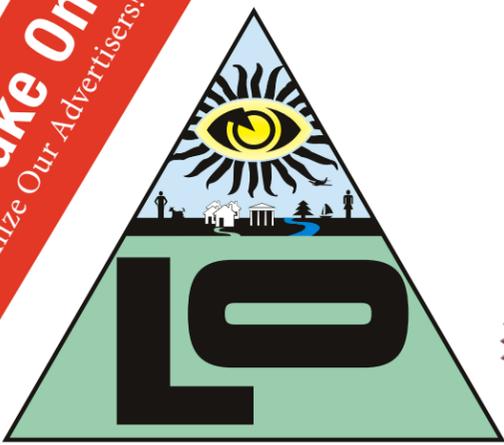


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## State Of The City:

# Mayor Summers "Lakewood Must 'March Forth'"

by Margaret Brinich

The following are excerpts from Mayor Summers' State of the City address as presented at the Masonic Temple on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

### 2013 in Review

**Actual expenses matched 2002 city budget:** Right sized the city to meet 2002 budget levels caused by state revenue loss: Grateful to our workforce

who agreed to a wage freeze while we worked through the pressures and uncertainty.

**Reached 3-year agreement with our unions:** As of last night, we have reached 3 year agreements with our unions through December 2016.

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**Continued Housing Forward Progress:** Private investment in home improvements exceed \$12 million; repurposed two challenging and disruptive boarding houses to set them on path to be great Lakewood family homes; partnership with LakewoodAlive and Detroit Shoreway; significant private

commercial investments.

**Also experienced over \$12 million commercial investments:** Welcomed Discount Drug East and West, Family Dollar, Humble Wine Bar, Streat Burger, Campbell Popcorn, Some thin Smokin, and a host of others

### 2014 Primary Focus Areas

In a city like Lakewood... things come at you hard and

fast. Making it all the more important that create focus on things that keep our city moving forward. In light of this variety and complexity, we have developed a robust strategic plan that focuses these four themes:

- (1) Sound Governance
  - (2) Safe and Secure City
  - (3) Economic Development
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## Birdtown Community Meeting On March 25

by Allison Urbanek

LakewoodAlive will host a community event in Birdtown on Tuesday, March 25 at Harrison Elementary School, 2080 Quail Street. The event will run from 7-9 p.m. with a brief presentation from LakewoodAlive, the City of Lakewood, Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan, Charter One bank and Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland. The purpose will be to kick off our summer repair rebate program which has been generously supported by Charter

One. Residents will also be able to visit with partner organizations to learn about budget and credit counseling, energy efficiency, home repair programs and resources as well as other home maintenance information.

The Birdtown Rebate program will be a first-come, first-served program. Homeowners are eligible if they plan to complete exterior curb appeal projects like perennial landscaping, removal of front yard fences, concrete block, driveway replacement, and roof replace-

ment as well as other exterior home repairs. The grant will be a 10% reimbursement for these types of improvement with a cap at \$250. We encourage interested homeowners to contact Allison Urbanek at LakewoodAlive for more information or program qualifications. Allison can be reached at 216-521-0655 or by email, aurbanek@lakewoodalive.com.

Come and join us on Tuesday, March 25th from 7-9 p.m. at Harrison Elementary School. Light refreshments will be provided.

## Annual Physics Cardboard Boat Regatta Makes A Splash At LHS



Daleen Zakaib (left) and May Ebner work to keep their boat afloat during LHS' annual Physics Cardboard Boat Regatta. Students were assigned to make a vessel out of only cardboard and packaging tape using principles of Physics and then attempt to propel the boat 25 yards across the pool. Zakaib and Ebner were some of the lucky ones to make it all the way.



Summer Solstice Celebration – June 21, 2015

Mayor Summers unveiled a \$1.5 million dollar plan to renovate waterfront access at Lakewood Park. Details on page 4.

## Artists Open Doors At Night This Year



Dave Beuhler shows world famous California car collector and artist Randy Ema his spectacular Lakewood built Templars.

by Kathy Patton

The Screw Factory Artists are replacing their usual May daytime Open Studio event with a new day and time: Friday April 11 from 5-9 p.m.

Visit the workspaces of artists and craftspeople, as well as small-business tenants, during this one-night only event.

Be sure to stop by the Tem-

plar Motors Factory Display and meet 9 of the cars that were built in the building between 1917-1924 (pictured at right).

The Screw Factory Artists' Studios are located in the Lake Erie Building, one block south of Madison at Halstead at 13000 Athens Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107.

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## Harding MS Power Of The Pen Teams Sweep Regional Competition



Photo IDs: Back row (l-r): Casey Chanter, Claire Walkosak, Sophia Parker, Veronica Lee, Emily Perry, Micah Inak and 8th grade coach Ruth Pangrace. Front row (l-r): Samantha Stone, Nina Zanghi, Ella Calleri, Lalia Williams-Riseng, Chelsea Inak (alternate). Missing: Nate Bilski and Saige Rook.

by Christine Gordillo

Harding Middle School swept the Power of the Pen regional competition at St. Joseph Academy on March 15 with both 7th and 8th grade teams taking first place out of the 66 schools competing. Only the top 50% of writers from the district competitions are invited to attend the regionals. All 12 of Harding's 7th and 8th grade writers qualified.

Because of weather-related regional cancellations throughout Ohio, this year's St. Joe's event hosted 66 schools instead of the usual 25, nearly 500 writers, more than double the average amount for a regional competition.

Leading the way for individual writers was 7th-grader Lalia Williams-Riseng, who ranked 13th among all of the individual writers for her performance in all three rounds, and 8th-grader Sophia Parker, who won a trophy for her 6th place showing. Parker also won an honorable mention for her story in the second round, "Write about a color associated with a vivid memory." Eighth-grader Claire Walkosak won a Best of Round for her story about "Them" and 7th-grader Ella Calleri and 8th-grader Veronica Lee moved closer to having stories published by winning "Best of the Best" plaques for stories they wrote during district competition.

The regional competition ends with the Sweepstakes Trophy for overall performance during the districts and regionals, and Harding took home that trophy as well, for the third time in five years.

Garfield Middle School also sent seven writers to regional competition. Eighth-grader Izzy Ostrowski, who took 1st place at the district tournament, was honored with an author's choice award, the Baker Award.

Next up is the state competition in May at the College of Wooster. The top 10% of the original 7,000 writers in the state qualify for the Wooster competition. Those names will not be determined until later this month.

Congratulations to all the talented and dedicated writers and to their coaches, Harding's Pam Sheils (7th grade) and Ruth Pangrace (8th grade) and Garfield's Haley McDonough and Maggie Bacher.

**Garfield Regional Participants:**

7th Grade: Era Bakia, Nicholas Cleary, Corrina Cooper

8th Grade: Sarah Bene, Izzy Ostrowski, Lizzie Shuga, Mira Vainis

**Harding Regional Participants:**

7th Grade: Nate Bilski, Ella Calleri, Emily Perry, Lalia Williams-Riseng, Samantha Stone and Nina Zanghi.

8th Grade: Casey Chanter, Micah Inak, Veronica Lee, Sophia Parker, Saige Rook and Claire Walkosak.

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# City News

## Council Focuses In On Lakewood's Greenspaces

The March 3, 2014 Lakewood City Council Meeting was called to order by Council President and Ward 1 Councilwoman, Mary Louise Madigan. Highlights from the meeting include the following:

### Tree Taskforce (COW)

Madigan opened the meeting with a brief review of the items discussed during the Committee of the Whole meeting. The bulk of her report consisted of details presented by the Tree Taskforce. Over the past 6 months the Tree Taskforce has been researching and compiling recommendations to be presented to Council regarding the current status and future outlook of trees here in Lakewood. With approximately 12,600 trees across the city and 36 years with the designation of "Tree City USA," the Taskforce acknowledges that trees are a strength of our city, but one that must be carefully preserved

by Margaret Brinich

and enhanced moving forward. In the full report presented by the Taskforce during the COW meeting 19 goals were outlined in great detail. Councilwoman Madigan highlighted the following as key aspects of the report: increase the number of trees; increase the canopy by 25% over the next 10 years; propose various legislative measures to protect and maintain the trees; and offer training programs for proper tree care.

The communication was received, filed and passed unanimously.

### Parks & Recreation

#### Dog Walking in Madison Park:

Councilwoman Madigan took the opportunity to speak briefly regarding legislation she will be proposing to allow dog walking in Madison Park. As the council person for Ward 4, Madigan expressed her desire to add Madison Park to the list of public parks in which residents would be able to walk their dogs. The communication was received and filed until next meeting at which formal legislation will be proposed. The communication was received, filed and

passed unanimously.

### Hours of Operation:

Councilman Anderson (Ward 1) indicated that Council would be looking to review the effectiveness of the shortened hours of operations instated nearly two years ago. At the time concerns had been raised about vandalism, etc in the parks after dark and the limited hours were intended to help deter such actions.

### Clifton Extension

Councilmen Bullock and Anderson both referenced a potential future proposal from residents of the Clifton Park neighborhood regarding methods by which to put the Clifton Extension on a "road diet." This would consist of various capital improvements to that particular portion of Clifton Blvd in order to make the road more pedestrian and bike friendly. Both councilmen agreed that the discussions thus far with the group of residents spearheading the possible proposal have been very positive, but many variables and potential obstacles still must be addressed before additional movement can occur.

Several members of the neighborhood group from Clifton Park, including Tom Feezer, Mike Loje and Ned Hill spoke in more detail regarding their intentions for the improvements during the public comment section of the meeting. Mayor Summers also spoke enthusiastically about the proposal, but echoed some of Bullock and Anderson's concerns over funding and feasibility pending a Traffic Study for the area.



## Westshore Democratic Club's Joint Event: Candidate's Night

by Jane Reilly

A Democratic Candidate's Night will be held April 3, 7p.m., at 20777 Lorain Road, in Fairview Park City Hall's Dunson Room. The event will feature invited candidates running for Cuyahoga County Executive, Armond Budish, Bob Reid and Shirley Smith, along with candidates for various judicial races, and a Democratic write-in candidate for the Cuyahoga County Council from District 1, Mark Szabo. Additionally, speakers from both sides of the Sin Tax Issue 7 have been invited. This informative evening is sponsored by West Shore Democrats, a coalition of the following groups; Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River, Westlake, Westside and Stonewall Democratic Clubs.

For more information, visit [www.fairviewparkdems.org](http://www.fairviewparkdems.org), or email [fairviewdems@gmail.com](mailto:fairviewdems@gmail.com).

## Lakewood Recreation Volunteers Needed

by Mary Hagan

Lakewood City Council seeks candidates to fill three positions on the Lakewood Recreation Task Force. The Recreation Task Force was created for the purpose of studying the current state of recreation offerings in the City and making recommendations for the future. Applicants must be residents of Lakewood, have a desire to serve their community in a volunteer capacity, and be willing to contribute the necessary hours required for the position.

Applicants are asked to send a letter of intent explaining their interest to the Clerk of Council of Council Office; 12650 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, March 21, 2014.

The Task Force shall make a report to Council and the Mayor within six months of its first meeting, and may be disbanded without further action of Council after 12 months from the date of its first meeting.

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## Charter Review Commission Meeting Wrap Up

### Decisions and Rationales

Monday 10 March 2014 6:30 PM

Women's Pavilion, Lakewood City Park

I. Kevin Butler, Law Director, and Jennifer Pae, Finance Director, who joined the meeting later, answered questions about some of the provisions of the Charter that were highlighted in the Commission's review the previous week. Jennifer had shared written comments with Dr. Larry Keller and these will be shared with the Commission after Jennifer reviews the comments Dr. Keller added to her comments.

II. The following specific issues were discussed, some among members of the Commission and some with the Law and Finance Directors. The decisions on the issues are in the order the issues were discussed.

III. Dr. Keller to create and distribute a table listing all the various voting requirements in the Charter

Different sections of Article III have different vote requirements on issues and these are expressed in different ways. Kevin prefers avoiding specific numbers, such as 5 votes, so that future revisions are minimized if not avoided. Also different provisions on voting of some Boards and Commissions were also noted. After some discussion, all agreed to have Dr. Keller illustrate all the methods of voting

in a table so that the voting provisions could be better understood.

IV. City should pay all required bonds

Article III, Section 17, is ambiguous about the city paying required bonds. The section states city "may" pay required bonds rather than must pay. Context indicates that the city should pay the bond but language should be clear.

IV. Interim Mayor provision to be reviewed after deciding form of government

Concern that the interim mayor may not follow the program begun by the elected mayor whom the interim replaces. Kevin noted that only the Law Director has to be a Lakewood resident and thus not clear that a Charter based line of succession would work if based on administrators as Law Director may not want to serve. Since the issue would not arise under the Council-Manager form of government, resolution was postponed awaiting the decision on form of government.

V. Specific departments should not be named in the Charter with Law and Finance possible exceptions; Tom Wagner, Jay Carson and Dr. Keller to draft such a provision

Jennifer Pae had noted there is no Health Department though it is mentioned in current Charter. Also, Charters from both Shaker and Cleveland Heights do not mention specific departments with some exceptions. Question about whether Planning and Development Department may have to be named; Kevin will check to be sure that is not a legal necessity

VI. Kevin to report back if the current lease of Lakewood Hospital would be affected by removing all provisions on the Hospital

General decision to remove all but necessary specifics from the Charter. As the last Section, Section 4, in Article XV moots other Sections of that Article, no need to retain any of the Article unless the current lease would be affected by removal. In no

compiled by Dr. Larry Keller

event would the city resume operation of the hospital and so Article XV is unnecessary.

VII. Finance provisions need revision, perhaps in a separate Finance Article; discussion to resume as the Committee of the Whole after reviewing Jennifer Pae's written comments which will be distributed to the Commission by Dr. Keller

Jennifer Pae reviewed several Finance provisions, such as Section 14 of Article III and Sections 29, 30 and 31 in Article XVI, which are either not followed or which may not be accurate. She questions the extent to which specifics need to be included in the Charter and that all financial provisions may be better organized into one Article. Also some issues may require the input of bond counsel as they deal with bonds.

VIII. Kevin Butler reminded the Commission that their role is to deter-

mine how the community can best be governed. He warned against focusing on details and instead concentrating on creating an elegant Charter expressing how the Commission wants the community to be governed.

The main question should be – does this need to be in Charter? If not, remove it. Kevin noted the current provision can become an ordinance by Council specifying in the ordinance that the issue can be placed on the ballot, and that if the voters decide to remove the provision then the content can become an ordinance. This insures that all current Charter content remains in effect while the Charter becomes more of a governing document rather than a mish mash of policies and details.

IX. Next week's agenda to be continuation of the Finance discussion and begin discussion of form of government.

X. Meeting adjourned

## State Of The City: Lakewood Must "March Forth"

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(4) Vibrant Neighborhoods

For each of these areas the Mayor set an overall goal and laid out several ways The City is working to make progress towards these goals moving forward.

### Sound Governance

Goal: Remain fiscally sound and sustainable.

Key actions: Defend bond rating; invest estate tax wisely; expand LEAN initiative; recycle 40% of refuse tonnage; communicate through new media

### Safe & Secure City

Goal: Safest city in the region

Key actions: Advanced public safety infrastructure; reduce untreated sewer discharges in to the lake; enhance transportation safety and options

### Economic Development

Goal: Liveliest local economy

Key actions: Set Madison in motion; finish Clifton transit improvements; capitalize on development opportunities.

### Vibrant Neighborhoods

Goal: The envy of the region in quality of life and housing

Key actions: Continue progress with Housing Forward; redevelop McKinley School site; shift to a modern healthcare delivery system; encourage active healthy living; provide excellent services to those in need.

### 2014 Investments

Madison Avenue Resurfacing \$2.3 million

Madison Park Skate house \$400,000

Madison Storefront Renovation Funding \$250,000

Madison Avenue Traffic Light Signalization \$2 million

Kids Cove Playground Upgrade \$150,000

Kauffman Park Walking Path \$100,000

Clifton Boulevard Transit Improvements \$650,000

McKinley School Demolition \$600,000

Edgewater and West End Sewer Improvements \$5 million

Lakewood Park Waterfront \$1.5 million

As you can see, this is a very, very big year to invest in our vision. Let's not forget the very exciting Phase 3 School investment that will bring \$100 million of school construction over the next several years. This will begin with demolition this Fall. City hall will do whatever it takes to support our Board of Education to ensure successful outcomes of this massive project. We will all work hard to minimize the impact these projects will have on our neighborhoods.

Summer Solstice Celebration - June 21, 2015

Lakewood has 3 miles of coastline but less than 3,000 feet of publicly accessible waterfront at Lakewood Park. While our lakefront is limited, it is unique to our region. We have a plan to make our park even more of a gem than it is today. Today, we stand at the top and look through a cyclone fence as if to say "stay away." I am very excited to share how we can celebrate and connect to OUR great lake in ways we never imagined. I invite you to join me on June 21st of next year [2015] on our new Solstice steps on the northwest corner.

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compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

## Wednesday, March 19

### CPH Script Club: "Clybourne Park" by Bruce Norris

The Cleveland Play House Script Club is everything you love about a book club—but with a play in the spotlight! Check out a copy of the script and read it at home. Then join CPH Artistic Staff at the Library for a free-flowing exploration of the story and how CPH artists will take a play from page to stage. In "Clybourne Park" by Bruce Norris, neighborhoods change, but do people? This ferociously smart satire takes a hard-eyed, sharp-tongued look at the ways race, history and humor impact the owners of one house through fifty years of societal changes. No wonder it won the Pulitzer Prize in 2011.

Space is limited. Call 216-226-8275 ext. 127 to register.

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

## Thursday, March 20

### Judaism in Focus

#### Judaism Confronts Modernity

Presented by Dr. Brian Amkraut

This session explores the ways that Jews adapted their religion to confront the challenges and changes of the modern world. In this brief, but rich, survey, we will discuss the development of a spectrum of approaches that emerged in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, including Reform Judaism as it developed in Germany and the USA; the response from modern traditionalist forces that gave rise to Modern Orthodoxy; the reactionary approach that led to the formation of a specific ultra-Orthodox outlook; and a centrist approach, which gave rise to Conservative Judaism.

Dr. Brian Amkraut is the Executive Director of the Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program at Case Western Reserve University. He served on the faculty of Jewish history at Oberlin College and Siegal College prior to becoming Provost at Siegal College, a post he held for five years. His book "Between Home and Homeland: Youth Aliyah from Nazi Germany," published in 2006, details the movement to bring Jewish teenagers from Germany to Palestine in the 1930s. He has published articles addressing the impact of changing technologies in contemporary Jewish life.

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

## Thursday, March 20

### Booked for Murder: Laugh Out Loud Mysteries: "Live Wire" by Harlan Coben

Murder is serious business... But sometimes solving the crime can be a hoot. Come share the laughs and air your accusations with this fun and friendly group of readers. For full book descriptions, visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs).

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

## Saturday, March 22

### Lakewood Public Cinema: "High and Low" (1963)

#### Directed by Akira Kurosawa

The plot of this movie is so simple that it's hard to convey the thundering power of its human drama in words. A businessman named King Gondo is about to take control of the company he works for—the culmination of many years' hard work—when he's told his son has been kidnapped. It turns out the kidnappers grabbed his chauffeur's son by mistake, but they still want him to pay. If he does, he will be financially ruined. If he doesn't, he will be reviled. This carefully measured film moves effortlessly from compelling race-against-the-clock thriller (with a terrific action sequence set on a bullet train) to an exacting social commentary, deeply critical of contemporary Japanese society. Kurosawa turns a B-movie plot into a meditation on honor and decency, shedding light on how the little steps we take can lead us to Heaven or to Hell—which, incidentally, is another translation of the film's original Japanese title.

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

## Sunday, March 23

### Sunday with the Friends: Jody Getz and Friends

Jody Getz is a musician's musician, known for the company she keeps. Her laidback group originally came together as a gathering of friends, but when they cut loose and fooled around with zydeco, blues, folk, rock and pop, they discovered a new sound that they just couldn't put down. Now they want to play it for you. Bassist George Lee, Guitarist John Lucic and legendary blues man Wallace Coleman join the award-winning songwriter with her name in the title for funky new arrangements of popular songs and brand new original compositions that feel like old favorites. This is the sound of friends having fun with the music they love.

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

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## Tuesday, March 25

### What You Can Do Right Now to Prevent Stroke

Stroke is the leading cause of adult disability. Yet, eighty percent of all strokes are preventable. Dr. Megan Donohue, Neurologist at Lakewood Hospital, will lead a discussion on steps to manage your personal risk and how to respond to stroke signs and symptoms.

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

## Wednesday, March 26

### Lakewood Historical Society:

#### Ohio's Unsung Heroines: Women in the Civil War

The Civil War was more than just a few skirmishes on faraway battlefields. While its considerable costs are often measured in terms of money, resources and human lives, its massive footprint disrupted nearly every aspect of society and left its mark on the nation for generations to come. Many women left the homestead for the first time to do their bit, while those who stayed at home picked up the work of men to support their families and supply the troops. Cathie Clager, Vice President of the Brecksville Historical Association, looks back at how America was forced to reexamine the roles of women. She recounts riveting tales of spies, soldiers, doctors, nurses, abolitionists, wives and mothers who brought a woman's perspective to the waging of war.

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

## Thursday, March 27

### Internet Safety: A Guide for Parents

Technology changes rapidly. Keeping children safe on the Internet can be a daunting task. What are the warning signs of misuse? Is your child really safe on the Internet? In collaboration with the Lakewood Hospital Teen Health Center, join Leah Hackney from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Division for an informative session on Internet safety.

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

### Judaism in Focus

#### Jewish Diversity: Weddings Across the Globe

Presented by Dr. Alanna Cooper

Over the course of their dispersed history, Jews across the globe have maintained similarities and connections to one another, while simultaneously adapting to the various cultural worlds in which they found themselves. In this session, join Alanna Cooper to attend Jewish weddings in North Africa, in Central Asia and in the United States. Through photographic images and ethnographic depictions, we will explore the ways in which this rich life-cycle ritual provides a window into the ties that bind and the divisions that separate Jews from one another.

Dr. Alanna E. Cooper, a cultural anthropologist, is Director of Jewish Studies at Case Western Reserve University's Siegal Lifelong Learning Program. She is an educator, administrator and author. Her book, Bukharan Jews and the Dynamics of Global Judaism, was published by Indiana University Press in 2012, and her articles and essays have appeared in scholarly journals as well as the popular press, including Jewish Social Studies, AJS Review, Anthropology of East Europe Review, The Jewish Daily Forward, The Jerusalem Post and Jewish Review of Books. She has held research and teaching positions at Harvard University, University of Massachusetts, University of Michigan and Boston University.

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

## Saturday, March 29

### Lakewood Public Cinema: "I Shot Andy Warhol" (1996)

#### Directed by Mary Harron

This is the true story of Valerie Solanas, the notorious radical feminist who grabbed her fifteen minutes by shooting the prophet of fame himself. But let's not get ahead of ourselves. Solanas had a lousy New York City start in life, a victim of abuse and prostitution. As an eccentric with an inability to accurately judge the world around her—basically an optimist—she becomes fixated on Warhol, convinced that he is the key to changing everything. She gets so close... But when he inevitably spurns her appeals for friendship and collaboration, the rage that built up inside her over an entire lifetime explodes onto the art scene and an international icon drops to the ground. Strangely, we find ourselves cheering. And we like Andy Warhol!

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## Thursday, March 30

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# LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

## Sunday, March 30

### Lakewood Lego® League

#### For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (caregivers welcome)

Use LPL's collection of Lego®Bricks and your own imagination to create fabulous new structures and designs each month. No registration, but numbered tickets will be given out first-come, first-served. One ticket per child. For more information, stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

## Wednesdays, April 2 – May 7

### Cosmic Culture: 1960's Roleplay

#### For students in fifth through eighth grade

Step into our groovy time machine to experience fun, games, and team challenges all based on the crazy Sixties. Make your own tie-dyed shirt, send the first man to the moon, and more! To register, stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

## Thursdays, April 3 – April 24

### Youth Trivia - For students in fourth through sixth grade

This team-based, four-week program will test your knowledge of all things important and not. Sign up as a team or let us place you in one. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

## Ongoing Monday – Friday, September 2 – May 23

### Homework Help

#### 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, Children's and Youth Services.

### 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](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth)) for times and upcoming themes.

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

# Lakewood Public Library

## Friendship, Through The Rough & Tumble

by Genevieve Jaskulski

We all know friendship creates something magical in our lives, but few of us are lucky enough to have it create art as well. Please join us on Sunday April 6 at 2 p.m. in the Lakewood Public Library to enjoy true friendship at its best. Musicians Mallory Graham and Scott Tyler have a specific feel to the music they make. The journey they take the audience on is a captivating one, and something to be remembered and truly enjoyed.

Friendship is often based on a certain commonality, a goal or trait that is interchangeable between two people. When you introduce the elements of like-mindedness and intuitive understanding between people who are gifted and inclined to the arts, the result is unforgettable. In a culmination of talent, two originally solo artists have come together to form the band The Rough & Tumble, a folksy collaboration between kindred spirits.

In their solo careers, longtime friends Mallory and Scott often found inspiration from one another when writing their songs. It was this lyrical chemistry that illuminated the potential to form The Rough & Tumble. In fact, if you yourself are looking for a little inspiration, the



Musicians Mallory Graham and Scott Tyler joined forces and will be appearing at the Lakewood Public Library Main Auditorium on Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m.

band has their own web page where they have a well-updated journal, listing of tours, and some really fas-

inating information on the band itself, so make sure to check them out at <http://theroughandtumble.com>.

## Ohio's Unsung Heroines

by Amy Kloss

Ohio is well known for its importance as a route on the Underground Railroad before the Civil War. Less well known is the vital role played by the state during the Civil War. Nearly 320,000 of its citi-

zens served in the Union army, sixty percent of all Ohio men between the ages of 18 and 45.

But did you know that Ohio women also served? Award-winning historian Cathie Clager will present "Ohio's Unsung Heroines," a program focused on the largely unnoticed contributions made by women during the Civil War, at the Lakewood Main Library on Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

Although not widely discussed, women's achievements in the Civil War were significant. Not only did women take care of family farms and businesses in the absence of men, they also formed Aid Societies to raise money and provide clothing and food for soldiers.

Their contributions also encompassed the battlefields of the Civil War. Overall, there are over 400 documented cases of women who

Their mutual respect for one another as musicians, and their united goal to give you a fantastic show, has brought them all the way from Nashville, Tenn. in the hopes of connecting with their audience. The music they sing is influenced by poetic storytelling, so it is therefore fitting to start off National Poetry Month with these masters of their craft. We hope you will look into some of our programs for National Poetry Month in the Lakewood Public Library Spring and Summer Program Guide.

The stories Mallory and Scott tell come together with their joined voices, leaving the kind of impression only good folk music can. The concert is presented courtesy of the Friends of the Library. We hope you will come enjoy this dynamic duo with us, as we tumble into spring.

disguised themselves as soldiers. Seventeen of these were Ohio women who joined the Union Army. From women who dressed as men to serve in combat to those who worked as nurses at the front lines, Ohio women distinguished themselves.

Clager formed C&R Productions in 2011 with partner Rita Wolansky to create and present dynamic multimedia productions on topics of historical interest. The 150th anniversary of the American Civil War prompted the two former teachers to research the role of women in the conflict. "Ohio's Unsung Heroines" presents examples of sacrifice, courage and determination by women who served as soldiers, nurses, spies, social activists, presidential wives and ordinary citizens. Find out more about this fascinating topic on March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Lakewood Main Library Auditorium.

## Cosmic Culture -- A 1960's Roleplay Experience

by Eric Knapp

Step into our groovy time machine to experience the craziest decade in American history ... the 1960's! The Cold War, Space Race, Civil Rights Movement, Hippies, and of course, the music and fashion all made for an exciting era! Now you have a chance to relive the experience in this six-week, team-based program for teens.

While you will be learning all about the fashion, music, conflicts, and culture of this decade of change, you'll be doing it in style: with fun, games, and team challenges! You'll get to make your own fashion statements, compete at 1960's trivia, build a rocket to send someone to the moon first, and dance The Twist (and much more)! Our final week will feature a funky Sixties Costume Contest where you can impress by how your dress! Let Twiggy, Jimi Hendrix, or Audrey Hepburn be your guide!

If you're ready to step back in time with us, please stop in to register, or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140. This program takes place Wednesdays, April 2 through May 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

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## Lakewood Schools

# Cleveland Orchestra Residency Programs Underway In Schools

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School Music Theory students were among the first to benefit from "The Cleveland Orchestra at home in Lakewood" residency that will culminate with a weeklong slate of activities in May as the Orchestra's composer-in-residence paid a visit to their classroom on Friday.

Ryan Wigglesworth spent the morning in Nathan Harris' class sharing with students the personal and unique process he goes through when composing a piece of music. "You can spend a lot of time just staring at a blank piece of paper....the possibilities are overwhelming," he said.

To combat this composer's block, he encouraged the students to "set limitations first" by narrowing in on a chord or two or a specific image in their head "then let your imagination roam."

Wigglesworth, who hails from England and has worked with orches-



Cleveland Orchestra Composer-in-Residence Ryan Wigglesworth visits LHS' AP Music Theory class.

tras from all over the world, also spent some time critiquing a few student compositions that he was given prior

to the classroom session and offering suggestions on improving or completing the pieces.

The visit by Wigglesworth is the second opportunity students in our music programs have had to learn from Cleveland Orchestra professionals. In February, assistant conductor Brett Mitchell rehearsed with the high school's Chamber Orchestra to help the ensemble prepare for its OMEA State Adjudicated Event held at LHS, where the group earned the top score from all judges.

There will be many more opportunities leading up to the May 17-24 residency week for our students at all levels to benefit from these world-class music professionals, including running mock auditions, coaching, and career advising to name a few. There will also be an education concert for our elementary students early in April before a larger education concert for older students on May 23. The residency week culminates with a free public concert by The Cleveland Orchestra on May 24 at the Civic Auditorium.

Lakewood City Schools is grateful to be able to partner with The Cleveland Orchestra to give our students this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

## Corrigan Named Ohio School Nurse Of The Year

by Christine Gordillo

School Nurse Katy Corrigan has accomplished more in her short time with Lakewood City Schools than many people do in their entire career. For all she has done to raise the level of health and wellness education and awareness in our district, Corrigan has been named the Ohio PTA's School Nurse of the Year.

Corrigan, who joined the district in 2011 as a substitute and is one of two district nurses, believes she is in the perfect job as a registered nurse, whose main role, in her opinion, is patient education.

"You get to work with healthy people and educate them on how to stay that way," Corrigan said. "It's [school system] an ideal location to work as an RN."

Corrigan was instrumental in convincing the district go to electronic medical records, saving the district time and money as she and her colleague Peggy Brown no longer have to be in the same location as a student to



District nurse Katy Corrigan examines Garfield student Caelyn Orefice after he sustained a minor injury.

review a case.

Her educational efforts include starting a biannual Health Fair at the high school that she hopes to expand into the middle schools as well. Just

this month she received a \$2,000 grant from the Cotabish Charitable Foundation in Lakewood to fund her efforts to certify and train staff and students in First Aid, CPR and the

use of AEDs. She has already certified more than 250 people and has trained more than 800.

Corrigan has accomplished all this while staying on top of her regular duties of maintaining student medical records, including immunizations, and assisting staff with developing appropriate plans for special education students that take into account a student's health needs.

Corrigan's supervisor, Director of Student Services Christine Palumbo describes Corrigan as "energetic, enthusiastic, student-focused, intelligent, hard-working, a strong team member, someone willing to go the extra mile, innovative....and she cares!"

Corrigan will be honored for her award in April at the annual PTA convention in Columbus.

## LHS Model UN Wins Top Conference Awards

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High School Model UN Club finished first among 15 competitors at the Spring Cleveland Council on World Affairs Conference held March 5-6. Lakewood had four delegations achieve the "Superior" award as best delegation in their committees.

The Superior awards and best delegations are: juniors Jamie Fesko and Sean Weddell (representing the Czech Republic in UNICEF); juniors Renee Klann and Charlotte Hisel (representing Switzerland in UN

Women's Committee); freshman Ian Bell and Zachary Dudzik (representing Pakistan in the UN Human Rights Council); and juniors Devon Chodzin and Laert Fejzullari (representing Pakistan in the UN Security Council).

Chodzin also won the "Gavel" for being the single most outstanding delegate in his committee. Sophomores Tess Marjonovic and Kate McHugh won an "Excellent" delegation award (representing Ireland in the Food and Agriculture Committee). Winning "Honorable Mention" awards were:

juniors Ann Marie Elaban and Hanna Szentkiralyi (representing Ireland in the UN Women's Committee); juniors Parker Smith and Nate Forte (representing Switzerland in UNICEF); and sophomore Alex Figueroa and freshman Evan Suttell (representing Pakistan in the UN Human Rights Committee).

Model UN adviser Chuck Greanoff would like to thank Garfield teacher Joshua Thornsberry for being instrumental to the club's success through once again volunteering his time and expertise.

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# Lakewood Schools

## Kids Connection Summer Camp: Safe, Fun & Affordable

by Mitchell Robida

Summer is an important part of the year for fun and exploration. Again this summer, the Lakewood City Schools Community Recreation & Education Department will be offering its Kids Connection Summer Day Camp. Kids Connection offers safe, fun, and affordable opportunities for kids from kindergarten through sixth grade for around \$25 per day.

At Kids Connection, kids will spend the summer doing a wide variety of fun activities that include swimming, games, field trips, arts & crafts and much more. Kids Connection is located at Emerson Elementary School (13439 Clifton Blvd), one of Lakewood's state-of-the-art schools. This location will offer campers access to the computer lab, LRC, gymnasium and baseball field, and is a short and safe walk to Lakewood Park and Foster Pool.

Over the course of the summer, Kids Connection campers will have the opportunity to go on many field trips, including the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, a Lake County Captains baseball game and the Great Lakes Science Center, and they will be able to get up close and personal with the creepy critters of Jungle Terry, just to name a few. Best of all, each and every field trip is included in the weekly price of camp.

The camp is staffed with certi-

fied teachers who provide families with a safe, fun, and affordable alternative to child care. The program consists of nine one-week sessions, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Parents do not have to drop-off or pick-up that early or late, but it is an option that is available. The cost for camp is \$125 for a

resident and \$155 for a non-resident, per one-week session.

On Tuesday, April 8, the Lakewood Recreation Department will be offering a Kids Connection Parent Information Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Room #2, Lakewood High School. For those interested in attending, please enter

using the Visitor Entrance, near the Ranger Café, off of Franklin Boulevard.

For more information on the Kids Connection Day Camp or any Lakewood Recreation activity please contact 216-529-4081 or visit the website: [www.lakewoodrecreation.com](http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com).

## Rotary Recognizes Outstanding West Shore Students

by Lynn Foran

On March 10th, the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Club recognized fifteen West Shore Career-Technical students at its annual Outstanding Student Award luncheon. These students are top performers in their career-technical program and are also actively involved in clubs, athletics, and service in their high school and throughout the community. Each student exemplifies traits of leadership, dedication, responsibility, caring, community involvement, and initiative.

As each student's credentials were presented during the meeting, the Rotarians and guests were awed by what the students have already accomplished in their high school careers. "These West Shore students have achieved top results in the classroom and workplace. They have already started on their career path earning college credit, industry cre-



Front Row: Billal Yassen, Alexander Sierputowski, Angel Dickson, Jessica Graber, Dobrica Sucevic, Sahana Petras, Neelab Abdullah, and Molli Thach. Back Row: Zachary Kulina, Miles Scavone, Kyle Kasper, Steven Cross, Matthew Kerrigan, and Emmett O'Donnell. Not Shown: Sherine Doleh

entials, and workplace experience through their West Shore experience. This sets them apart from their peers as they head out into the post-secondary and workplace world," remarked Linda Thayer, Educational Coordinator of the West Shore Career-Technical District.

Congratulations to the following the 2014 Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Outstanding Students.

**Auto Technology:** Zachary Kulina  
**Biotechnology:** Neelab Abdullah  
**Business Management:** Dobrica Sucevic

**Community Based Training**

**(Bonne Bell):** Miles Scavone

**Community Based Training (Rae Ann):** Billal Yassen

**Construction Trades:** Emmett O'Donnell

**Culinary Arts / ProStart:** Sahana Petras

**Early Childhood Education/Senior Services:** Jessica Graber

**Electronic Technology:** Kyle Kasper

**Health Careers Technology:** Molli Thach

**Interactive Media:** Alexander Sierputowski

**Medical Office Management:** Angel Dickson

**Networking / Cisco:** Matthew Kerrigan

**Project Lead the Way:** Steven Cross

**Service Occupations Training:** Sherine Doleh

Each of these award recipients is also automatically nominated for the "Outstanding Career-Technical Student of the Year" which will be announced at West Shore's annual Career Passport and Student Recognition Assembly on May 20th in Lakewood High School's Civic Auditorium.

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**The Accident: Recent Work**  
by Nicky Nodjoui

**Dinner by Design:**  
Art of the Table

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# Lakewood Healthcare

## Diabetes Alert Day: Do You Know Your Numbers?

by Sabrina Powers

One in four people has pre-diabetes, a condition that puts you at a higher risk for developing type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. There are no clear symptoms of pre-diabetes, so, you may have it and not even know. The first and most important step is to know your numbers - studies show that treatment with modest lifestyle changes can often return blood sugar levels to normal and lower the risk for developing diabetes by at least 58%. JoinLakewoodHospital and the American Diabetes Association for Diabetes Alert! Day on Wednesday, March 26th to receive a free blood sugar, total

cholesterol and simple diabetes risk assessment plus foot, eye and body max index (BMI) screenings.

All results will be reviewed by diabetes educators and everyone screened will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Giant Eagle card. The screenings will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Lakewood Hospital, Wasmer Auditorium. No registration is required for this free event. For more information call 216.529.5312 or e-mail gigavl@ccf.org.

### Are You at Risk?

Everyone should be aware of the risk factors for type 2 diabetes. People who are overweight, under active (living a sedentary lifestyle) and

over the age of 45 should consider themselves at risk for the disease. African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and people who have a family history of the disease also are at an increased risk for type 2 diabetes. Unfortunately, diagnosis often comes seven to 10 years after the onset of the disease, after disabling and even deadly complications have had time to develop. Therefore, early diagnosis is critical to successful treatment and delaying or preventing some of its complications such as heart disease, blindness, kidney disease, stroke, amputation and death.

### Take Charge of Your Health

Studies have shown that type 2 diabetes can often be prevented or delayed by losing just 7 percent of body weight (such as 15 pounds if you weigh 200) through regular physical activity (30 minutes a day, five days a week) and healthy eating. By understanding your risk, you can take the necessary steps to help prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes.

For those diagnosed with diabetes, the Lakewood Hospital Diabetes and EndocrineCenter offers disease



management, education and prevention, as well as treatment for other endocrine disorders. The center is staffed by Cleveland Clinic endocrinologists, diabetes educators (nurses and dietitians) who work with patients to help manage and improve their conditions. For more information on The Lakewood Hospital Diabetes and EndocrineCenter visit, lakewoodhospital.org/diabetes

Diabetes Alert! Day serves as a one-day wake-up call to inform the American public about the seriousness of diabetes, particularly when diabetes is left undiagnosed or untreated. Make plans to go and encourage friends, family members and colleagues to attend this event to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

## Cannon Irish Dancers Delight Residents



by David T O'Neill

On Saturday March 8th the Cannon Irish Dancers visited Lakewood Senior Health Campus to help kick off the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. The dancers performed several times to the delight of everyone in attendance. Lakewood Senior Health Campus residents have enjoyed performances from the dancers over the last few years.

## Free Lecture Hosted By Lakewood Hospital: The Power Of Stress Relief

by Sabrina Powers

Stress. We all have it and many times struggle with the question, "What can I do?" Receive expert insight on Wednesday, March 26th at the free Lakewood Hospital hosted lecture, "The Power of Stress Relief" featuring Cleveland-Clinic Center for Lifestyle Medicine behavioral health specialist, Jane Ehrman, M.Ed, CHES, from 12:15 to 1 p.m. at Lakewood Hospital

Wasmer Auditorium.

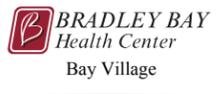
Jane has spoken internationally on a variety of topics including stress management, mind/body medicine, cancer recovery, women and wellness and spirituality. Having worked in the field of health and wellness for over 35 years, Jane focuses on helping patients turn their crises into opportunities for healing and per-

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# Welcome Spring At "Photos With Hoppy Paws"

by Karen Karp

Got Spring Fever? Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park (FLDP) has the answer. Join us at Pet's General Store on Sunday, March 23, 2014 for the fourth annual Photos with Hoppy Paws.

Pay no attention to the scene outside your window. Spring is right around the corner. Really. Undeniable signs of the coming season abound. Robins are flitting about in trees. In Goodyear, Arizona, the Indians have begun spring training. And here in Lakewood, Ohio, Hoppy Paws is set to return to Pet's General Store to pose for pictures with all of his canine friends and their peeps.

FLDP invites you to attend our annual rite of spring on Sunday, March 23, 2014 from noon to 3 p.m. at Pet's General Store, 16821 Madison Avenue.

The cost of the photo session is \$10, if booked and paid for in advance.

Please go to the FLDP website, [www.lakewooddogpark.com](http://www.lakewooddogpark.com) to choose your appointment time. A limited number of same-day appointments with Hoppy Paws will be available for \$15. Participants will receive a 4 x 6 souvenir photograph as well as online access to all the day's photos.

Hop to it and book your photo session without delay. This event was a sell out last year.

Photos with Hoppy Paws benefits Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc., an all-volunteer, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization that works with the City of Lakewood to care for the dog park and raises funds for dog park improvements.

Check the FLDP website, [www.lakewooddogpark.com](http://www.lakewooddogpark.com) and Facebook page for up-coming events including: Drive 4UR Community in May; summer yappy hours

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at Quaker Steak and Lube; doggy brunches at the Rocky River Wine Bar; the tenth annual Dog Swim in September and Photos with Santa

Paws in December.

*Karen Karp is an ardent dog park volunteer. She served as FLDP president in 2013.*

## Letters To The Editor:

# March Is American Red Cross Month

To The Editor:

It's Red Cross Month and we would like to recognize our Everyday Heroes who reach out to help their neighbors when they are in need.

These everyday heroes are our volunteers who help disaster victims get on the road to recovery. They give blood to help someone in the hospital. They brighten the day of an injured service member in a hospital far from home. They take our classes and step forward to help someone having a heart attack or to save a drowning child.

March is also a great time to become part of the Red Cross. It's easy. Household members can work together on a preparedness plan. People can sign up to take a class or volunteer their time. They can give blood or make a financial donation.

Our Disaster Action Volunteers responded to two fires an evening throughout Northeast Ohio. On February 21, right here in the Lakewood area, we supported 19 families on Clifton Ave. who experienced an apartment fire.

The Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 similar disasters a year in this country. It provides 24-hour sup-

port to members of the military, veterans and their families; collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply and trains millions of people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills every year.

Red Cross Month is observed in dedication of everyone who supports our mission. We are grateful to peo-

ple for their generosity which enables us to continue our work, and encourage everyone to become an Everyday Hero during Red Cross Month by helping their neighbors.

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## YMCA Anniversaries

by Mike Caprino

The YMCA of Greater Cleveland celebrates its 160th Anniversary this year. The Lakewood Branch of the Y was opened in April 1921 and has provided continuous service to the City of Lakewood for 93 years.

The current location was first dedicated November 10, 1957. The New Lakewood Y was opened in 2006 on this site.

The Lakewood YMCA currently services over 11,000 members, the overwhelming number are Lakewood residents.

To celebrate these many years of support from the Lakewood Community the Y is hosting Lakewood

Community Days March 20 and 21, 2014. From 5:30 am to 9:45 pm, days, Lakewood residents and employees of Lakewood companies may visit the Y at no cost and experience the many programs and classes.

Those residents who wish to enroll at the Y will have their \$100 Joiner Fee waived as a way of saying thank you to the community. The Y also has a program that subsidizes the cost of memberships. An adult with an annual income of \$37,000 or less, a family with an annual income of \$44,000 or less will qualify. Details are available at the Lakewood Family YMCA, 16915 Detroit Ave.

## Free Lecture Hosted By Lakewood Hospital: The Power Of Stress Relief

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sonal growth.

Jane's own experience with breast cancer 23 years ago profoundly shaped her view of life in positive and powerful ways. She candidly shares her insights with high energy and humor and works

with patients to help them learn the skills needed to turn their crisis into opportunities for healing and personal growth.

Registration is required, lunch will be provided to the first 75 attendees. Call 1. 877. 234. 3488 (FITT) to register. Call 216. 529. 5312 or [gigavl@ccf.org](mailto:gigavl@ccf.org) for more details.

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# Lakewood Cares

## Foundation, District Grants To Fund Seeds Of Service Project

by Lynn Donaldson

A portable year-round greenhouse that will allow Magnificat High School students to expand on the school's highly successful Seeds of Service project will be funded as the result of a \$5,000 grant from the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River and Rotary District 6630. With construction of a hoop house greenhouse on Magnificat's property, the project is slated to involve over 150 students and deliver more than 200 pounds of fresh, organically-grown produce to the Rocky River and Lakewood Food Banks. In addition to the greenhouse, funds from Rotary will be used for heavy duty gardening equipment and a commercial-grade produce scale.

Seeds of Service addresses Rotary's priorities in the areas of job training (entrepreneurial education), youth leadership, and health ministry. Through the program, students will collaborate in teams to plan and manage a year-round, complex food garden to maximize agricultural output in an environmentally and financially sustainable fashion. The project's long-term goal is to produce enough food to expand donations to the Domestic Violence Center and St. Colman's parish in Cleveland.

Mary Jo Rawlins, director of the Seeds of Service Project, has served on the staff of Magnificat High School as Campus Ministry Associate for seven years. She is a certified Master Gardener, having received her certification through The Ohio State University Extension program. Ms.

Rawlins established Seeds of Service as a pilot program at the Rocky River Community Garden last year. Ms. Rawlins and the pilot program were honored with a Certificate of Special Recognition by the City of Rocky River and Mayor Pamela Bobst. The program engaged a dozen students and delivered approximately fifty pounds of food to the Rocky River Food Bank.

The Seeds of Service Project is the only local school project specifically organized to engage students in sustainable agricultural activities on school grounds and to donate all of its harvest to local community food banks, ensuring that those most in need in our community have access to fresh, organic produce.

The hoop house is a semi-permanent, year-round 16 x 32 greenhouse that can withstand the elements, is ADA compliant, and can accommodate a class of 25 students at a time. The greenhouse will include a gutter system for collecting and recycling rainwater for garden irrigation and suspended growing benches to maximize growing space. Its addition will allow the project to deliver enough fresh produce through the food banks to supplement 305 meals per month, nine months per year, for a total of 2,145 meals per year, impacting the eating habits and general health of those families served.

Magnificat students enrolled in biology, earth sciences, and chemistry classes will gain hands-on experience in establishing and maintaining an

ecologically sound, organic produce garden, and students in the Sustainability Club, Social Justice Club, Key Club and Business Club will learn to establish and operate a socially-responsible, financially self-sufficient community service operation.

Ms. Rawlins estimates that each year, over 2,000 families in the Rocky River and Lakewood communities will benefit from the fresh produce donated to the local food banks, and approximately 170 students annually will benefit from the job and leadership training provided through the

project.

Each spring, students in the Seeds of Service Project will cultivate seedling plants and seeds for sale and offer community workshops on eco-friendly gardening to raise the funds necessary for sustaining the program.

Rotarians will offer assistance with tending of the garden during the three summer months that school is not in session, mentoring the Business Club students in planning and executing the spring sale of seedlings and seeds, and assisting with transporting the produce to the food banks.

## Team Courage Goes 24 Hours



Team Courage in this weekend's 24 Hour Walk For Courage at Lakewood High School. It begins Saturday March 22 8am. Team Courage is pictured above in Central Park in June 2013 raising over \$3,500 to combat Lynch Syndrome. 2013 members; Audrey Kaminski, Stephanie Wetzel-Toole, Maggie Boyer, Caroline Wetzel Kaminski, Amber Kaminski and MaryAnn Boyer.

## Send Us Your Dream House!

by Paula Reed

The Lakewood Historical Society's biennial "Come Home to Lakewood" house tour occurs on September 7th, 2014, the first Sunday after Labor Day. While that seems far in the future, the planning process is already well underway, but we need your help! We need to know the houses you want to see, those you drive by and wish you could get inside. Give us the address, and we'll do the rest. We'll contact the owners to let them know they've been nominated, and ask if they'd be willing to showcase their home. If so, we'll visit, and choose from

the nominees those that would make up the most unique and fascinating tour. We'll be rounding up our possibilities over the next three weeks, so don't delay, make your nominations today!

- You may nominate by:
  - E-mailing the Historical Society with the address: lakewoodhistory@bge.net
  - Calling the Society with the address: 216-221-7343
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## Lakewood Is Art ©2004

# Scholarships Available For Local Art Students

by Lisa Metro

High school seniors interested in pursuing a career in the fine arts have access to scholarships to get them started. The Lakewood Arts Festival raises money each year to

support arts education.

The \$4000 scholarship is open to high school seniors who live in the City of Lakewood and are planning to attend a four-year college, university or art institute with an art major. Graphic design,

photography, film production, game design, art education, fine arts, architecture and fashion design all apply.

"We are pleased to support young Lakewood artists," said Karolyn Isenhardt, chair of the 37th annual

Lakewood Arts Festival. "Promoting established artists the day of the show and assisting student artists as they begin their careers are just part of what makes the Lakewood Arts Festival so special."

Scholarship applications must be turned in by Friday, April 11, 2014 to be considered. A five-piece portfolio is required. Videos and films must be submitted on DVD format. Area art teachers, college counselors and potential scholarship applicants can email lakewood.arts.festival@gmail.com for more information.

Past award winners have gone on to study fashion design, art education and industrial design.

This year's Lakewood Arts Festival will take place on Saturday, August 2 on Detroit Road between Belle and Elmwood Avenues.

## Jazz Workshops Swingin' At Beck Center For The Arts

by Pat Miller

Slap on some shades and snap your fingers for Beck Center's Jazz Workshops. Perfect for musicians looking to explore the world of jazz music, there is still one exciting opportunity open for registration.

The first exciting opportunity in this series was the Jazz Rhythm Section Workshop, which took place on Saturday, March 15. Beck Center's very own director of music education, Matthew Charboneau, led the workshop with local professional musician, Paul Samuels. Together, these instructors highlighted many different rhythm section playing styles. Participants

received instruction and heard demonstrations of these styles, and also had the opportunity to play alongside professional musicians. The workshop was ideal for pianists, guitarists, bassists, and drummers.

This series will conclude with an afternoon of Jazz and Creative Improvisation on Saturday, April 12. Join one of Northeast Ohio's most in-demand musicians, tenor saxophonist Chris Burge, as he leads this interactive experience. Many different styles and forms of music will be covered, including jazz, blues, pop, R&B, and more. Ideal for any instrumentalist wanting to learn more about how to solo and

improvise, participants will get to play side-by-side with Mr. Burge during the workshop.

Workshops cost \$20 each and will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. at Beck Center for the Arts in Studio 101 of the Music & Dance Building. Register today at beckcenter.org or by calling Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10.

## Calvary Spring Arts And Crafts Fair

by Shari Page

Spring has finally arrived just in time for Calvary United Methodist Church to host its Spring Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday April 5, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Easter is fast approaching and Mother's Day and graduations will quickly follow. What a great opportunity to shop for unique items for your Easter baskets or pick up something elegant for yourself or for someone special! We offer a wide variety of vendors to choose from. Various products will include jewelry, handmade paper items, flowers, soaps, bath products, skin care, carved/stamped leather, photography and much more.

Keeping in touch with our mission to reach out to our community, we will have a raffle which will benefit Lakewood's very own North Coast Health, formerly known North Coast Health Ministries. You can help us support their mission by purchasing a raffle ticket for \$1. North Coast Health provides much needed medical services to so many who are going through challenges in their lives and helps support them many times at reduced costs or at no cost to the



Calvary Church is located at 16305 Hilliard Road, Lakewood, Ohio 44107

patient. Be sure to stop and buy a ticket for a chance to win many fabulous prizes donated by our talented artists and crafters.

This event is free and open to public. We will have lunch available for purchase in addition to homemade candy and baked goods. Proceeds will help us continue our many local ministries and bless our community! So come out and have fun with family and friends! Inspire your creative side and help support our local artists and crafters. We are located at 16305 Hilliard Road, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. For more information please call (216)-221-4324. We really look forward to seeing you and wish you all a Happy Spring!

## Beck Center Dance Education Shines At Youth American Grand Prix

by Pat Miller

After months of training, fundraising, and anticipation, Beck Center was well-represented at the Youth American Grand Prix (YAGP) February 28 - March 2 in Chicago. Our students placed 4th out of 53 ensembles from around the country. The YAGP is the largest dance scholarship competition in the country.

Because of their impressive performance and standing, the nine-member ballet ensemble has received an invitation to the YAGP 2014 Finals held this April in New York City. Because YAGP has the reputation for being the premier dance showcase for students in America and abroad, being selected for the Finals gives the participants

an important distinction and boost to their professional dance careers.

"YAGP offers our young dancers the opportunity to challenge themselves beyond the studio walls of Beck Center," remarked Melanie Szucs, associate director of dance education. "The competition offers the opportunity to meet dancers from across the country, take master classes in ballet and contemporary technique, and receive valuable feedback from international judges."

The students' performance piece, titled "Happy New Year's Day," has been chosen by adjudication for the All Ohio Dance Festival Showcase at Tri-C East on

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## Business News

# 11th Annual “New” Taste Of Lakewood To Be Hosted By Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce plans for the 11th Annual Taste of Lakewood, the Chamber’s largest community event, which will be held on Sunday, June 1. The Taste of Lakewood features Lakewood’s outstanding restaurants and food purveyors and raises funds for the Chamber’s annual high school scholarship program, established to reward and assist college-bound high school seniors from St. Edward and Lakewood High Schools.

After 10 years as an indoor, ticketed, and consistently sold-out event,

the Chamber is taking the Taste of Lakewood to a new level and hosting a no-admission-fee, outdoor, day-long food festival at Madison Park to celebrate what Lakewood is known for: tremendously good food. The new outdoor pay-as-you-go model, no longer limited by the capacity of an indoor venue, will provide terrific exposure for our restaurants, our valued sponsors, our community partners and sponsors, and our city.

The 11th Annual Taste of Lakewood, supported by our Co-Presenting Sponsor, Cleveland Magazine, will include a “VIP Expe-

rience” package, beer & wine garden, live music, raffles, food contests and more. The new event will attract thousands of people from the region and will focus on our community’s reputation as a great food destination. Lakewood’s best restaurants, eateries and caterers such as Dewey’s Pizza, Aladdin’s, Nature’s Bin, Angelo’s Pizza, Players on Madison – and more – will be on hand to sell their food to a much larger-than-usual audience, and guests will be dining al fresco and enjoying great music under a field of tents.

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is excited to bring the Taste of Lakewood to Madison Park just as the City of Lakewood is set to begin a \$6M investment in a 24-month series of projects that will be transformative for Madison Avenue. “We are thrilled to bring the Taste of Lakewood outdoors to Madison Park,” says Patty Ryan, CEO/President of the Chamber. “Our goal is to promote our restaurants while creating a signature event for the neighborhood.”

Businesses large and small, community organizations and individuals are welcome to become sponsors of this great community event. Contact the Lakewood Chamber of



Commerce for more information or visit [www.lakewoodchamber.org](http://www.lakewoodchamber.org) for sponsorship details.

Save the date for the 11th Annual Taste of Lakewood: June 1, 1-7 p.m. – and stay connected! Receive up-to-the-minute Taste of Lakewood updates by following the Taste of Lakewood on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/tasteoflakewood](http://www.facebook.com/tasteoflakewood)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/tasteoflakewood](http://www.twitter.com/tasteoflakewood)).

## Chamber, COSE Offer Free Seminar On March 26th

by Valerie Mechenbier

Small business owners face unique challenges and opportunities. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce’s Educational Task Force invites all small business owners for a “Tales from the Trenches” conversation on Wednesday, March 26th at 9 a.m. at UA Lakewood.

The Chamber and workshop sponsor COSE Energy are bringing together like-minded businesses to share their success stories, best practices and strategies for reducing costs. You’ll gain tips

and tactics to enhance your abilities as a small business owner to think more creatively and strategically about shifting dollars from those pesky costs to marketing your business.

Join us as we hear from local businesses about how to chip away at the low hanging fruit, and plan long-term. We will discuss some innovative techniques that you can immediately implement today. This workshop is free and open to all Lakewood businesses. Please RSVP to [info@lakewoodchamber.org](mailto:info@lakewoodchamber.org).

## Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 26  
**Educational Seminar sponsored by COSE Energy**  
**“Tales from the Trenches: How Smart and Efficient is Your Business?”**  
 UA Lakewood, 14725 Detroit Ave.  
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 Free and open to all Lakewood businesses  
 RSVP to [info@lakewoodchamber.org](mailto:info@lakewoodchamber.org)

Friday, April 25  
**Lakewood Chamber Luncheon Meeting**  
**Mayor Summers’ Address to the Chamber**  
 Beck Center Armory  
 11:30 a.m.  
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## Did You Know...

that the 1st Annual Taste of Lakewood (2004) participants were: Aladdin’s Eatery, Angelo’s Pizza, Around the Corner, Bottoms Up, Create-A-Cake, Cronies, Geppetto’s, Maria’s, McCarthy’s Ale House, Pacers, Panini’s at the Riviera, Pickle Bill’s, Pier W, Ranger Catering, Sullivan’s Irish Pub, Sweet Designs Chocolatier, Swingos on the Lake, Sweetwater Landing, The Clifton Club, The Mud House, West End Tavern, and Winking Lizard.

## Beck Center Dance Education Shines At Youth American Grand Prix

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April 5 and the Ohio Dance Young Artist’s Concert in Columbus on April 25.

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# Business News

## Summer Meltdown Celebrates 5th Anniversary In Downtown Lakewood

by Ken Brand

LakewoodAlive announces the Fifth Annual Lakewood Summer Meltdown, held from 4 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2014 on closed Detroit Avenue between Andrews & Marlowe Avenues in Downtown Lakewood.

The Meltdown includes a free Healthy Lifestyle Festival, featuring "Healthy Lifestyle" programs and activities from over 40 businesses and nonprofit organizations. Programming will include a sprinkler park, 1-mile fun run, healthy food demonstrations, yoga, dancing, sporting skills, various exercise demonstrations, festival games, live music and many other family friendly activities on Detroit Avenue from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Meltdown will continue at 6:00 p.m. with the 1-mile kids fun

run. Cost for the kids run is \$15 and includes an official Meltdown race t-shirt along with other fun post-race treats. Day-of registration begins at 5:00 p.m. Following the 1-mile race is the highlight of the day: the Meltdown 5k. The cost for this evening race is \$23 which includes a Meltdown race t-shirt and "chip timing." Day-of registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

Title Sponsor Melt Bar & Grilled will once again host the event outside of their Lakewood location. Post-race activities, including live entertainment by the Burning River Ramblers, a beer garden with \$4 local beers, food and fun on the street, are free and open to the general public.

5K pre-registration will soon be available at PeaceRacing.com. For more information about the Lakewood Summer Meltdown visit Lakewood-



SummerMeltdown.com. Follow Meltdown on our Lakewood Summer Meltdown Facebook page or use #SummerMeltdown on Twitter.

Contest time! Send LakewoodAlive a picture wearing one of your past Meltdown shirts. Post it on

our Lakewood Summer Meltdown Facebook page, tweet them to @LakewoodAlive #Summer Meltdown or email them in to kbrand@lakewoodoalife.com. We will choose a winner for a free Meltdown 5k race registration.

## AARP Free Tax Aide Help

by Joan Miller

AARP free tax aide brings you free electronic filing of your tax returns. The IRS certified volunteers are ready to help income tax payers of all ages. You do not need to be an AARP member to receive this service. A photo ID and social security number are required at time of visit. Bring last year's tax return if possible.

AARP tax aide is available Monday and Tuesday noon to 3:30 p.m. starting February 3, 2014 at the Lakewood Senior Center West, 16024 Madison Ave. Lakewood. A handicap ramp and stairs are located on the Northland side of building.

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## Opinion

# A Little Stop In Turkey

by Daniel Sobotka

Would you believe me if I told you I once witnessed a stoning in a remote village in eastern Turkey? I doubt many of you would think that in this day and age stonings, that harsh age-old punishment meted out in Old Testament days, might still occur. I doubt if anyone could better document this particular instance than me... seeing as how I somehow regrettably managed to instigate it. I was the one being stoned.

I had just traveled across the width of Turkey and had reached the last border town before the Iranian border. Originally this area had been populated by Armenians before the turn of the 20th century... but their systematic extermination by the Turkish government during and after WW1, with as many as 1.5 million killed, marked the first genocide in modern history. This area has known death...death on an unimaginable scale.

Nowadays, most in this area are Kurdish. The name of this particular border town is Do ubeyazit. Mount Ararat's snow-capped peak, legendary resting place of Noah's ark, at almost 17,000 ft. elevation hovers surreally in the distance only 10 miles away.

I had just disembarked from a cross-country bus ride and had noticed interesting looking ruins off up in the foothills. The day was still young so I decided to hike up there to have a better look. I didn't find the ruins to be any more impressive up close but I did have a noteworthy run in with a weathered old man and his beautiful Afghan dog. This was one of the most stunning looking Afghan dogs I had ever seen. I wanted to take a photo of this beautiful dog but the old man stood proudly at attention as I leveled my camera in his direction. When I mimed to him that I wanted the dog, not him, he got very angry and took out his anger on the dog...beating the dog with the stick in his hand. I turned away and quickly made my way back down the mountainside, seeing this small village far below that I thought might be interesting to visit.

As I approached the village many children gathered in excitement to see this strange visitor in their midst. They smiled and gathered around me. There must have been about twenty of them and not one over twelve. I took out my camera and took some photos. That is when the trouble started. The children reached out their open hands to me.

I assumed that they had seen tourists with polaroid cameras before and wanted to see the finished shots...I shook my head, pointing at my camera and spreading open my palms....miming that I couldn't do anything...that the film needed to be developed. Their expressions grew hard and fierce and their tiny hands began to clench....

Before I knew it they were reaching down to the ground and picking up rocks and hurling them in my direction! I beat a hasty retreat. Fortunately their hands as well as the stones that were flying in my direction were small. I escaped unsettled but unscathed.

I was all prepared to end this story right here with some fancy-sounding platitudes and the stoning being the main story. But as my brother once said to me, "I don't remember things happening the way you do." He's right. It doesn't mean we both didn't witness the same thing. We just don't all take away the same lessons from what we experience. And sometimes it can take us years and years to more clearly understand things that have happened long ago. It took me forty years to look back on this and see it more clearly.

Let me take you forward six more months in this story. I had carried on through five more countries going as far as India and then returning back the same way to Europe. People talk about the cultural shock of going to India. The real shock that I experienced was going back to Europe.

There is only one time in my life I can remember drinking to try to deal with a problem and that was after I left India. I was back in Munich, Germany visiting with the same family I had met on my way out and I am sure they disapproved of the beer after beer I drank while

in an emotional funk there. I looked around at the expensive cars and the fancy houses set behind high walls and all the trappings of a wealthy people. It just didn't mesh with what I had seen in my travels East. The disparity between rich and poor in the world is so great that for most Westerners it is almost impossible to comprehend...and most won't even bother to try.

Have you ever really thought about it seriously yourself? What someone here might spend for a Starbucks coffee would feed a whole family in Asia for the day. The \$50 we spend to fill up a car with gas might provide them with food for a month. In pastoral areas their greatest wealth might be the sheep or the goats that they herd or the lands they till. They live hand to mouth like this for generations and generations. Sometimes times get bad and it doesn't take much...and they sicken and starve.

The poverty line right now for a family of four in the USA is \$22, 550. In 2010, the World Bank reported that 32.7% of the 1.2 billion people in India fell below the international poverty line of \$1.25 per day while 68.7% lived on less than \$2 per day. Let me do the math for you. That comes out to 871,000,000 people living on less than \$2 per day in India.

What would you do with your \$2 if it was you?? Can you even begin to wrap your mind around those numbers?? \$2 per day for a family of four comes out to less than \$3,000 for the full year. So almost three-fourths of the people of India live at one-seventh the poverty line of our country.

Do you really get that?? They have less than one-seventh the income of someone in this country who is already officially considered poor!

Maybe you think that somehow they are different than we are? They are not. In every way they are just like us.

Maybe you think things are so much cheaper over there. You are wrong.

Commodity prices are pretty much the same world-wide. We all pay virtually the same basic food prices. The recession we had in this country with the drop in the price of commodities and the stock market's

fall was a bad thing you think?

Well...everything is relative. That inconvenience to our retirement savings and loss in our home values probably prevented the death of millions in other countries.

So...you say, what really do you expect me to do about it? How does that really affect me??

I would say that we need to recognize that each and every one of us in this country is one of the most privileged of elites on the planet. We are wasteful. We are energy gluttons. We throw away millions on stupid things. We are not a rich country because we are so much better than anyone else but because we have done a lot of favors for ourselves at the rest of the world's expense. We push other people's faces into the dirt because we can. We strut around. We consider ourselves superior.

The facts are: we are arrogant, we are shallow, we are selfish, we are thoughtless, we are ignorant, we are petty, we are pompous, we are so self-righteous. Take a good hard look at yourself. Do you really like what you see?

So...are you ready for a surprise ending to my story? Do you know what my final lesson learned there in that little village of Do ubeyazit is? You wouldn't guess it in a million years. I probably would never have gotten it myself if I hadn't spent six more months living amongst many more people just like them. It is.....that I am thankful to have been stoned... thankful for the lesson those children taught me there. I was probably one of the richest people that those children would ever see in their lifetimes. If I came to see their poor squalid lives I should have been willing to do more than just take it as some photo-op.

If I should ever be in that part of the world again I will stop by once more in Do ubeyazit. All those children I saw then will now be around their fifties. Perhaps one of them might yet today recognize me as that stranger from so long ago that they drove out of their village with stones. If they would allow it I would try to rectify things some...perhaps donate some money to their village school... a couple generations late in doing them some kindness. I believe I owe them some good in return for what they gave to me.

## Community Leaders Breakfast



Despite a blustery, icy morning, Lakewood's best and brightest community leaders gathered in the LHS East Cafeteria to listen to Jim Tressel of the University of Akron deliver a keynote speech on leadership.

## A Renovation On Mars

# A Renovation On Mars: Bidding & Closing

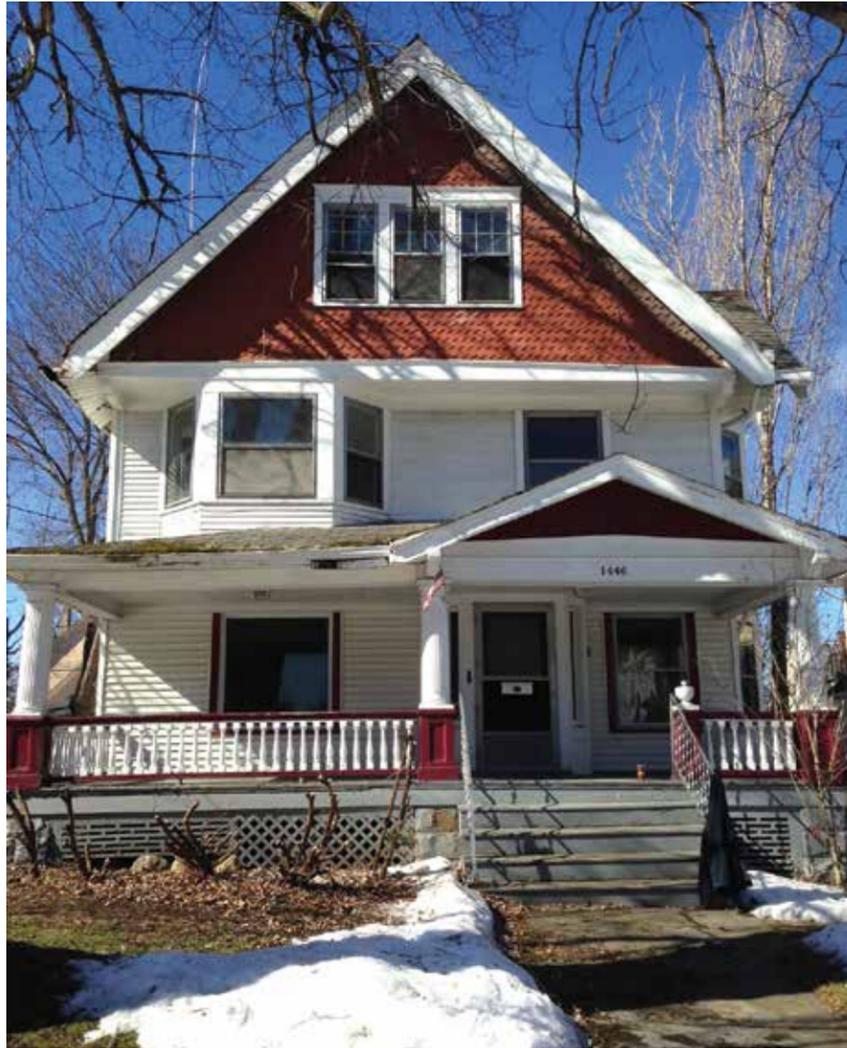
by Christopher Herzner

Some of you might remember the old movie "The Money Pit" with Tom Hanks; well, let's hope the project that my partner and I are about to embark on together over the next year or so does not become a reenactment of that film. You see, recently, we were looking to find a place in Lakewood we could completely renovate and make "ours." First, we looked at retail spaces, warehouses, even old churches, but they were all just over our budget. Then one day, at an after-work party for a departing employee, a person heavily involved with LakewoodAlive mentioned two old boarding houses in Lakewood they were selling with certain strict guidelines and deed restrictions. I was interested, so I drove past both houses that evening.

Only one house was in the exact spot we wanted to relocate....near Lakewood Library. It's a central location within downtown Lakewood, walkable to everything, including my office. The next morning, I set up an appointment to view it. Although the house was a complete disaster, it had some great historic features and plenty of space. It was time to pull my partner into this and see if he was interested in pursuing this Bidding Process. A few days later, we both visited and both decided we would put all our efforts into winning the Bid, which we submitted on January 10th, 2014.

The Bidding process was required by all parties involved, which included the City of Lakewood, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO) and LakewoodAlive. This process is used to ensure that the home goes to the right individuals who have the ability to bring it back to single family use and rehab the structure to bring it back into compliance with code. The major benefit to this multi-stakeholder program is that it revitalizes the neighborhood in which the home is located by achieving each of the following: increasing surrounding home values, returning taxes to the city, and in many instances, adding jobs or strengthening local businesses.

Of course kudos need to be given to the City of Lakewood for having the forethought, determination and initiative to gain control of the two historic boarding houses. For 10 years before the City purchased these properties (Grace & Mars), there were over 200 safety forces calls, one of which was an armed hold-up in our house (Mars Avenue). These were a heavy burden on the City and those neighbors surrounding the homes. The City, on March 28th, 2012, approved the budget to purchase these homes from the original owner and give notice (and relocation assistance) to the existing tenants. By August of that same year, the City gained legal ownership, turned off the utilities and locked the houses up, all while initiating a game plan to sell them, ensuring their renovation and introduction



Front view.....after removal of large horrible shrubs.

back into single family owner occupied ownership.

This is where LakewoodAlive came into the picture. City officials and LakewoodAlive's team met to discuss the best way to save the structures and ensure their renovations. LakewoodAlive was familiar with DSCDO, which has a similar process and has saved over a hundred homes in the Tremont/Ohio City neighborhoods. Both parties joined forces with DSCDO to jumpstart this program within the City of Lakewood.

In early December, LakewoodAlive began viewings and marketing of these properties. Those individuals interested in bidding to be owners had to submit a detailed proposal which included (but not limited to) their physical plans/designs for the homes, contractor cost estimates and personal financial power to make this all happen. Submittals ended mid-January and on January 23rd, those winning bidders were notified. Closing was Valentine's Day on both properties. The responsibility to bring these homes up to code and back into their neighborhoods as assets then shifted from the City to the new owners. Start of work is required by Mid/late April.

A few weeks after submitting our bid, on January 23rd, we found out that we were the winning bid for 1446 Mars Avenue. You would think my first reaction would have been joy, but to be honest, I think the first words out of my mouth were, "Oh sh&\$"! For some reason, fear of the work ahead, not to mention all the costs and unexpected issues became real. In some way I knew we would win the bid, but those initial

fears were so far from my mind. Needless to say, I have not slept very well since that day. Luckily for me, my partner and I are very different and think in completely different ways. He's more analytical and graphical. I'm more visual and creative. Together, hopefully we will cover all our bases.

On Valentine's Day, we closed on the property, which we bought from the City of Lakewood. So we are now the owners of a 1905 American Foursquare home, with (currently) 9 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2,641 square feet and a two-car garage.

My partner and I shifted into high gear, quickly consulting with contractors, architects, interior designers and some of the subtraits needed for renovating our home. It was important to us

to hire a Lakewood General Contractor for our home. After some investigation and meetings, we decided on Scalish Construction, located on Madison Avenue. His experience with working with DSCDO in the past, plus visible experience in handling a project of this size, were great determining factors. (Not to mention their ability to work digitally and the ease of electronic communication, which is necessary for us.)

It's been a whirlwind of activity and choices since we've taken ownership. We unfortunately have a very large tree in the front yard, which has seen better days and is a threat to the neighborhood power lines, not to mention the neighbors' and our own home. It will be coming down in early April, as a sort of christening of the start of renovation.

Follow our journey through my articles in this newspaper (The Lakewood Observer). Every few weeks, we'll go through the process of renovating a very needy old home together, and all the details and work involved.

I've provided some photos of the house, in it's current exterior condition. These are our BEFORE pictures. Follow along and see the changes, as we make City of Lakewood and our new neighbors proud (hopefully)!



The East and North facing side



West Facing (rear) side

## Pulse Of The City

# Lakewood: Part Of "The Wild West"???

by Gary Rice

Everything's relative, I suppose. Just ask anyone familiar with Dr. Einstein's great theory.

Yes, at one time, the lands west of the Cuyahoga River were indeed considered both wild and western in the eyes of many of our early settlers. The land presently comprising Lakewood finally became a part of Rockport Township after treaties with various Native American tribes were concluded. This area was heavily wooded at that time, and was well marked by at least two major Native American trails that became the present Warren and Detroit Avenues. (Warren, by the way, was named after Isaac Warren, an early settler and son of Revolutionary War hero Dr. Joseph Warren. Isaac Warren resided at the intersection of Warren and present-day Madison Avenue.)

Even when civilization as we know it spread farther west, the Rockport area continued to retain a "Wild West" flavor for many years. Lakewood did not achieve "hamlet" status until 1889, and did not even become a city until 1911. Even then, and for many years thereafter into my own lifetime, concrete horse troughs, hitching posts, and old horse tie-down stones could commonly be seen around our city.

In 1849, when the East Rockport area (as Lakewood was then known) was still held primarily by large landowners with fruit farms, gold was discovered in California, and the

adventures of the other "Wild West" began to be romanticized in the press. By then, Ohio's Native American tribes had been forced from the state. (Ohio's Wyandots were the last tribe to leave, in 1843, from their home in the Upper Sandusky area.)

A number of shallow tunnels were reportedly dug from homes along what was then known as Detroit's "old plank road" straight down to Lake Erie. Several residents from this area were also reportedly active in the Underground Railroad, and it was fairly common folklore that those tunnels were likely used by escaping slaves on their journey to boats out on the lake that would take them to Canada and freedom.

I was recently made aware of yet another tunnel system. A former Lakewood resident informed me of a tunnel that went east and west from Edwards to Ethyl Avenues, and also north to the lake. That tunnel was reportedly accessed through a basement hatchway from Lakewood's original YMCA building (the former Hall Mansion) where the ballfield presently sits. Although the Hall mansion was constructed after the Civil War, that tunnel system may well have pre-dated it. Indeed, there are many stories of mysterious tunnel openings that dotted Lakewood's cliffs, allowing for the possibility that many secret "Wild West" or Civil War-era adven-

tures apparently transpired here back in those days.

The island presently referred to as "Yacht Club Island" at the mouth of the Rocky River was reportedly used as a Native American burial ground, according to the late Dan Chabek, a former Lakewood Sun Post writer. (Dan's excellent and historic compilation of articles can be found in his book Lakewood Lore.)

There's a fascinating story connecting our Rockport area to the better known "Wild West," and that would be about Adele Parker's "Paradise" Ranch. The story of the amazing, very famous, and fiercely independent Adele Von Ohl Parker and her ranch could occupy several columns all by itself. But in brief, Parker had been a talented horseback rider and show person with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Eventually starting her own show, she reportedly found herself out of work and stranded in Cleveland at the onset of the Depression, having a bunch of horses, a rabbit, and less than a dollar to call her own.

A natural showperson and indefatigable promoter, she was nevertheless soon able to acquire a tract of land on Mastick Road overlooking the Valley. She then established a 34 building ranch there. Any number of rescued animals reportedly lived

both in and out of her home from time to time. There's even a famous story about some of her elephant guests bathing in Rocky River. Many school children enjoyed visiting the ranch over the years to see the animals and learn how to ride her horses. "Wild West" shows and rodeos also transpired at the ranch, and many famous "Wild West" stars, including Gene Autry, along with many Native Americans, were reportedly guests there over the years. When Parker passed away in 1969, so did our area's tangible connection to Parker's timeless western boots and saddles, although a historic state marker can still be found at the site of Parker's former homestead.

I'll mention one more connection of Lakewood with the "Wild West." Jack Schaefer was a famous novelist and creator of Shane (made into a 1953 movie of that name starring Alan Ladd and Jean Arthur). Schaefer was born in Cleveland and grew up on the corner of Belle and Franklin. A graduate of Lakewood High School, Schaefer was one of the better known writers concerning western themes. Dan Chabek also profiled him in one of his columns.

The spirit of the "Wild West," therefore, once moved quite freely on the streets of early Rockport, as well as modern Lakewood, and some might say that it continues here today, pard'ner.

## Coffee With The Subconscious...

# Secrets & Addiction

by Betty Rozakis

Life is about relationships... the resolved and unresolved.

I was saddened to learn of Philip Seymour Hoffman's fatal overdose. What lingered in this gifted actor's subconscious that sprung such a massive yearning? Was there a secret that haunted his sensitive being? I was unable to find a sample of his handwriting to glean an answer that may help his children and others. My hope is that my Column will find some-

one who has his autograph... a note... a card... a letter.

Hoffman's affliction reminds me of a recent Oscar nominated movie, 'August Osage County.' This movie is a vivid depiction of what can happen to people caught in a web of unresolved early relationships and secrets.

Unresolved relationships hurt the individual. Avoidance and indifference only prolong the suffering. It's those unresolved issues that torment our souls and affect those we love. They get buried in our subconscious, induce calamity and smother our innate beauty.

What about secrets? Secrets can never be safely tucked away. They infiltrate the atmosphere. Everyone feels the secret's camouflage.

Yes... We all feel those transgressions that get buried in our subconscious. The actions and attitudes we resort to in order to survive differ with the individual. In the movie, Meryl Streep engaged prescription drugs to ease her pain. Her husband, Sam Shephard resorted to alcoholism and then something else. Their children were stuck in a puzzling abyss that stifled their lives.

All because they shifted the focus from the truth!

Can't shift the focus. Gotta confront and reconcile the truth before it perpetuates more devastation.

I discuss all this in my book, "Coffee with the Subconscious." Most people don't know how or where to look. Graphology provides an objective blueprint.

In the movie, after much physi-

cal and debilitating conflict... Julia Roberts found inner peace when the truth was revealed. This subconscious insight enabled her to reconcile her marriage and her child.

In real life I found an easier way... People's handwriting offers insight for subconscious resolve. Relationships are easier when we feel good about ourselves.

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## Lakewood Living

# Big Trees Are Your Friends

by John Palmer

In my continuing journey to earn my Board Certified Master Arborist status, this winter has been one of almost non-stop studying, lectures, tests, and research. Honestly, my head hurts. The advantage has been a far greater understanding of trees in our urban forest (our cute way of referring to trees in cities). In the course of these studies, a common theme runs through them: the value of big trees. I apologize for going a little “tree nerd” on you here, but it’s important enough to me to risk putting you to sleep. I’ll wait while you get another cup of coffee...

Now, to protect myself from a rash of visits from enterprising strangers who’ve passed the Bar exam, let me say at the outset that having and being around trees involves risk. Period. But so does being around stoves, cars, prescription medicine, dogs, and plastic bags. Just read the warning labels. Bad things can happen anywhere, anytime, to anyone. Eliminating risk is impossible. Understanding risk is about as close as we can get. Deciding how much risk you’re willing to accept will in turn influence how you feel about big trees. I’d like to try to put you more at ease, and share with you why you might want to consider big trees your friends.

To begin with, storms always bring branch and tree failures. Often, the bigger the storm, the more the damage. Tree failures to me are like plane crashes. Comparatively, they really don’t happen that often, but when they do, they’re scary and they make headlines. For reference, there are over 12,000 trees on Lakewood City property (and many more times that on private property). How many of them fail each year? It’s a statistically small number, but if one of those falls on your house or car, it’s a huge deal. Fatalities are an even smaller number, but an even more serious outcome. I wish I could write an article saying that this could never happen in the future, but we both know I can’t. My studies are training me to better understand trees in order to be able, to the best degree possible, evaluate trees that have the potential for catastrophic failure. We’ll come back to this. But how about some good news first.

The evidence has been coming in for years, but a recent study published in the journal “Nature” highlighted some findings that have many people rethinking their view of big trees.

Molly Michelson in “Science Today” summarizes: “We used to think that large, old trees were less productive than their younger counterparts. But scientists recently determined that for most species, the biggest trees both increase their



*A survivor of Superstorm Sandy. It’s remained standing like this for years.*

growth rates and sequester more carbon as they age.”

An international research group reviewed records from studies on six continents. The team discovered that 97 percent of 403 tropical and temperate species grow more quickly the older they get.

Nate Stephenson of the U.S. Geological Survey Western Ecological Research Center says it would be like if our growth just kept “...accelerating after adolescence, instead of slowing down. By that measure, humans could weigh half a ton by middle age, and well over a ton at retirement.” Yikes!

Big trees “breathe in” carbon dioxide (what we exhale) and sequester (store) the carbon in their leaves and woody tissues. That carbon remains in the tree until it dies or sheds branches, in which case that carbon will begin the process of returning to the environment (decaying). So, the longer a large tree lives, the longer that carbon is held in by the tree, unusable by any other organism or process.

The Center for Urban Forest Research, part of the US Forest Service, did a study looking at the financial values of big and small trees. The Alliance for Community Trees at the Delaware Center for Horticulture reported the CUFR “...measured the cost savings of certain maintenance activities such as asphalt repaving and sewer plant usage when trees were planted.”

What they discovered was that “...small trees... provide about \$23 a year in benefits such as stormwater mitigation (decreasing the strain on the sewer system), shading the pavement (increasing the longevity of the road), and cooling the air (less need for air conditioners). But, small trees cost about \$14 a year to maintain, so that’s only \$9 of net benefits per year, on average. Large trees, such as

mature oaks, elms, and maples yield about \$55 a year in benefits, while only costing about \$18 to maintain. That’s a net benefit of \$37.”

They continue: “So, assuming that a small tree will only live for 30 years, that tree will provide about \$270 worth of benefits over its lifetime. Large trees, on the other hand, can provide up to \$4,400 worth of benefits over a 120-year lifespan. That is 16 times the benefit of a small tree! The conclusion is undeniable: large trees, over time, will save municipalities money.”

Now, those assumptions of age are a bit out of line with what most of us see, but their conclusion is supported by multiple studies. The denser canopy captures more radiant energy from the sun, creates a larger shade profile which keeps larger areas of concrete, brick, and asphalt cooler for longer, which slows its aging, and makes it cooler for people around these large trees.

From multiple studies published in the professional journal, “Arboriculture and Urban Forestry”:

Trees provide two major benefits to the urban climate. First, like other forms of vegetation, the leaves

intercept sunlight and much of its energy; the heat is used for transpiration. As a consequence, the leaves and the surrounding air are cooled compared to areas covered with built surfaces.

Leaf temperatures have been measured as being 11°C–30°C cooler than surrounding built surfaces, the effect being greatest at midday during hot sunny weather...

Shaded built surfaces can be almost as cool as surfaces covered by evapotranspiring grass.

Tree shade reduced surface temperatures by 12°C, on average, and there were significant differences between the (tree) species.

In Manchester, UK, it was found that concrete surfaces shaded permanently by a bank of trees can be cooled by up to 20°C in the summer.

That’s great news, but for most people, the major concerns with big trees are tree and branch failure. From a study of tree biomechanics (biomechanics applies the basic principles of structural engineering theory to the study of plant forms, including trees.)

Wood in trees is flexible and behaves as neither an ideal solid nor an ideal fluid. Wood and most plant materials are described as viscoelastic because their mechanical properties are both elastic and viscous (fluid-like).

This allows it to move in a more “dynamic” fashion as opposed to static. Most of us enjoy that by watching a beautiful tree sway in a light breeze. But that swaying is doing something very important, much like what happens in a skyscraper. Most of us have heard that tall buildings move due to high winds, and the process of “shedding” the stress of that movement allows buildings to stand safely for decades. Well, basically the same happens in trees.

Some people mistakenly believe that wood in the center of trees is dead (we’re not talking about decay, here), and they draw the conclusion that it’s unsafe. That’s not

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*Lakewood’s beautiful big trees.*

# Lakewood Living

## Owning Your Own Business: The Lakewood Double

by Eric Lowrey

Thinking of starting your own business? There is an option that is often missed, misunderstood, or dismissed. The two-family home in Lakewood is often derided and dismissed, but these buildings are home to a large percentage of our population and are often the stepping stone to home ownership for those who rent a unit. Also they provide an affordable means to home ownership precisely because the second unit can produce an income. If the American Dream is to own your own business, the Lakewood double can be the first business you own.

The process of purchasing a double can be like that of a single family home, but there are added concerns and responsibilities. First, there are generally two of everything: two furnaces, two electric panels, two water heaters, and on and on. These are items you need to pay attention to, because working

heat is something any prospective tenant would want, and they are big-ticket items that will need maintenance and, someday, replacing. You will be responsible for the health and safety of another human being, and there are responsibilities that go with that.

You will have to seriously consider location. Where will others want to live? Factors to consider are how close to the highway and downtown? How close to amenities such as shopping and entertainment? Is there enough parking, either on the property or the street? What works for you may not be what is best for potential tenants.

What is the emotional appeal of the units? Are they tired and beat? Or are they updated, full of charm, and clean? Does the building have curb appeal, as most people prefer to live in a place they like? What are the laundry options in the building? If there are washers and dryers, what shape

are they in? Updated and well-maintained amenities are among the keys to collecting big rent. Would you want to live there? Because, as owner-occupant, you will.

There are responsibilities that you will have beyond general maintenance. The City of Lakewood has point-of-sale inspections and occupancy inspections. You will need to comply with these issues. Snow and trash removal will be on you. Maintaining utilities even when they are not in your name is important, as no heat equals frozen pipes. You will have to respond to a tenant's requests in a timely manner.

I would recommend you have an accountant, as there are many tax implications for all expenses, and this person can keep you in front of these, and will help you maximize your business' potentials and profits.

There is a First-Time Homebuyer program that can provide you with up to \$14,000 in down payment assistance. Information on this is available at <http://www.onelakewood.com/Development/Programs/HOME.aspx>.

If you treat your home as your business, there will be better chance for long-term growth and profitability. As of this writing, there are 32 doubles for sale in Lakewood with an

average of 9 selling per month. Prices are trending upward. But there is still great value out there.

So if you want to start a business, the Lakewood double provides a great opportunity for you to have a thriving one.

For information on the First-Time Homebuyer program, go to <http://www.onelakewood.com/Development/Programs/HOME.aspx>

There is great opportunity out there for owner-occupants of doubles.

## Big Trees Are Your Friends

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true. Heartwood, as it's sometimes referred to, is not dead wood. It's just not active wood. It's part of the structural support system of the tree, but we're not sure exactly how much, and it can also contain high levels of carbon dioxide. It does not actively transport water like the sapwood (the outer few rings of the tree).

Trees routinely survive tremendous forces placed on them. The forces that load up the branches and leaf canopy with energy during a storm are transferred down the tree, through the wood, down to the root flare (the widening area at the base of the tree) then on through the

structural roots, to dissipate in the ground. It's an amazing process.

Even the leaves themselves work to lessen the forces pushing on them. The Tulip tree, for instance: Its leaves actually begin to roll up as wind speed increases. This reduces the surface area the wind contacts, reducing loading. In high winds, the leaves look like tubes. You can also look at how branches tend to "bend over backwards" to try to shed or "hide" from the wind. Some trees even have specialized leaf stalks that help lessen wind loading. Trees are fascinating, dynamic living things. And they're stronger than you think.

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