friday, August 30. Parma bested the Rangers 29-10 in the 2013 season opener.

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The Family Legacy Continues:

Four Generations Of Doctors Serve Lakewood Community

by Angela Smith

Earlier this month, Lakewood Hospital said farewell to one generation as longtime general surgeon, Marvin Shie III, MD, retired and passed the family torch to his niece, Lynnette Karth, MD.

After practicing medicine at Lakewood Hospital for 36 years in the same office on Madison Ave., Dr. Shie III is looking forward to more time for playing golf, reading and traveling. He began his practice in 1977 following in the footsteps of other family physicians, his father, Marvin Shie Jr., MD and grandfather, Marvin Shie Sr., MD.

Dr. Shie III served his patients and community faithfully, becoming a very active member of the medical community and Lakewood Hospital Foundation. He held many positions within Lakewood Hospital, including President of the Medical Staff. He was also President of the Cleveland Surgical Society and the Academy of Medicine's Physician of the Year in 2011.



Lynnette Karth, MD and Marvin Shie III, MD.

"I hope our family will be remembered as providing good medical care to the community," said Dr. Shie III. "It started off with my grandfather, a general practitioner, then my dad was an obstetrician, and next I took over in surgery. Now I'm handing it off to my niece in obstetrics again. It's been great to be in one place and carry on a family tradition, taking care of our patients."

Now the torch has passed to Dr.

Shie III's niece, Lynnette Karth, MD, a new OB/GYN physician. As the fourth generation of her family to serve the Lakewood community, Dr. Karth is excited to continue her family's legacy and feels a special connection to her grandfather who was also an obstetrician. In fact, her father is also an obstetrician practicing in Dayton, Ohio and her little sister is in training for the same specialty.

"I just hope to carry on the tradition of great, compassionate patient care and live up to the precedent set by the other physicians in my family," said Dr. Karth, "I'm honored that that my patients trust me to take care of them during a very vulnerable and special part of their lives."

Dr. Karth specializes in general obstetrics and gynecology. She will be delivering and performing pelvic surgery at Lakewood and Fairview hospitals along with partners Sharon Mikol, MD, Habibeh Gitiforooz, MD, and Kristen Ekman, MD. Their office is located at 1450 Belle Ave. Patients interested in making an appointment with Dr. Karth can call 216.529.2913.

Dr. Karth resides in Rocky River with her husband Andrew, a design engineer.

Interfaith Dialogue Panel To Be Held At Lakewood Park

by Syndie Eardly

Centering Space has announced that it will be hosting an Interfaith Dialogue panel discussion on Saturday, September 28 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Women's Pavilion in Lakewood Park.

The event will feature Imam Ramez Islambouli, Rabbi Enid C. Lader and Rev. Robert Marva, OFM Cap., who will describe the prayer life and prayer development in each of their traditions, as well as engage the audience in a dialogue, during a question and answer period.

Although there is no fee, the event is a fundraiser to benefit Centering Space and all freewill donations are welcome.

Located on the Lakewood Catholic Academy property next to Lakewood Park, Centering Space is a ministry of prayer, listening and discernment. Programs are offered throughout the year, including weekly prayer gatherings, bereavement programs, day and weekend retreats for individuals and groups, drum circles, and more.

For additional information, visit the Centering Space website at www.centeringspace.org.

LEAF Community Announces Their Farm-To-School Sustainable Agriculture Grant Program

by Annie Stahlheber

LEAF Community is excited to announce a new opportunity to expand local foods and sustainable agriculture education in Lakewood! Lakewood Earth and Food (LEAF) Community, a Lakewood based not-forprofit 501(c)3, is offering grants for classrooms in Lakewood schools

for education projects that help fulfill LEAF Community's mission to develop a more sustainable, healthful and economically viable community through environmentally responsible actions producing broad access to fresh, local foods, knowledge and culture.

Grants are available for classroom projects/enhancements and related

materials. The maximum grant amount awarded will be \$500. Up to three grants will be awarded. LEAF Community has \$1,000 for this funding round. Eligible applicants are any classroom in Lakewood, Ohio, including grades pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.

To apply, please complete the grant application (Download the introduction and the Grant Application from www.leafcommunity.org) and submit it with a cover letter to LEAF Community: PO Box 770374, Lakewood, OH 44107 or via email to leafcommunity@gmail.com.

Applications will be scored based on completeness and the quality and scope of the project. Deadline for the grant application is September 30, 2013. Projects should be implemented by May 31, 2014. A final report with stories and photos of the project will be due by June 30, 2014.

Questions about this opportunity can be directed to Ann Stahlheber via email at leafcommunity@gmail.com. Email leafcommunity@gmail.com with questions.

LEAF Presents:

Dehydration Demo With Maggie's Farm

by Heather Ramsey

Join the Lakewood Earth & Food (LEAF) Community on Wednesday, September 25th in room A226 at Lakewood High School for a workshop on dehydration with Diane from Maggie's Farm. Diane will discuss reasons to dehydrate food, what to dehydrate, how to store dehydrated items, and how to have fun with dehydration, including making nutritious fruit rolls. The workshop will include a hands-on segment.

Maggie's Farm is located in the Stockyard neighborhood of Cleveland

and features produce grown using no chemicals or pesticides but lots of love. The farm also has a farm stand where not only the produce grown on the farm is available, but also other local products like cheese, preserves, fresh baked goods and more. More information on Maggie's Farm is available at <http://www.maggiesfarmcle.org/>.

For more information about LEAF Community, visit leafcommunity.org join our group on Facebook, or email us at leafcommunity@gmail.com

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

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Honoring Miss Kitty: Lakewood Resident Fights Alzheimer’s

by *Stephanie Grair Ashford*

Lakewood resident, Danielle Morris has fond memories of her “granny,” Kitty Morris. “My great uncle, and his wife, Miss Kitty, took in my mom, who was one of seven children. They raised her, and they helped to raise me,” Dani recalls. “My granny was a nurturer who cared for and did for everyone. She never said no!”

Kitty Morris was an active member at New Light Baptist Church and a member of the Eastern Star. “She was a ‘busy’ body, singing in the choir and serving as a nurse at church. My granny was also the secretary for the Eastern Star for many years and enjoyed traveling with the organization.”

When Miss Kitty came home one day and told her granddaughter that she had gone to the market but had trouble remembering how to get home, Dani didn’t think much of it. When it happened again, two months later, Dani took

her to a neurologist. During the interview, her grandmother could not remember the name of the president nor the day’s date. Miss Kitty got scared because she could not remember. Dani speculates that her grandma feared she might have the same fate as her aunt who had had “problems” and was kept in a back room.

After experiencing the loss of the three men in her life within three years (her father, son, and husband), Miss Kitty was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease in 1999, when Dani was 29. One of ten grandchildren, Dani was the one to step up to take care of her grandma. Dr. Toby told the family to get in touch with the Alzheimer’s Association and Miss Kitty received the NeverLost ID bracelet.

The Association tracked her grandma’s symptoms and would often call with tips for Miss Kitty’s care and symptoms/ behaviors to watch for as the disease progressed. One day, she received a call suggesting that she take the knobs

off the stove. Dani did not think it was necessary because her grandma didn’t really cook anymore. Besides, if she got up in the middle of the night, Sadie, their dog, would start barking. As luck would have it, Miss Kitty decided to turn on the stove that night, and Sadie did not bark. When Dani woke up the next morning, the house was filled with gas. Thank goodness several window had been open overnight. Everyone was fine.

Day to day activities became more difficult and Miss Kitty stopped doing the things she enjoyed. After a while, getting her up and out became an issue; Miss Kitty did not like the fact that the granddaughter was telling the grandmother what to do.

Dani recalls one incident in particular. “One morning, Miss Louise (the health aide) and I were trying to get Miss Kitty ready, so she could go to Concordia Adult Day Care Center. We argued with her for about an hour, and she refused

to get dressed. She had yet to put on her pants when William, the bus driver, knocked on the door. When he asked her if she was ready to go to work, my granny said, ‘I’ll be there in two shakes!’ Whenever we could not get her to do something, we would enlist the help of William or a neighbor. A male voice would always make her more agreeable.”

As the disease progressed, Miss Kitty started accusing people of stealing from her, and she would often hide her belongings. Dani found some of Miss Kitty’s china plates in a dresser drawer. During her illness, she went from a size 24 to a size 8. Eventually, she stopped eating and would not drink Ensure for nourishment. Miss Kitty died in 2004, at age 83, but not before she left a lasting legacy for her granddaughter.

Dani attributes her own commitment to service and outgoing personality to Miss Kitty. She is the President of the Cleveland School of the Arts Alumni Association and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Cleveland Area Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. Dani’s team, “Sistahs in Control,” has been Walking to End Alzheimer’s for more than 10 years in memory of her grandmother. Dani also walks so that funds will provide better detection and slow down the progress of the disease. Dani states, “I walk to give back. Hopefully, my efforts will help the next generation so they will not be impacted by this disease.”

Rotary Interact Club Helps Romanian Farmer

by *Larry Faulhaber*

Pictured are Ingrid and Irina Vatamanu and an elderly Romanian Farmer and her new cow which was purchased with money raised by the Lakewood High School Interact Club. Interact is a program of Rotary International that promotes the ideals of Rotary with high school students, such as Service Above Self and fostering service to the community and internationally. Interact Clubs are sponsored by local Rotary Clubs who provide support and guidance, but are self governed and self supporting. There are over 200,000 Rotary Interact Club members in 10,700 clubs in 109 countries around the world.

Irina Vatamanu is the current president of the Interact Club at Lakewood High School. She went to Romania during the month of June with her sister, Ingrid Vatamanu, who founded the Lakewood High School Interact Club. She explained, “Previous to our departure my grandmother told our mother of an elderly lady in their village, whose cow had recently died. She depended

on this cow to get her milk and cheese to sell, in order to make a living. After giving it some thought my mom, sister, and I decided that we would try to buy her a new one, even though the price of a cow came to be about \$650.” Club members contacted their sponsoring Lakewood Rocky River Rotary clubs. Their members donated money. With the help of the young ladies’ church, Michael Abraham and Maryann Hanson of Hanson Services, and Marty Harris, member of the Sunrise Club and the Rotarian responsible for starting an Interact Club at Lakewood High School, the Club was able to raise enough money to buy a cow. When Ingrid and Irina went to Romania they bought a cow and delivered it to the lady. She said that she thought she would die before she witnessed this. She said she wakes up in the middle of the night and goes to see the cow and can’t believe it. This is just a sample of the many service activities that are planned and organized by the dedicated and service oriented members of Interact clubs with the help of the local



Rotary Clubs.

The Lakewood Rocky River Rotary has two clubs. One meets Monday Noon and the other Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. Both meet in the Umerley Hall of the Rocky River Civic Center behind City Hall at Wagar and Hilliard Rds. Interact is just one of the programs of Rotary which is dedicated to promote service by its service to the Community, Youth and promote world understanding and peace through International Service projects. There are over 1.2 million members in 34,000 Rotary Clubs in over 200 countries. The Rotary International Foundation funds projects to eliminate Polio, provide clean water and reduce hunger world wide. Service minded men and women are invited to stop into one of the Clubs meetings and find out how they can join and be part of this, the largest service organization in the world.

FREE Disaster Preparedness Training With Special Invite To Veterans

by *Tricia Granfors*

“All disasters begin and end at the local level,” (FEMA). Community preparedness starts with you. The Westshore Regional Community Emergency Response Team (WSC) is offering free classes on topics such as disaster preparedness, emergency medical considerations, search and rescue procedures, fire suppression, disaster psychology, and more. The 20-hour FEMA course is conducted by local safety professionals. Westshore residents who are over 18 years of age, successfully complete training, and pass a background check are eligible for team membership.

The Ohio Department of Public

Safety and the WSC extend a special invitation to our veterans. Your previous training and expertise is invaluable to your community. Visit www.westshorecert.org for more program and team information.

Do your part to keep your family and our neighborhoods safe and prepared. To register or for more information contact WSC Coordinator Tricia Granfors at (440) 716-4135 or granforst@north-olmsted.com. Space is limited.

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Lakewood Is Art

Beck Center Celebrates 80th Anniversary Season With Spectacular Shows And Spotlight Gala

by Pat Miller

An eclectic lineup of professional productions is underway as Beck Center for the Arts begins its 80th anniversary season. Full of regional premieres and exciting collaborations, this landmark year is truly one to celebrate. In the midst of these theatrics Beck Center is proud to invite its supporters to Spotlight, a gala honoring the past and looking forward to the next eighty-plus years of creating art experiences in Northeast Ohio. Presently, Beck Center's 2013-2014 professional theater season is already in full swing.

Love is currently in the air this fall as Beck Center presents "She Loves Me," the perfect musical to fall in love with. "She Loves Me" opens Beck Center's 80th anniversary season and tells the charming story of two feud-

ing clerks who secretly find romance in their anonymous penpals, unaware they are corresponding with each other. This production stars Cleveland-native Rebecca Pitcher, who appeared as Christine Daaé in over 3,000 performances of Broadway's "The Phantom of the Opera." Pitcher will also perform at Spotlight on Saturday, October 19. This 80th anniversary celebration honors Terry Stewart, retired President and CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame & Museum, and includes cocktails, a sit-down dinner, live entertainment, and much more.

The momentum of this landmark season continues with the regional premiere of "33 Variations" under the acclaimed direction of Sarah May. This intriguing Tony-nominated play shifts

through the parallel stories of Beethoven and a musicologist seeking to discover why the composer was compelled to write thirty-three distinct variations on a simple theme. Although separated by 200 years, their simultaneous journeys, even just for a moment, may align. Just in time for the holiday season, "Annie" returns to Beck Center after breaking all box office records last season. Revisit what Fran Heller of the Cleveland Jewish News called, "a great show to introduce the next generation to the magic of live theater!"

What better place to stay warm this winter than in a fiery gymnasium? Beck Center elects a new prom queen in "Carrie, The Musical", whose bloody reign continues the exciting collaboration with the Baldwin-Wallace Music Theatre Program. Under the direction

of Victoria Bussert, this regional premiere will feature performances by her Broadway-bound students. Cleveland legend Dorothy Silver and award-winning actor Laura Perrotta will follow with another production featuring the relationship between a mother and daughter in "night, Mother." Unlike Carrie's troubled relationship with her cruelly overprotective mother, Silver and Perrotta will appear in this enthralling play that explores the touching efforts of a mother attempting to stop her daughter from ending her own life.

On a less serious note, Beck Center presents the regional premiere of "Seminar," a provocative comedy about four aspiring novelists signed up for private writing lessons with an international literary figure. Originally starring Alan Rickman on Broadway, in this seminar, some thrive while others flounder under the teacher's recklessly brilliant and unorthodox instruction. The 80th anniversary season closes with the locally-produced premiere of "The New Mel Brooks Musical, Young Frankenstein." Based on Mel Brooks' parody of classic horror films, the story follows Dr. Frankenstein as he attempts to bring a corpse to life. This monstrously entertaining musical comedy is sure to be another summer blockbuster at Beck Center.

All shows are at Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Ave., Lakewood. Free onsite parking. Call 216-521-2540 x10 for subscription and Flex Pass information; for individual tickets visit beckcenter.org.

Performances are 8:00 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays except where noted. Preview nights are 8 p.m. the Thursdays prior to opening night with general admission seating for \$10. Subscriptions range from \$94 to \$132. Individual tickets are \$10 (children) to \$29 (adult). Purchase tickets at beckcenter.org or call 216.521.5240 x10.

Purchase tickets for Spotlight, Beck Center's 80th Anniversary Gala, at beckcenter.org.

English Baroque Concert At Lakewood Presbyterian Church

by Paula Maust

On Friday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m., Burning River Baroque and h mAnómali present Desperation

and Desire: Music by Henry Purcell and his English Contemporaries. The program is centered on music composed during the English Restoration

(1660-1685), when the monarchy was restored and Charles II was crowned king. Following the previous artistically austere Commonwealth (1649-1660), music and theatre again began to flourish. Italian, French, and other continental influences were quite important to the sophisticated Restoration composers. The program features Purcell's songs for soprano, divisions for violin and viola da gamba, courtly dance music interludes, and an instrumental fantasia.

Praised as an "energetic and talented band of string players" (clevelandclassical.com), Burning River Baroque is a Cleveland-based ensemble that specializes in fiery, historically informed string chamber music performances. h mAnómali incorporates "extra-musical affairs," such as dance, gesture and theatricality, into their collaboratively structured ensemble featuring music from the antiquity to the present. The performers are Malina Rauschenfels, soprano; Peter Lekx, violin; David Ellis, viola da gamba; and Paula Maust, harpsichord. Donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information visit burningriverbaroque.org and humanomali.com.

An Evening With Author (And Cosmo Editor) John Searles: Benefiting The LPL Foundation

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VOSH, the new music club in Lakewood that has made its home in the historic former Bonne Bell building, offers a sumptuous environment with live music and delectable food every night. With an eclectic mix of



USA Today named "Help for the Haunted" one "Hot Reads" for fall.

music to keep things fresh, VOSH offers jazz, blues, Motown and more. A special menu of appetizers, small plates, soups and salads by Georgetown's executive chef Gregg Korney completes the delicious atmosphere. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

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Beck Center’s Youth Theater Presents 65th Anniversary Season

by Pat Miller

Founded in 1948, Beck Center Youth Theater is considered to be the longest continuously running youth theater program in the country. This landmark year marks the 65th anniversary of Beck Center’s Youth Theater program, and the 2013 – 2014 season is filled with just the right balance of titles that allow teaching opportunities along with community interest. Ranging from family favorites to a classic drama for teens, this upcoming season is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

“What excites me most about this season is that we have four shows that provide ample opportunities for involvement,” commented Jonathan Kronenberger, the Associate Director of Theater Education. “With this being an anniversary year, we wanted to bring back some familiar titles along with the classic and the contemporary. The plays this season all explore the choices we make as individuals and how those choices affect not only ourselves, but also those around us.”

Auditions are open to all Beck Center students, regardless of whether they are studying theater, music, dance, or visual arts. Tickets are \$12 for Adults/Seniors and \$10 for Children (18 and under) and may be purchased online at beckcenter.org or by calling 216.521.2540, ext. 10. Special discounted group rates are available for groups 13 or more and for student matinees. Call Customer Service Manager Rennie Tisdale at ext. 28 for more information and to schedule your student matinee.

Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available. Productions are made possible by the generous support of Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Written by Robert Thomas Noll
Directed by Russ Stich

November 7 – 10, 2013
Mackey Main Stage
Student Matinee: 10 a.m., Thursday, November 7
Auditions: September 21 – 22, 2013
Callbacks: September 23, 2013

Open to Beck Center students ages 6 to 19.

The Rat Commander is leading his troops into Hamelin. Their mission: to scare the people witless and eat every scrap of food there is! The invasion is so terrifically successful that the citizens are soon desperate. Suddenly, a Pied Piper arrives, promising a solution. The Mayor agrees to his price, but when

the time comes to pay the Piper, he refuses. This time, the children of the town follow the Piper’s tune.

Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit

Written by Jonathan Rand
Directed by Rachel Spence

December 13 – 22, 2013
Studio Theater
Auditions: October 12 – 13, 2013
Callback: October 14, 2013

Open to Beck Center students ages 6 to 12.

In the fairy tale criminal justice system, the characters from fairy tales and nursery rhymes are represented by two separate yet equally ridiculous groups: the fairy tale police who investigate fairy tale crime, and the fairy tale district attorneys who prosecute the fairy tale offenders. These are their stories.

The Children’s Hour

Written by Lillian Hellman
Directed by Jonathan Kronenberger

February 21 – March 2,

St. Peter’s Choristers To Rise Again

by Jenni Baker

Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church is looking for a special group of girls and boys (with the help of their parents) who will commit to learning and singing great music. In return, the parish will honor their commitment by paying the children a modest wage. According to Michael Miller, St. Peter’s Director of Music, no other program in the area is doing this.

Saint Peter’s, located at the corner of Detroit Ave. and West Clifton Blvd., has a long history of making beautiful music. According to Miller, choirs of children and youth have long been a part of the parish tradition. In early 2013, the parish Vestry (board) made the decision to re-start a Choristers program in a new and dramatic fashion.

According to Miller, the parish wants to enjoy the voices of children leading its worship. “More importantly, the congregation sees this as a new and critical outreach to Lakewood and the west side,” he said. “Music, especially singing, is being crowded out of community and school budgets, as well as family schedules. Elementary age children who want to sing have few opportunities and these are often costly. Saint Peter’s also wants to help kids learn responsibility and discipline, along with the professionalism

2014
Studio Theater
Student Matinee: 10 a.m., Thursday, February 27
Auditions: November 30 – December 1, 2013
Callbacks: December 2, 2013

Open to Beck Center students ages 12 to 19.

One of the great successes of this distinguished American writer, “The Children’s Hour” is a serious and adult play about two women who run a school for girls. After a malicious youngster starts a rumor about the two women, the rumor soon turns to scandal. As the young girl comes to understand the power she wields, she sticks by her story, which precipitates tragedy for the women. It is later discovered that the gossip was pure invention, but it is too late. Irreparable damage has been done.

The Wizard of Oz

By L. Frank Baum; Music & Lyrics by Harold Arlen & E.Y. Harburg; Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company
Directed & Choreographed by Sarah Clare

May 9 – 18, 2014
Mackey Main Stage

Student Matinee: 10 a.m., Thursday, May 15
Auditions: February 8 – 9, 2014
Callbacks: February 10, 2014

Open to Beck Center students ages 6 to 19.

The popular classic returns to Beck Center’s Youth Theater stage. Little Dorothy Gale of Kansas - like so many girls her age - dreams of what lies beyond the rainbow. One day a twister hits her farm and carries her away over that rainbow to another world. Come join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion and Toto as they travel the universe of Dorothy’s imagination. Featuring a score of classic songs including the timeless “Over the Rainbow,” you won’t want to miss this family favorite.

Students must be enrolled at Beck Center in the semester that the show performs to be eligible to participate in the production. Students can be enrolled in any art form, ranging from dance, music, theater, and visual art. Students do not have to be enrolled at the time of auditions.

that might someday lead to a singing career or a wonderful lifelong hobby.”

Children do not need to be or become members of Saint Peter’s to participate; all children are welcome. Additionally, parents are not expected to become members or attend services.

The Saint Peter’s Choristers will be directed by Miller, an experienced music educator. He will be assisted by music intern Jennifer McPherson, a graduate student at Oberlin College.

Children in grades four through six who love to sing and can make a commitment are encouraged to participate. To learn more about the program, or to schedule an audition, please call the parish office at 216-226-1772, or visit the parish website at www.stpeterslakewood.org. Auditions begin September 3 and an orientation for parents and participants will take place on Saturday, October 6 from 2 to 6 p.m.

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Business News

Community Events Highlight

Lakewood Chamber's Fall Calendar

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Beck Center for the Arts are teaming up once again to present the West End Halloween Window Walk. The 9th annual community window-painting contest is open to all students in grades K-12, families, groups, and adults. Over 100 Halloween-themed masterpieces will appear on the windows of Detroit Avenue businesses from Arthur to Sloane during the week of October 20th. A "Best-In-Show" prize will be awarded to winners in each of 5 age categories: Grade K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and Adult (18+), plus the Group and Family categories, at the awards ceremony at the Beck Center at 2pm on Saturday, October 26th. Registration forms for artists and businesses are available online at

www.lakewoodchamber.org.

The Chamber brings back another event that has created excitement and friendly competitive bidding since 2009: the 5th Annual "Holiday Bid & Buy" online goods & services auction. The Holiday Bid & Buy online auction runs from November 8th to December 6th and showcases items from some of the area's best locally owned businesses. For shoppers, it's a great place to shop

for the holidays while supporting a great cause. For businesses, your donation with a link to your website is featured for the four weeks of the auction and seen by thousands of greater Lakewoodites and members of the Bidding For Good community! Donations and auction sponsorships are being accepted now – visit www.lakewoodchamber.org for a link to the auction site.

In addition to these two events that

feature community participation and promote our local businesses, the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is offering outstanding educational programming and networking events for members and guests this coming fall. The Chamber's annual Election Luncheon will be held on October 18th at The Waterside Room at the Emerald Necklace Marina, followed by the annual joint meeting with the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce on November 21st at Westwood Country Club.

To RSVP, participate, or learn more about upcoming Chamber events, call the Chamber office at 216-226-2900 or visit www.lakewoodchamber.org.

Member Spotlight: Eric Lowrey

by Valerie Mechenbier

Lakewood Chamber member Eric Lowrey is a licensed Realtor® with Prudential Lucien Realty. Together with his partner Kathy Lewis, they have been the #1 Sales Team in Lakewood for the past two years. Eric and Kathy serve all of Northeast Ohio, particularly the west side. Visit www.northeastohioagent.com to view their listings, read case studies, and more.

Eric and Kathy have been the Prudential Lucien Realty Top Sales Team from 2009 to 2012. Eric holds many designations (Certified Negotiation Expert, Historic Home Specialist, and Relocation Specialist to name a few) and has consistently been a million-dollar and multi-million dollar producer, winning many Prudential

Real Estate awards. Eric serves on the LakewoodAlive Board of Directors and is the Housing Committee Co-Chair.

What you might not know about Eric – what he refers to as his "secret past": Eric is a "cutting Edge Pastry Chef" and has worked at famous area restaurants including Cena Copa, Mojo, and Lockkeepers!

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The Waterside Room, Emerald Neck-lace Marina 1500 Scenic Park Dr.
11:30 a.m.
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Now Open: Value World, Lakewood

by Tia Winfield

It's about time...

Finally the City of Lakewood will get to enjoy one of the best clothing stores in the Midwest! Value World, which originally started in the city of Cleveland, has been operating for over 53 years. It currently has three stores in the metro area, one of which moved from 106th/Lorain to its new location at 11900 Detroit Ave. "We are ecstatic about our new location in Lakewood! We have been searching for years and finally a great opportunity presented itself and we jumped on it," said Value World City Manager Rick Wenger.

If you are one of the few who are not familiar with this Ohio-based family-owned and operated company, then you are in for a treat. Value World sells everything from new and used Men's, Women's, Kid's and baby clothing/accessories to home goods and electronics. "It's the one place that our entire family actually enjoys shopping! My husband can find work clothing, my kids stock up on the latest brands like Hollister and Abercrombie and then I have time to search for treasures in the jewelry department!" said Tia Winfield, Lakewood resident.

The new Lakewood location is much larger than the previous one in

Cleveland, which means even more of a selection. Also, keep in mind that they add over 3,000 unique clothing items every single day! What they have on their shelves Monday will not be the same items as Friday. "We really work hard to make sure our customers have a great selection to choose from. We love seeing customers come in three times a week because they don't want to miss out on all of the new items. That really means a lot to us and we are proud to have such a strong and loyal customer base," said store manager April Ayers.

On the business side of things, Value World is adding over 30 full-time job opportunities to the city of Lakewood and the revenue generated from the sales tax/payroll tax/real estate tax will help the city's revenue stream. "We are just so proud to be a part of Lakewood's community and are excited to bring more business to the east end of Lakewood," commented Rick Wenger.

So head on down and check out Value World's brand new Lakewood location! They are having a Grand Opening Give-A-Way starting Friday, September 20th and running through the weekend. They will be giving away iPad minis and tons of gift cards!



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Enterprising Lakewood Resident Attempts To Restore History

by Roy Pitchford

There's a new e-bookstore opening up, thanks to Lakewood resident and library supervisor Roy Pitchford. There is no physical building, but that's appropriate since there aren't any physical books involved.

Poor Richard's Print Shop (<http://www.poorrichardsprintshop.com>) is the new hub for Pitchford's effort in public domain book restoration. For the last 18-24 months, Pitchford has been restoring books digitally and selling them through Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing program, but only recently opened the digital storefront so all his work could be browsed from one location.

When asked why he does this work, Pitchford responded, "It gave me an excuse to read and I prefer reading non-fiction and love history. I've discovered how much history has been forgotten over the decades and I love the idea of bringing this forgotten history to a new generation. I also enjoy the opportunity to teach myself a new skill, in this case, creating an e-book."


By comparing the original printed page (or a photo of it) to the text output of an optical character recognition program, Pitchford fixes errors he finds and does his best to replicate any special text sizes, spacing, tables, illustrations and pictures as technology allows.

The works are varied, but most are non-fiction. Virtually all were published before 1923, in order to be


considered public domain by United States copyright law. The oldest books he has restored are from the 1860s and 1870s, but the many are from the early 1900s.

His largest project took six months to finish; the 51-volume Harvard Classics collection. For reasons beyond his control, he is only able to sell 31 of them. Currently, he has 29 other titles available and there are more to come.

"At the moment, I'm wrapping up a history book on the American Revolution which was published in 1876. I have a lengthy list of books to work on, but I think I'd like to focus on some geared towards a younger audience."



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Opinion

Lakewood Residents Lead Charge To Clean Up Dirty Power Plants

by Hannah Vogel

A new campaign from Environment Ohio to get polluting power plants to clean up their act has found a supporter in Lakewood City Councilman Tom Bullock. As the Cleveland field organizer for Environment Ohio, and a Lakewood resident, I was thrilled to hear that our representatives are concerned about the threat posed by carbon pollution and committed to clean energy.

At a press conference for our report release, "America's Dirtiest Power Plants," Councilman Bullock said, "As a

councilperson in Lakewood, neighbors tell me every day how committed they are to living sustainably, walking and biking more for their health, choose a car with higher fuel efficiency, and buying healthier food from local farmers and reducing food miles, increasing our recycling year by year. Clean energy makes sense for Lakewood and Northeast Ohio, and that's why we know we can clean up the oldest, dirtiest power plants that haven't been modernized and are damaging our health."

And that's exactly it. People doing

their part is absolutely important, but if we continue to ignore the impact of the largest single source of carbon emissions, we simply can't make headway on this crisis. America's dirtiest power plants are the elephant in the room when it comes to global warming. If we want a cleaner, safer future for our kids, we can't afford to ignore power plants' overwhelming contribution to global warming. For Ohio, tackling the problem means cleaning up the dirtiest power plants, since Ohio's power plants are the second-most polluting in the country. Only Texas has more carbon emitted from their smokestacks than we do here.

This environmental crisis isn't abstract any more. It's not just about ice caps or the ozone. It's about the church that gets its windows blown out, or the families without power. It's the basement that gets flooded or the tree branch on your car.

Councilman Bullock has seen the impact of global warming firsthand. "We're already experiencing extreme weather events, from destructive wind storms to flooding across the state. Hurricane Sandy inflicted severe damage on Lakewood and other Northeast Ohio communities, even though we're far from the Atlantic Coast. As Mayor Bloomberg said, these severe storms are

the 'new normal.' They threaten our safety, our health, and our environment, and scientists predict that if we continue to emit global warming pollution at the rate we do now, these events will only become more frequent and more severe."

This summer, President Obama directed his Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to finally propose limits on carbon pollution from new and existing power plants, the largest single source of carbon emissions. In a major step, the EPA is expected to propose an updated rule for cutting carbon pollution from new power plants on September 20th. 3.2 million Americans have already submitted public comments in support of limiting carbon pollution from power plants-- more than a few of them from right here in Lakewood!

State leaders like Senator Sherrod Brown should join us in supporting limits on power plants' carbon pollution. Ohio is the second biggest emitter of carbon pollution from the biggest sources. We can't afford to wait to act on climate.

If you're interested in joining me in the fight to tackle global warming right here in Lakewood or have any questions about the campaign, send me an email at hvogel@environmentohio.org, or check out more info here.

Working To Achieve Dr. King's Dream

by US Senator (OH) Sherrod Brown

On August 28, 1963, on the marble steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant leaders of many ethnicities, races, and ages gathered to address the crowd gathered at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, and to call on our country to live up to its ideals.

The quest to secure good jobs, fair wages, and equality of opportunity united so many Americans in 1963. But 50 years later, Americans still fight for equality. We can remember our shared history while also working to address contemporary economic and social justice issues.

That's why I'm fighting to pass the Fair Minimum Wage Act, which would raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour and then provide for automatic annual increases linked to changes in the cost of living. Americans eager to join or re-join the workforce should also

have access to good-paying jobs that are the foundation of our middle class.

And, of course, every American should have a voice in our democracy. We should continue to encourage seniors, students, and all Americans to vote. However, restrictive voting requirements would have the opposite effect. That's why I will continue to oppose efforts to curtail access to voting booths -- especially in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision to eliminate Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act.

History remembers the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom as the backdrop for Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Address. The march -- and the movement it nurtured -- are so much more than a scene in our many-chaptered American story; it's a starting point for what we can achieve when we work together.

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Shuffleboard Courts In Lakewood

by Ziggy Rein

After having completed an eight-day stint as a volunteer refereeing shuffleboard at the National Senior Games in Cleveland, I am now an enthusiast of the game.

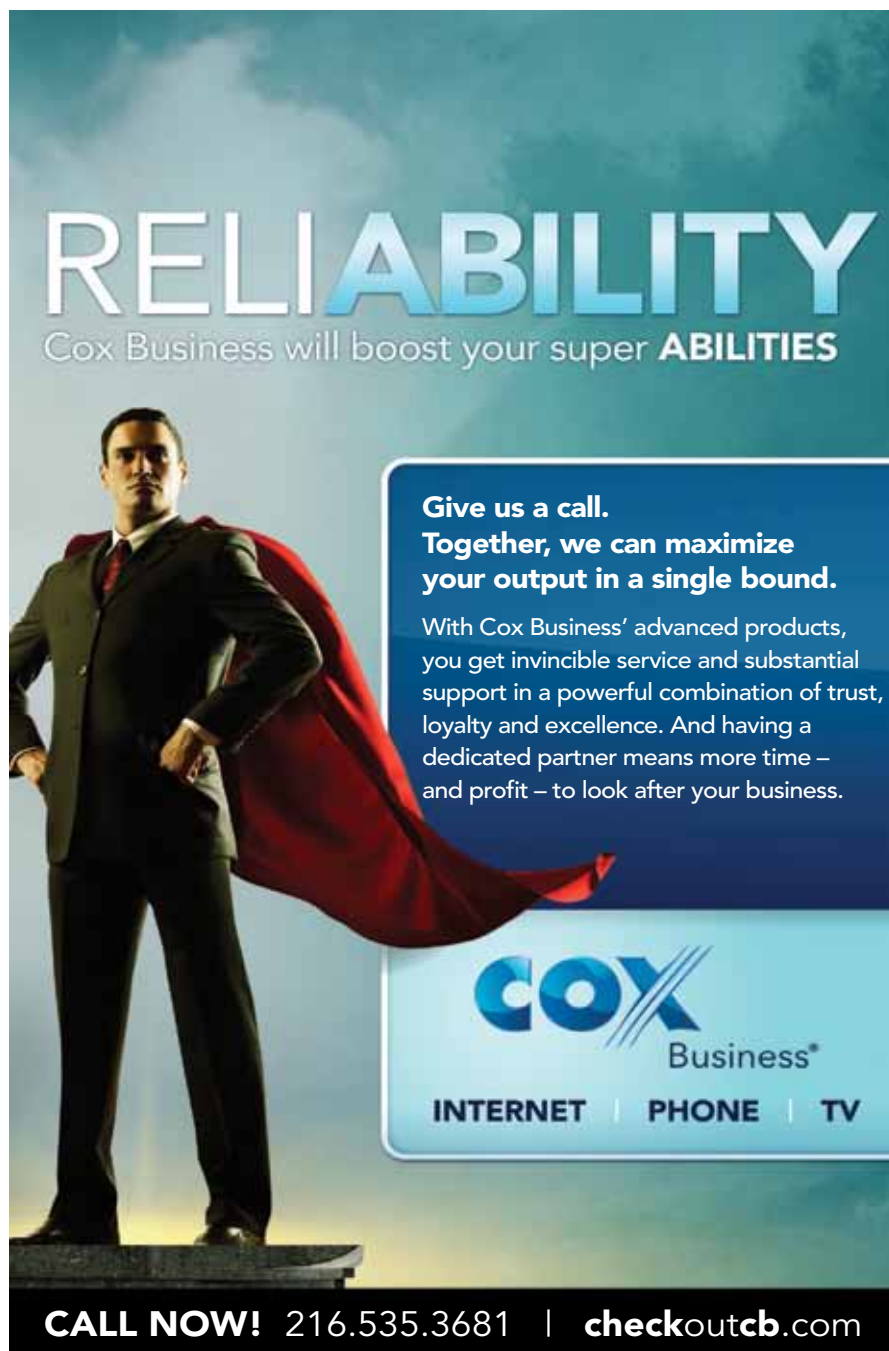
Shuffleboard can be played by nearly all age groups -- from young children to Seniors. For example, two Native-American women, 91 and 94 years old, won medals in the shuffleboard competition. Several shuffleboard players using walkers had no problem competing and winning. Nor is the game limited to either gender.

I am petitioning the Lakewood Parks and Public Property Division, and the Division of Aging of the Lakewood Department of Human

Services, if possible, to install both outdoor and indoor shuffleboard courts.

The patio built last year at Fedor Manor might lend itself as a place for a shuffleboard court. Kathleen and Robert Lawther Center may also be a site for shuffleboard courts. If plans for the remodeling of the "Skatehouse" at Madison Park are not yet finalized, shuffleboard courts could easily be incorporated in its proposed design. Lakewood Park and some of the other city parks would be places where shuffleboard courts could be installed.

Since shuffleboard courts are comparatively inexpensive to construct, and can be made use of by nearly all of Lakewood's inhabitants, it would behoove the City of Lakewood to erect them.



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Pulse of the City

Lakewood’s Antiques...The Holy Grail...Drum?
“As the Father sent Me, so do I send thee...” Jesus

Back when I was a Lakewood kid, one of the favorite writing assignments that teachers would roll out every fall would be having us write about what we did during the last summer. Creative writing prompts like that helped students to reactivate their imaginations after summer break. Tales of vacations, roller coaster rides, picnics, ball games, and friendships made would all come out as we scribbled our freshly sharpened no. 2 pencils onto that rough-draft theme paper during our first week of school.

Well, this is my tale of how I spent my summer this year. No, I did not get out of town once. I missed the beaches and the roller coasters too, at least the amusement park kind. The emotional roller coaster, I rode plenty though. More about that one later. Missed picnics and ball games, as well, but overall, it was probably my best summer ever.

See, I found the Holy Grail. At least I believe that I did.

Historically, the search for the Holy Grail has comprised one of the great stories in Western Civilization. Essentially, it went like this: Roughly two thousand years ago, one Jesus Christ of Nazareth was reportedly crucified on a hill outside Jerusalem. Afterwards, Joseph of Arimathea reportedly collected some of His blood in a cup that was later referred to as being the Holy Grail. That cup was considered to have been among the most priceless relics in Christendom, and the search to recover that cup has consumed kings, queens and knights for many centuries. Perhaps the most famous of those tales was the mythical Arthurian legend of Sir Lancelot’s quest for that Grail.

Of course, there have been other interpretations of what the true symbolic meaning of the Grail was. Perhaps the best known recent interpretation was that the Grail’s meaning implied that there was a bloodline of Jesus Christ. Interesting twists on the tale have included the theory that the other convicted man that Pilate released (Barabbas) was possibly Jesus’s son. (bar-rabbi could mean “son of the rabbi”) Another theory was that Jesus had a bloodline that was secretly preserved through kings and leaders of secret societies. Indeed, there are still

those who relentlessly pursue the quest for the Grail, and countless books come out every few years related to this topic of endless fascination.

The original Knights Templar were a group of soldier-monks whose legends have also heavily intertwined with tales of the Grail, and these days, the Masonic Knights Templar organization continues to honor and protect the memories and traditions of traditional Christendom. As a matter of fact, Holy Grail Commandery no. 70 of Knights Templar continues to meet regularly at our Lakewood Masonic Temple. It was widely believed that many Christian treasures were deposited with the original Knights Templar, but on Friday 13, 1307, the Templars were betrayed into the hands of the French king, accused of all manner of crimes, thrown into prisons and tortured. The Templars were ultimately disbanded by the Church without a finding of collective guilt or innocence. In 1314, the Templar’s last Grand Master, Jaques DeMolai (DeMolay) was burned in Paris after publicly proclaiming the innocence of the Order. Most, if not all Templar treasures were never discovered. A Templar fleet of ships also went missing, and a Templar emblem (the skull and crossed bones) later flew above pirate ships for many years afterwards. Although no direct connection can be traced to the original Order, the Masonic Knights Templar nonetheless go to great lengths to honor the spirit of the original Templars.

One of the things that the Templars, and later, Masonic organizations, would be accused of would be the “heresy of relativism”. At times, there could be several holy books of different faiths present on Masonic altars. By either working with, or accepting people of different God-believing faiths, it was felt by many religious groups that the Templars and later Freemasonry, believed that one religion was as good as another. That was not true, however. Freemasonry instead, allowed a man’s personal political and religious opinions to remain his own, while teaching that well meaning people could then work together for the greater good of

humanity. America’s Constitution and Bill of Rights both reflected that same ideal of having people put aside their religious and political differences for a greater good. America’s place in the world continues to exemplify the results of this ideal.

I actually have an interpretation of my own regarding the Grail to tell about here. As I mentioned, yes indeed, I believe that I have found the Grail, and I’ll present the particulars of the matter here for your own evaluation.

For the past few months, my 93 year-old dad had been seriously going downhill, health-wise. Being his sole caregiver, I was able to see first-hand what was going on. Late in July, Dad fell and hurt his foot, necessitating even more changes in his routine. Before long, his other conditions worsened, and it was back to the hospital in August. During a gut-wrenching week at Fairview Hospital, and through the aid of some magnificent doctors and nurses, Dad was given life-saving treatment, and is back home again and well on the road to recovery. That fact, of course, has been the main reason why I’ve had a good summer.

While at Fairview, we were helped by many people of many races and religious backgrounds, all working, very Masonic-like, for the greater good of humankind; while putting aside the particulars of what divides them in favor of that which unites them in service to humanity. No one is forced to change or hide their beliefs either. People in clerical collars work beside people in turbans, or wearing yarmulkes. People wearing head coverings stand beside others wearing Crucifixes with that central goal of helping everyone to feel better. The truly international flavor of the Cleveland Clinic Hospitals truly reflect the best that can be attained by a world of wonderful people having differences, and yet, working together for a greater good; while still retaining their individual beliefs.

But what about the Tower of Babel story in Genesis, you may ask? What happened then when people tried to work together building a tower to Heaven?

According to that tale, God stopped their work and gave them different languages, forcing them to abandon the project. The Tower of Babel has been used by many groups to justify not associating with others who are not of their kind. I would submit rather that it was simply the wrong reason (trying to make a name for themselves, rather than working for God and others) that got those people in trouble back then.

On the dark night before my father’s life-or-death procedure was to transpire at Fairview, Dad and I were in serious need of prayer and reflection. I went down to the Hospital Chapel, and, passing by the Chapel’s office, noticed someone sitting there. I went in and discovered that he was a Catholic Chaplain. We then engaged in conversation concerning many things, and particularly, my ailing father. In a kind of joking manner, I then asked him whether he might be willing to pray for a couple of Protestant Freemasons. With a chuckle, he then carefully asked whether that might be OK with my dad? When I assured him that would be wonderful, three people from wholly different faith traditions then met in Dad’s room for prayer; providing an infinite expression of Christian love in an infinitely ecumenical setting.

Dad and I cannot say enough good about that Catholic Chaplain, or Fairview Hospital, or the doctors and nurses that work in the Cleveland Clinic System. In fact, even while Dad was still in intensive care, he continued to compose music. After his release, we supplied our doctor, as well as the Cleveland Clinic, with some new songs to sing!

The other day, a friend sold me an antique drum that had been used in the now-defunct Drum and Bugle Corps of Lakewood’s Holy Grail Commandery of Knights Templar. Appearing to be nearly a century old, the drum speaks well to the traditions of people who were, and are, willing to put their personal religious and political differences aside, while working together for humanity’s higher purposes. Echoing Christ’s message that loving God and others sums up the laws of religion, that message, at least for me, shows the REAL essence of the Holy Grail.

by Gary Rice

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Lakewood Living

Lakewood's Louis B. Seltzer Was Influential Journalist

by Thomas George

Louis B. Seltzer of Lakewood was editor of one of America's great newspapers, the Cleveland Press, for 38 years.

With the demise or semi-demise of the Plain Dealer, many of us think back to a time when, like the Cleveland area itself, our local newspapers were lively and vibrant. From 1928 until 1966 the driving force and editor of Cleveland's leading newspaper, the Press, was Lake Avenue resident Louis B. Seltzer.

Lakewood writer Dan Chabek describes Seltzer's childhood. "Seltzer was born in 1897 on Cleveland's near west side. His father, Charles Alden Seltzer, eventually became a successful writer of western stories, but during Louie's youth the family was very poor."

"Louie, at 13, without finishing seventh grade, left school to become an office boy and cub reporter for the (Cleveland) Leader," continued Chabek. "After several years of switching back and forth between that daily and the Cleveland News, he joined the Cleveland Press in 1915."

According to the Encyclopedia of Cleveland History, the Press was the flagship of the communications chain founded by Edward W. Scripps. The Press was founded on Frankfort St. in downtown Cleveland as the Penny Press on Nov. 2, 1878. The Encyclopedia continues, "by its 25th anniversary in 1903 the Press was Cleveland's leading daily newspaper. As it entered the 1920s, the Press neared 200,000 in circulation and maintained its political independence by proposing the city manager form of government for Cleveland and supporting Progressive candidate Robert La Follette for President in 1924."

In 1960 the Press purchased its afternoon competitor the Cleveland News, leaving only the morning Plain Dealer as its print competitor. For many years thereafter the Press was Cleveland's afternoon newspaper and the Plain Dealer was the city's morning paper, having purchased the Cleveland Leader in 1917. Competition between the two news organizations was fierce as each sought to be the first to break a story or to uncover corruption. The Press, under Seltzer, enjoyed a stellar reputation. So much so that in 1964 Time Magazine rated the Press among the top 10 newspapers in America.

However, the Press and other evening newspapers faced increasing competition from television, which had

gradually worked its way into American living rooms beginning in the early 50s. Eventually broadcasts of the live evening television news spelled doom for most of America's afternoon newspapers, including the Press. After years of declining circulation and associated advertising dollars the Press eventually closed on June 17, 1982, leaving the Plain Dealer as the only daily Cleveland paper left standing.

Seltzer was a hands on editor and his leadership helped to propel the Cleveland area to its golden years. During Seltzer's time, the area bustled with commerce and industry. By 1950 the city's population had grown to 914,808 making it the seventh largest city in the country (in comparison, according to census records, today Cleveland ranks 48th in population). At that time, neighborhoods were alive with commerce. Flats steel mills spewed red soot 24/7 into the air, workers in the area's auto plants assembled vehicles and auto parts around the clock, Lakewood's neighborhood bars opened at dawn and were filled by 8 a.m. with dirty, tired workers stopping in after their shift for a shot and beer before turning in and doing it all over again later that day. Downtown, sidewalks were brimming with smartly dressed secretaries and clerks from law firms and accounting offices. Sohio, National City Bank, Union Commerce Bank and Diamond Shamrock workers filled the coffee shops and spent lunch hours shopping at Halle's, Higbee's, Sterling Linder and the May Company.

The Press was located at E. 9th and the Shoreway. Six days a week around 3

in the afternoon, the drivers hurriedly picked up their stacks of papers from the shipping dock. Their Navy blue Press trucks then sped furiously in all directions to drop off their bundles of papers on neighborhood street corners for home delivery.

Seltzer took an extremely active leadership role in the area's affairs and was known as greater Cleveland's number one booster. He actively pushed improvement projects and urged support for like-minded politicians. He was highly visible and one of greater Cleveland's most popular personalities. Under Seltzer The Press, true to its roots, maintained a working class perspective on issues. He devoted day and night to his efforts of keeping greater Cleveland "The Best Location in the Nation."

Among the Press' and Seltzer's most controversial news stories during this time involved the Bay Village murder of Dr. Sam Sheppard's wife, Marilyn. Marilyn Sheppard was brutally murdered on July 4th, 1954 in the couple's lakefront Bay Village home. Headlines screamed for weeks as the murder investigation and eventual trial unfolded. Dr. Sheppard vehemently denied the crime, but the media and prosecutors were convinced of Sheppard's guilt and vowed that he should not be allowed to get away with what some called the crime of the century.

The case drew national attention and the Press under Seltzer, demanded Sheppard be brought to trail and justice be served. Sheppard appealed his conviction from prison and in 1966 his conviction was overturned. Sheppard

died a few years later as a broken man. The controversies over the case remain to this day.

Seltzer and the Press also opposed the extension of Clifton Boulevard through Clifton Park. Seltzer joined forces with Lakewood Mayor Frank Celeste in opposing the new road, but they eventually lost out to County Engineer Albert Porter's desire to extend the road through the historic area.

Seltzer and his wife Marion, whom he had married in 1915 lived in two places in Lakewood according to writer Dan Chabek. "Both addresses were on Lake. They moved to 17427 in 1931 and to 17825 in 1936. The latter residence, in Clifton Park, a beautiful English Tudor built in 1928, was their home for 30 years." Seltzer frequently rewarded the neighborhood kids, including the Shirars, Cullens and Georges with Indians' box seats. This type gesture went a long way in keeping the annoying sound of dribbling basketballs to reasonable times of morning and evening.

Marion died in 1965 and a year later Seltzer retired from the Press. Eventually Seltzer faded from the local scene and moved to Medina County with his daughter where he died in 1980.

Today we live in a time where few understand the distinction between news and information. Before televised news, newspapers and journalists like Seltzer educated, informed, and set the agenda for their local cities, states and the nation. Lakewood's Louis B. Seltzer was a nationally recognized giant on journalism's stage.

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by Julia Cindric

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Lakewood Living

Happy Anniversary To Me

by Eric Lowrey

Ten years ago my wife and I purchased a home in Lakewood. Because of the proverbial “Contractor from Hell” we did not move in till almost six months later, but we did move to the first floor unit of a friends double. Since then we have invested heavily not only in home improvement, but in the city of Lakewood as well. We are involved in various activities around Lakewood. I currently serve on the board of Lakewood Alive and serve as co-chair of the hous-

ing committee while my wife, owner and lead partner of Convey360 a graphic design firm, has contributed professional services for several organizations. I say this not to toot our own horns, but to show we have embraced life in Lakewood and feel compelled to give back to this place we call home.

Lakewood is also the center of my professional life. I am a Realtor with Prudential Lucien right here in Lakewood. Our office is located right next to Around the Cor-

ner so everyone should know where that is. I can go on about listing homes, buying homes, and all the stories I encounter, and if you want to know about anything real estate you can contact me using the email below, but I want to talk about Lakewood.

Much has happened in the past ten years. School levies have help fund and drive the complete overhaul of school facilities. There is a new library; a new YMCA, new street paving and bicycles are everywhere. Restaurants have exploded and proliferated, though we could still use a good noodle house. Downtown has transformed from empty storefronts to

great signage and 97% capacity. At a time when inner ring suburbs are in great peril, Lakewood is positioned to embrace the demographic shift away from the exurbs back towards the city. Bike racks spring up like weeds; people dine at every street side patio; sip wine at Rozi’s and Humble; walk to parks; and stroll along the lakefront in Lakewood Park.

When we first moved here the West End Project had just been defeated. Things could have deflated and we could have become like everywhere else. However businesses who had not talked to each other, let alone organized together, started talking and working with each other. The city responded and we have experienced so much positive growth that the nation is noticing. Our schools improved and grew into the 21st century. And interestingly enough people started to want to move here.

I love living here. I love that there is tremendous economic diversity. I love how the housing stock covers a 150 year span. I love that people care enough to not only complain, but also try to do something about what they are complaining about. I love that it still seems like there is a bar on every corner. I love my tiny Lakewood yard that takes fifteen minutes to mow. I like that I see my neighbors every day because we are so close together. I am a lucky man because my wife and I found a house we fell in love with that happened to be in Lakewood. So Happy Anniversary to us and thank you Lakewood.

Eric Lowrey is a Realtor with Prudential Lucien.

Market Report, By The Numbers

by Chris Bergin

School is back in session, Labor Day has come and gone, and 3/4 of the real estate market is nearly in the books! Where has the summer gone?!

Nationally, we keep hearing about the rebounding and recovering real estate market. The National Association of Realtors has just published its Second Quarter Market Report for Cleveland, defined as the geographic area between Elyria and Mentor covering the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina. The Median Home Price was reported at \$122,700. One year appreciation in this sector is 18.1%. Over a 3 year period it is up 3.7%. Nationally the Median Home Price is at \$203,033 with a 1 year appreciation of 12.2% and 15% for the 3 year period. Although sales prices are up from a year ago, price growth is beginning to slow.

A number of factors are responsible for the slow down. Inventory remains historically low creating less opportunities for buyers. The 30-year Fixed Mortgage Rate, although still histori-

cally low, has continued to gradually increase, putting some buyers back on the fence. Most notably, however, is that the local employment growth is fairly flat. While the national unemployment numbers have improved nearly a full percentage point, the numbers in the Cleveland market are the same, or worse, than a year ago.

So how is Lakewood stacking up since January? Through September 9, 2012 a total of 282 single family homes were sold. The Median List Price was \$109,900 and the Median Sales Price was \$108,500. Nearly 43% of the sales were below \$100,000. About 38% of the sales were between \$100 - 160,000.

Looking at 2013 through September 9th, a total of 290 homes have sold. The Median List Price was \$128,700 with the Median Sales Price posting at \$123,000. That’s nearly a 13% improvement over the same period last year. Looking further at the numbers, sales under \$100,000 declined to 34%, a drop of 9%. Sales between \$100 - \$180,000 accounted for nearly 47% of the sales!

Come Celebrate The Dedication Of “The World’s Children Peace Monument” Sculpture

by Marianne Quasebarth Usiak

Everyone of all ages is invited to participate in the dedication ceremony on Sept. 21 at 2 p.m., the International Day of Peace. Keep Lakewood Beautiful will be awarding the winners of the citywide 6th grade essay contest entitled “What Peace Means to Me...”

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Similar sculptures are being placed around the world to promote peace. Our celebration acknowledges The International Center for Environ-



mental Arts (ICEA) and the children of Berea, Ohio have donated the Peace Stone for the World’s Children Peace Monument to promote a sustainable global Culture of Peace and Goodwill.

For more information on the City of Lakewood’s Keep Lakewood Beautiful please see www.onelakewood.com/KLB. Peace!



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Monday - Thursday
7am - 7pm

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7am - 9pm

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11am - 5pm

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	Small 6 cut - 9"	Medium 8 cut - 12"	Large 12 cut - 16"	Party Tray Half Sheet
Plain	\$6.50	\$8.00	\$10.50	\$11.50
1 Item	\$7.00	\$8.75	\$11.50	\$13.00
2 Items	\$7.50	\$9.50	\$12.50	\$14.50
3 Items	\$8.00	\$10.25	\$13.50	\$16.00
4 Items	\$8.50	\$11.00	\$14.50	\$17.50
Deluxe	\$9.00	\$11.75	\$15.50	\$19.00
Extra Items	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.50
Extra Cheese	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.50

Available Items: Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushrooms, Onions, Green Peppers, Anchovies, Ham, Bacon, Fresh Garlic, Black Olives, Hot Peppers, Ground Meat & Artichoke Hearts