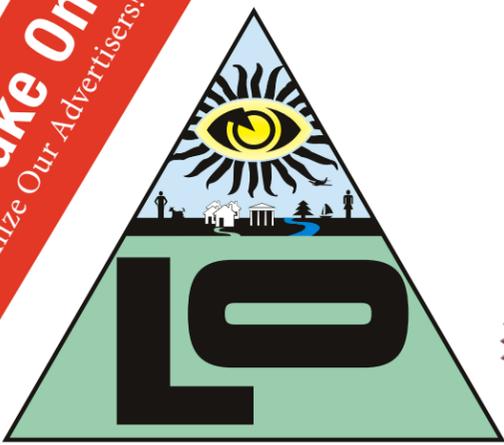


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Week Of Free Cleveland Orchestra Performances

by Colin McEwen

Although the tickets for the Cleveland Orchestra's May 24 performance at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium have all been distributed, there are still several free shows around Lakewood from May

17 through May 24.

“Creating a ‘grass roots’ opportunity for Lakewood to experience perhaps the greatest orchestra in the world at a very personal level is a cultural experience that we will remember for years to come,”

said Mayor Michael Summers. “Our increasingly vibrant commercial corridors and neighborhoods will be made ever-more-so by the music and the musicians.”

The Cleveland Orchestra and the Lakewood community are joining together to present The Cleveland Orchestra at home in Lakewood, a neighborhood residency that

began on February 17, when Cleveland Orchestra Assistant Conductor Brett Mitchell visited the Lakewood High School Chamber Orchestra to assist in preparation for an Ohio Music Educators Association State Ensemble Adjudicated Event.

The centerpiece of the Orchestra's activities in Lakewood is a public Cleveland Orchestra concert led by

Music Director Franz Welser-Möst at Lakewood Civic Auditorium on Saturday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for that show have already been distributed, however, unclaimed seats will be offered to the public on the evening of the show.

See full calendar of events in the ad on page 15.

Ambulance Chase 2014



The 2014 Lakewood Hospital Foundation Ambulance Chase had a great turnout, with over 550 runners taking part. Fastest Lakewoodite was Jacob Gregory, 1st in Male 15 - 19, and 3rd overall. Fastest woman was Lakewoodite, Mallory Shaw (pictured above), who ran 8th overall.

City Encourages Commercial Property Owners To Have Aging Buildings Examined

by Colin McEwen

After the recent collapse of a parapet wall along Detroit Avenue, the city of Lakewood is reminding commercial property owners that Spring is the “perfect time” to check on the structural health of buildings.

“We are fortunate to have so many 100-year-old buildings in our city,” said Dru Siley, the city's director of building and housing. “But it takes constant vigilance to keep these structures in shape. After a long, hard winter, we're asking that property owners take a careful look at their buildings.”

Lakewood Block Club Meeting May 28th

by Mike Tuttle

Please attend the next Lakewood Block Club Meeting on May 28th at 7 p.m. Learn how to set up a “Block Club” on your street. Meet with Local



An inspection could have saved these owners a lot of money.

City architect Michael Molinski shared some of the things to look for when inspecting a building for structural issues. **They include:**

- Cracks in the bricks or mortar

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Ward Police Officers. Receive information on City services. Discover how a Block Club on your street will benefit you and your neighbors.

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Celebrate Bike For Beck & Beck Center's 80th Anniversary At BeckFest

by Pat Miller

Join Beck Center for the Arts on June 1st for this year's Bike for Beck and Beck Fest Community Celebration of the Arts. Enjoy the splendor of the Cleveland Metroparks for a casual 12, 25, 60 or 80 mile SAG-Supported ride, leaving from and returning to Beck Center for the Arts. Onsite registration on June 1st runs from 7 - 9 a.m., or pre-registration is available online at bikeforbeck.org. The \$40 registration fee supports arts education programming at Beck Center. T-Shirts and rider bags are available for the first 200 registrants. Family and group registration rates are available

at a discount.

Riders will return to Beck Fest, an interactive arts experience celebrating Beck Center's 80th Anniversary! This event is free and open to the public and features an exciting lineup of food and entertainment as well as biking and arts experiences for the entire family! Early childhood music programming takes the stage at 9 a.m., followed by Cleveland's original improvisational comedy troupe, Something Dada at 10 a.m. Biking activities and information will be provided by Ray's Indoor Mountain Bike Park, Lakewood's own Beat Cycles, and Bike Cleveland will bring the Bike Blender.



Don't miss live music by the Chris Burge Trio (jazz), Fireside (covers/acoustic rock) and Madison Crawl (boogie blues / juke joint rock) on stage starting at noon. Families will enjoy art projects, face-painting and sidewalk chalking all day long. Chef Chris Hodgson's Hodge Podge Food Truck will provide food along with Elsie's Crepes and gelato from The Sweet Spot. We look forward to seeing you there! More information is available at beckcenter.org.

Barton Center To Host 8th Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser On May 22

by Curt Brosky

Barton Senior Center will hold its 8th Annual Wine and Cheese fundraiser on Thursday, May 22 from 5-8 p.m. This indoor/outdoor event will be held in Barton Center's outdoor Courtyard and in the adjacent indoor Rotunda. More than 25 silent auction items will be available for bid, including wine baskets and gift certificates to local restaurants. Chef Kevin, from Kevin's Café at Barton Center, will be serving delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres and of course, there will be plenty of wine and cheese.

Individual tickets are \$30 (\$15 tax deductible). A \$100 sponsorship (\$70 tax deductible) includes two tickets and a listing in the program. Mail

your check to Barton Center at 14300 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107, or call 216-221-3400 for more information about the event.

Proceeds will be used to fund the many services and activities offered by the nonprofit Barton Cen-

ter, including transportation throughout Lakewood, health programs, computer and exercise classes. Barton Senior Center is located on the Ground Floor of the West-erly Apartments and is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Farewell Open Houses Set For Elementary Schools

by Christine Gordillo

The three Lakewood City Schools elementary schools to be rebuilt will be holding Open Houses to allow community members to say farewell to the buildings before the wrecking ball takes them in the fall. The dates are as follows: Grant, May 21, 6:30-8 p.m.; Roosevelt, May 22, 6-7:30 p.m.; and Lincoln, May 29, 6-8 p.m. The high school will hold a similar event later this fall. Come bid adieu to buildings that hold memories for generations of Lakewood students!

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Lakewood Named At Top Of "Most Exciting Places In Ohio" Ranking

by Colin McEwen

Lakewood can add another feather to its cap: *The Most Exciting Place in Ohio*.

The real estate blog Movoto named Lakewood in its "Most Exciting Places In Ohio" ranking, ahead of other cities that include Oxford, Cleveland Heights, Sandusky and Kent.

The website used five criteria to measure the most exciting places in the Buckeye State: nightlife, live music venues, active life options, number of fast food restaurants (the fewer the better), percentage of residents aged 18 to 34 (the more the better), and population density (the higher the better).

Earlier this year, the Movoto Real Estate blog put Lakewood at No.

7 for its Top-10 list of Most Exciting Small Cities in America. Others on that list included Hoboken, NJ, Lancaster, PA, and Sarasota, FL. Then, the real estate website named Lakewood as one of the top places in the country to retire.

To see the entire Top 10, go to <http://www.movoto.com/blog/top-ten/most-exciting-places-in-ohio/>.

"This news affirms what we've long known about our city, but it's nice to receive some outside recognition," said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers. "There's something for everybody in Lakewood. We're a young, vibrant city with many active lifestyle options and locally-owned establishments providing energy to our community."

City Encourages Commercial Property Owners To Have Buildings Examined

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- Loose bricks, trim or wall caps
- Bowing walls
- Persistent roof leaks

"Carefully reviewing these things should be part of an annual maintenance cycle," Molinski said. "Wall collapses are rare events, and with the right attention they can also be preventable."

In addition, he suggests that property owners check downspouts and drains.

The city can connect building owners to technical assistance in evaluating their buildings. For additional information, contact the city's Division of Building and Housing, or check out the list of registered building contractors in Lakewood.

The city also offers a Storefront Renovation Grant program that may help defray some of the cost of improvements. Please contact the division of Community Development at 216-529-5933.

Lakewood Block Club Meeting May 28th

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The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Lakewood City Hall.

The Lakewood Block Club program is about much more than just reacting to crime. It exists to help neighbors look out for each other. The program provides information and strategies for dealing with housing, crime prevention, and nuisance issues and to help make our streets and neighborhoods safer, stronger and cleaner.

Having a city that is a great place to live is every citizen's responsibility! We need you! Help put the "neighbor" back into the Lakewood neighborhood that you love!

If your street has a web page, you have everything you need for a Block Club except information from the city. I will provide that. If you are interested in establishing a Block Club before the meeting contact Mike Tuttle at 216-529-6657 or michael.tuttle@lakewoodoh.net.

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City News

City Of Lakewood Launches New Emergency Notification System

by Colin McEwen

Want to know right away when there's an emergency happening in Lakewood? Think evacuations, boil alerts and road closures.

The city of Lakewood has partnered with Cuyahoga County to offer residents access to ReadyNotify, a mass notification system to issue emergency notifications to the public. It is similar to the communications systems schools use to notify parents of closures or other time-sensitive information.

The system delivers messages to residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text message or electronic mail. The system is capable of sending messages to specific communities or the entire county.

ReadyNotify is primarily used for emergency notifications, when rapid and accurate information is essential for residents' immediate safety.

"We want to ensure that all of our residents are informed and prepared in the event of an emergency," said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers. "Partnering with Cuyahoga County on this system allows us to immediately alert residents and disseminate important information about any emergency situation that occurs in our neighborhoods."

What Type of Notifications Will I Receive?

You can expect to receive notifications about:

- Emergency Events
- Lakewood Building Closures
- Cuyahoga County Alerts
- Road Closures
- Water Boil Alerts
- Safety Messages
- Other Information, Affecting Specific Neighborhoods

What Type Of Information Is Required To Register?

Participating in the ReadyNotify Program is voluntary. A valid email and phone number will be needed to sign up. During the registration process we will ask you to give us information about yourself such as your address, your primary language, and if you require any special assistance during an emergency event. Only information indicated with a star * is required.

How Will I Receive Messages?

When you sign up in the system, you will also have the opportunity to choose how you want to receive messages. Messages can be delivered in the following ways:

- Cell Phone
- Home Phone
- Work Phone
- Email
- SMS/Text Messaging
- Fax

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City News

Council To Revisit Use Of Parks

by Christopher Bindel

Council President and Ward I Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan called the May 5, 2014 meeting of Council to order at 7:36 P.M.

The first item of new business was a communication from Councilman Sam O'Leary (Ward II) on park safety, climate, and user conduct. In his communication Councilman O'Leary said that he knows that several of the points he raises have been ongoing conversations in Council and that he submitted his statement in the hopes of rekindling those conversations with renewed vigor. He said with the weather improving people will start flocking to the parks in greater numbers for many various activities. The challenge comes in making sure that one's uses of the park for their activity does not negatively impact the activities of others or the local residents. With countless uses for the parks, there are many areas of potential conflicts, however Councilman O'Leary states he has heard specific concerns about the skate park, outdoor basketball courts, offensive behaviors near Kid's Cove, and the hours of operation of the facilities.

He said, "Our goal should be to enable family-friendly use of our busy parks by continuing to employ proactive, community-oriented strategies that facilitate adult presence in the parks and engage residents and stake holders."

Councilman Shawn Juris (Ward III) asked if Councilman O'Leary had any ideas about what solutions he might be looking for. He continued saying that many of the issues mentioned in the statement already have ordinances on the books to deal with them and if there are issues they need to be reported so they can be enforced.

Councilman O'Leary said that he did not have any specific legislation in mind, but rather wanted to start a conversation to review the current legislation to make sure it is accomplishing what it is meant to. Also he would like to involve some of the community partners as well as law enforcement and park security in the conversation so they can more fully deal with the spectrum of behaviors and issues being faced. He said that in his experience, and those of his constituents, it does not seem to be any one particular group of people or park

that has issues, but that they arise from many varied uses at different times and at all the parks.

Mayor Summers said he was kind of confused by Councilman O'Leary's letter. He said it made some pretty sharp specific points and that he thinks they deserve some serious scrutiny. He asked Councilman O'Leary to think about a series of questions for the discussion in the Public Safety Committee to help clarify his intent. The questions he asked were as follows: What issues do you believe have not been followed through regarding the City's facilities? What groups are you referring to when you say one group's use comes at the expense of another's? Can you be more specific regarding the offensive behavior at the skate park and basketball courts? What offensive behavior did you reference in regards to Kid's Cove?

Councilman O'Leary said he would be glad to clear those up in Committee.

After a few more points made by Councilman Juris and Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large) Council referred the communication to the Public Safety Committee for discussion.

Next, Law Director Kevin Butler suggested Council might want to have a discussion on the use of alternative nicotine products indoors. In February the Ohio General Assembly adopted a law that regulates the use of alternative nicotine products, such as e-cigarettes. The law, which will take full effect on August 2, 2014, will expand the criminal use of cigarettes for minors to e-cigarettes as well. Something the Ohio General Assembly has not reviewed, though many other states have, is the restriction of the use of e-cigarettes indoors. Although no smoke is produced, it does release vapor; it is still unclear whether or not it could contain nicotine.

Director Butler brought this to the attention of Council for them to consider if they wish to have the conversation on whether they would like to do something regarding the new law. He did not attach legislation to his communication, but suggested that they refer his statement to the appropriate committee for discussion.

Council referred the communica-

tion to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Director of Planning and Development, Dru Siley, asked Council to consider submitting an ordinance to the Planning Commission for consideration. In 2012 Lakewood contracted for a hotel market study which included analysis and specific recommendation. Upon reviewing current zoning it was discovered that much of the City's zoning code is prohibitive to the opening of a hotel or motel. Therefore Director Siley submitted an ordinance that would allow hotel/motel use in any commercial district in Lakewood.

Council referred the ordinance to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

Director Siley then asked Council to approve of the Citizens Advisory Committee's (CAC) changes to their recommendation of how to allocate HUD funding. In September of 2013 the CAC made recommendations to Council on how they thought the city should appropriate the money that the city was projected to get from HUD. The Council approved the recommendations, however due to changes in HUD protocol, and an increased amount of funding, the CAC was called back to deliberate on how to spend the increased funds. Due to strict guide-

lines on how much money can be spent on certain items, the CAC worked with the administration to come up with recommendations that would leverage the money to have the most impact. The majority of the excess money was allocated toward the Madison Avenue waterline project. Due to the project cost turning out to be more than originally estimated, the additional money will be a great help. The remainder was split between a few human services programs with limited funding, that make a big impact, like the Lakewood Community ServiceCenter.

Council passed the resolution, approving of the changes.

Director Siley had one final request for Council. He asked them to pass a resolution approving of the administration entering into a contract for demolition services in the amount of \$300,000. Since taking possession of McKinley School, the Public Works and Planning Departments have been hard at work getting the property ready to move forward. After environmental studies and asbestos surveys the city finally put the demolition out for bids with the hopes of having one come in under \$500,000. On April 23, 2014 eight bids were submitted and the obvious lowest bidder came in at \$280,000.

Council passed the resolution.

Next a representative for the Public Works Department asked Council to pass a resolution allowing the city to

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City Of Lakewood Seeking Developers For McKinley School Property

by Colin McEwen

The city is asking for development teams to submit qualifications for a plan to shape the future redevelopment of the former McKinley Elementary School site.

The shuttered elementary school will be demolished this summer to make way for a residential redevelopment of the 2.8-acre property.

"This property presents a significant redevelopment opportunity for our community," said Dru Siley, the city's director of Planning and Development. "This could potentially introduce some new housing types in an already vibrant neighborhood."

McKinley Elementary School,

1381 West Clifton Blvd., was decommissioned as a school building in 2008.

The city bought the former school in 2013, with plans to demolish the building and sell the land to a developer for residential development.

On May 7, more than 30 residents attended a public meeting about the demolish plans, as well as the site's redevelopment.

Here's the link to the city's request for qualifications: <http://onelakewood.com/pdf/McKinleyRFQ.pdf>. The deadline to apply is June 11.

For more information, residents and development teams are encouraged to contact the city's department of planning and development at 216-529-6630.

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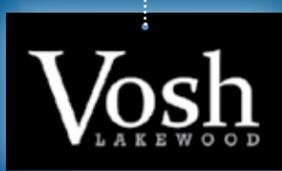
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Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Wednesday, May 14

Meet the Author: "Islam's Jesus" by Zeki Saritoprak, Ph.D.

In the West, it is not well known that Jesus is an important figure in the history of Islam. Perhaps it's time to change that. Dr. Saritoprak's groundbreaking new book examines Islam's theological engagement with the Nazarene and explores his role in the future of Islam itself. It begins by examining the Muslim world's understanding of Jesus in the Qu'ran and Hadith. In these key religious texts Jesus is not just a historical figure, but an Islamic messiah. One of the key roles the Son of Man plays today and in the future is as a bridge between Christianity and Islam. The final chapter surveys his place in Christian-Muslim dialogue. As more than half of the world's people are either Muslim or Christian, through dialogue Jesus can be a bringer of world peace. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Thursday, May 15

"A Lyrical Life: Reflections on Life-Journeys through Poetry and Song" Presented by Rabbi Enid Lader

Explore your own life journey through poetry in this four-week program presented by Case Western Reserve University. The roads upon which you've traveled are marked by steps still to be taken. Rabbi Enid Lader will lead a discussion of poetry and song that beckons us to reflect on what it means to think of our lives as a journey and how the text of our lives reflects our values. We will explore the questions of what we want to pass on to the next generation and what is in store for us in the future. Rabbi Enid C. Lader has served the Beth Israel - The West Temple congregation since August, 2012. Active in the Educational Director's Network, Enid also served in various capacities on the regional board for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the Union for Reform Judaism) and has taught the west side Taste of Judaism and Feast of Judaism classes for the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland for over twelve years.

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

Thursday, May 15

Booked for Murder: Laugh Out Loud Mysteries: "Bad Monkey" by Carl Hiaasen

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.

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

Saturday, May 17

Lakewood Public Cinema: "Star Trek Into Darkness" (2013)

Directed by J.J. Abrams

We liked J. J. Abrams' 2009 "Star Trek," but it's his work on this sequel that gives us hope for his upcoming continuation of the Star Wars saga—pay particular attention to the opening sequence which masterfully evokes the bold vibe of the original series while simultaneously retooling it for modern audiences with cutting-edge technique. For those who skipped the first movie, this is not a rebooting of the old series. Instead, everything takes place in the aftermath of a time-traveling terrorist's crimes against the Federation. That may sound complicated, but the effect is to free Star Trek of fifty years of obsessive storytelling and leave only its best assets behind—the characters. Kirk is brash and brave. Dr. McCoy is wry. And Spock... doesn't have the same control of his emotions you'd expect—just ask his girlfriend, Uhura. Benedict Cumberbatch joins the fun as a deeply conflicted villain whose name we don't dare reveal.

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

Sunday, May 18

Sunday with the Friends: Balalaika Virtuoso

Many of Oleg Kruglyakov's early experiences growing up in Omsk, Siberia centered around singing together with family members where he developed a keen ear for musical styles and a deep respect for cultural tradition. The virtuoso balalaika player is fascinated by the history of the Russian people and well-versed in the etymology of his native language. The triangular, three-stringed, quintessentially Russian instrument he plays is a staple of the folk songs he was raised on, but it is capable of tackling the most delicate pieces of classical music, too. In between songs, this world traveler will share his opinions on history, culture and beautiful music with easygoing humor and passion.

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

Sunday, May 18

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Do you own a shiny, new eReader, but don't know how to download any of the thousands of free titles that are available through the Library? Make an appointment with a knowledgeable staff member who can show you around the bells and whistles of your device, whether it's a Kindle, Nook, iPad, iPhone or something else entirely. Let's talk.

Thursday Nights at the Madison Branch - Call (216)228-7428

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Tuesday, May 20

Basic Origami

Are you fascinated by the Japanese art of origami? It might seem intimidating, but with a little practice, even a beginner can make beautiful, impressive pieces. This free craft program is for everyone, from people who have never made a crease to seasoned pros who want to show off their skills. We will begin with the basic fold techniques and do a group project. After that, it's origami free-time, with supplies and project books at your creative disposal. Space is limited. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

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

Tuesday, May 20

Introduction to Ancestry: Library Edition

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

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

Knit and Lit Bookclub: "A Movable Feast" by Ernest Hemingway

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. For full book descriptions, visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/bookclubs.

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

Wednesday, May 21

Lakewood Historical Society: History of the Cleveland Museum of Art

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then the collections of the Cleveland Museum of Art must contain millions of stories. Since its opening in 1916, the museum has grown into one of the world's most distinguished and comprehensive art museums with significant pieces dating back to the dawn of civilization and progressing to the modern day. Leslie Cade of the Cleveland Museum of Art details the history of the museum and its world class collection with hard facts, well chosen images and fascinating stories. Her lecture might be the next best thing to actually visiting this local treasure.

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

Thursday, May 22

Meet the Author: "Praxiteles: The Cleveland Apollo"

by Michael Bennett

One of the world's greatest art treasures resides in the Cleveland Museum of Art and this is its story. Michael Bennett, the museum's curator of Greek and Roman art, presents a volume that is both a personal account of the acquisition and a rigorous reexamination of one of the most significant works to survive from antiquity. The Cleveland Apollo is the only life-size Greek bronze that can be confidently attributed to a Greek artist by name and most likely the only surviving original work by Praxiteles, the most renowned sculptor of ancient Greece. Overlooked and misidentified for centuries, the piece long known as Apollo the Lizard-Slayer was restored to its rightful place in art history by rigorous scholarship and meticulous scientific testing performed here in Cleveland. According to Dr. Bennett, "The sculpture represents Apollo's victory over the Python, a triumph of order over chaos at the sacred place considered by the Greeks the Omphalos, the navel, or center, of the world." Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, May 24

Lakewood Public Cinema: "Treasure of the Sierra Madre" (1948)

Directed by John Huston

Being down on your luck can bring out the best in people. There is a wonderful camaraderie that can be found among hard-working folks who fall on hard times, and it is not uncommon for what some would regard as next to nothing to be split into two and shared. Humphrey Bogart befriends Tim Holt while they're both chasing down the same cigarette butts in Tampico, Mexico during a lean 1925. One night while staying in a workhouse they meet a grizzled Walter Huston, an old prospector who's made and lost many fortunes and gained considerable wisdom on the subject of greed. They dream of just one little score to set them back on the path to prosperity and they're willing to work for it. A fascinating sequence ensues wherein they build their camp and demonstrate every laborious step in the quest for the shiny stuff. Their efforts are rewarded and they build up quite a trove—but there are

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

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Starts Monday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m. and ends

Saturday, August 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Club Starts

For youth birth through twelfth grade

It's summer time, and that means lots of free time to read books and earn prizes along the way! Teens, we have some great prizes just for you. To register, please come to the Children's & Youth Services desk at the Main or Madison Branch libraries.

Tuesday, May 27 through Saturday, June 14

Blind Date with a Book

For youth and teens

Blind Date with a Book lets you choose a new read sight-unseen. Come be part of a mystery as you never know what you may go home with – it could be a book you would never normally read but fate lets you fall in love with! When you're done, rate your date online!

Main Library and Madison Branch.

Family Weekend Wonders

Make the Library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. These free programs are offered every weekend throughout the year at both the Main Library and Madison Branch. No registration is needed. Check out our website (www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth) for times and upcoming themes.

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

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

Weekends With Wee Ones

For families with children under 2 years old

Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. We will provide materials and ideas for those wishing to continue the fun at home. Programs are offered every weekend throughout the year and there is no need to register in advance.

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Oleg Kruglyakov, Balalaika Virtuoso, Performs at Lakewood Public Library

by Elaine Rosenberger

Growing up in Omsk, Siberia, Oleg Kruglyakov began studying the balalaika—a triangular traditional Russian stringed instrument—when he was seven years old. At the age of seventeen, he was accepted into the prestigious Ekaterinburg Conservatory, where he studied both balalaika and conducting. He is the protégé of Yevgeny Grigorovich Blinov and has toured Moscow, St. Petersburg, Sibe-

ria, Canada, the United States and the Ukraine. In 2007, Kruglyakov and pianist Terry Boyarsky formed the group Russian Duo. Kruglyakov has recorded several CDs including Prikamie (1995), Golden Russia (1997), Feel Yourself Russian (1999), and Russian Duo (2009).

Kruglyakov takes a break from his recent concert tour in Texas to answer a few questions.

You attended the Ekaterinburg

Conservatory. What did you enjoy most about your studies there? What was most difficult?

I enjoyed learning theoretical and practical skills from my professors, especially considering that tuition was free in the Soviet Union. Also, I enjoyed campus life, which was fun. In fact, it was difficult to stay concentrated on the learning process, because campus life was so much fun.

Your mentor is Yevgeny Grigoro-

vich Blinov. Tell us a little about him.

Yevgeny Blinov is the first balalaika professor in the Soviet Union. He is one of the greatest balalaika virtuosos, a very educated musician and great pedagogue, who raised a few generations of balalaikists in the Soviet Union/Russia.

How does playing the balalaika compare with playing a guitar? A lute?

The Balalaika belongs to the Asian lute family. It has plucked strings with a neck and a resonating chamber. The Balalaika is more similar to the mandolin than to the guitar in terms of the construction and the number of strings (a balalaika has three strings, a mandolin has four, and a guitar has six). A big difference is that I don't use a pick to play the strings, I use my bare fingers.

Do you enjoy teaching, performing, or conducting most? Why?

I enjoy performing with my pianist partner as Russian Duo. I would love to conduct, but I don't have an orchestra. I used to teach music in college in Russia.

Which song or songs are your current favorites and why?

All the songs I play are my favorite. I don't play music that I don't like!

What message do you want your audience to take home from one of your concerts?

Every piece I play is a sort of message. Since I play different sorts of music from different countries on the Russian balalaika, I believe it shows the way to appreciate and understand other cultures through the lens of your own culture.

Oleg Kruglyakov performs as part of the Lakewood Public Library's Sunday with the Friends series. His concert will take place on Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Oleg's CDs will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Lakewood Public Library Summer Reading Club Starts May 19

by Eric Knapp

Ready for an adventure? Take a walk on the wild side and explore your world by reading in our Summer Read-

ing Club! Starting May 19, children ages birth through fifth grade can sign up to be a part of "Camp Lakewood Public Library." Sixth through twelfth

graders have their own reading club, "Survive the Summer." Participants will gather stamps and prizes as they go, and a special reward awaits those who complete thirty hours of reading (or thirty books for younger readers) by August 2.

The fun doesn't end there, either. Arts and crafts abound! Any child with a parent can stop by Monday through Thursday, June 10 to July 29, anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and pick up a Camp Fire Creations craft to do together. Our camping-inspired craft changes each week!

While finishing your reading record is quite an accomplishment, even that doesn't end the adventure. Children and their families will celebrate the "End of the Trail" at Madison Park Wednesday, August 6, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fun, games, and prizes await! Teens will have their own Summer Survivors party Friday, August 15 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Library. Help us make 2014 our best summer yet. Adventure awaits!

To register, stop by our Main or Madison Branch Summer Reading Club Desk, starting May 19.



Lakewood's budding artists.

Art Show Concludes Strokes Of Genius

by Marge Foley

The 2014 Spring session of Strokes of Genius at the Lakewood Public Library recently ended as participating second, third, and fourth graders proudly showcased their talent at an art show for family and friends. Each week students learned about the life and work of a different artist and then completed an art project. These included watercolor paintings of birds in the spirit of John James Audubon, oil pastel creature

drawings in the style of Joan Miro, cut paper story quilts imitating the art of Faith Ringgold, 3-dimensional collages sparked by the work of Robert Swedroe, and chalk drawings inspired by pavement artist Julian Beever. The budding artists also enjoyed expressing themselves with a String Art project.

Look for information about our next session of Strokes of Genius in the Lakewood Public Library's Fall and Winter Program Guide.

Go On A Blind Date With A Book At The LPL

by Kathryn Tatnall

Hey tweens and teens, what are you doing between May 27th and June 14th? If you have some free time, Lakewood Public Library would like to set you up on a blind date... with a book.

Have you ever found yourself looking more at the cover of a book, than reading the inside of the jacket? All of us do it. We're very visual beings and we do tend to judge books by their covers. But, how many great stories are we missing by doing so?

We'd like to help you by introducing you to a book you may never have chosen on your own. So for the three weeks at the end of May through the middle of June we will

have books available to check out that will be wrapped in paper. This will make it impossible for you to cast any judgment on the book before checking it out. We will be giving you clues as to some of the elements you will find in the book, or maybe just the genre. Either way we don't want to take away from the surprise. You can un-wrap the book when you get home and introduce yourself.

So, stop by the library at the Children's and Youth Services desk to ask where you can find a wrapped book and give it a try. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. You may just find your next favorite book. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 216-226-8275 ext. 140.

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Lakewood Schools

Hot Polka/Cool Jazz Fundraiser Celebrates Lakewood Middle School Musicians

by Joanne Schwark

Looking for a unique event to kick off your Memorial Day weekend? On Friday, May 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m., join the Harding Middle School and Garfield Middle School Jazz Bands, Garfield Music Crew, the Harding Choir, Strolling Strings, and the Button Box Divas (Julie Tabaj, Kathy Hlad, Bill Perko) for a musical celebration of choral, jazz, and polka music with spaghetti dinner and silent auction in the Garfield Middle School cafetorium, 13114 Detroit Avenue. The spaghetti dinner will feature pasta from Ohio City Pasta and the auction includes items from many generous local business sponsors as well as tickets to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, the Beck Center, and local sports and amusement park venues.

Funds raised at this event will go toward bringing Grammy-winning artist Alex Meixner and his band to Lakewood in December, 2014, for music education at the middle and high school levels, master classes, and a community concert. Mr. Meixner is a world-renowned accordionist, pianist, and trumpeter who has performed with the London Symphony Orchestra and conducts workshops all over the United States. He plays and records an energetic fusion of classical, jazz, and Slavic folk music.

Tickets for the event may be pre-ordered for pick-up at the door that night with the order form found at <http://tinyurl.com/qb6ovlb>. Tickets will also be available at the door (\$10 per adult, \$8 per senior, \$5 per student,

children under 5 free) and include the spaghetti dinner, musical entertainment, and silent auction. If you wish to attend only the musical entertainment and auction, tickets are priced at \$4 per adult, \$3 per senior, \$2 per

student, and children under 5 free. For additional information or to make a donation to this event, please contact Mrs. Julie Tabaj, Garfield Middle School Band Director, at julie.tabaj@lakewoodcityschools.org.

Hayes Elementary Cleans Up With Help From Local Businesses, Dedicated Employees And Hayes Families

by Woody Calleri

On Saturday, March 26, 2014, Hayes Elementary School held their Second Annual Spring Clean Up. As any homeowner knows, this is a huge task when you have a small, Lakewood yard. Just imagine edging, weeding, trimming trees and shrubs, raking up old leaves, planting new flowers and mulching huge beds on school grounds!

This task was made possible only because of the great community we live in. Twenty local businesses donated prizes, money, supplies and/or refreshments and food to the volunteers. And over 70 parents, students, teachers and administrators also pitched in to help with the dirty work. "A BIG thank you to all the local businesses that donated to help make the Clean Up a success," stated Hayes PTO president. "Thank



you for supporting the school system, we could not have done it without you."

Students learned a valuable lesson about community and responsibility, and get to take pride in their beautiful school as well. "What an amazing day, it was so nice to see how many families helped and volunteered their Saturday to make Hayes beautiful!" said Katie Papp, Kindergarten Teacher.

The Hayes PTO would like to

thank the following generous sponsors: RHC Financial Systems, Buckeye Beer Engine, Home Depot, Hungry Howie's Pizza, Root Café, Lakewood Hardware, Donut Pantry, Lakewood Garden Center, Breadsmith, Custom Lawns, Walgreens, Dollar Bank, Ground Works Land Design, Dairy Queen, Convenient Food Stores, Pet's General Store, Menchie's, Petitti Garden Center, Carabel Beauty Salon and the Lakewood City Schools.

Lincoln Elementary Celebrates 100 Years With Final Community Open House

by Lisa Ellis

On Thursday, May 29th Lincoln Elementary School will host its last public open house before the school begins its radical transformation. Principal Sandy Kozelka is extending this invitation so that former students, teachers and other members of the community have a chance to say their final good-byes. The school, which was built in 1914 and celebrated its 100th birthday in October, will be getting ready for demolition this summer. The new building, which is slated for completion in Fall of 2016, will increase safety, possibly space, and be highly energy efficient.

During the open house, Power Point presentations of the 100th year and past/present Lincoln concerts and pictures will be on display, with current and former teachers in the classrooms. Fifth-graders will serve as ambassadors and the PTA will be selling commemorative "bricks" and cookbooks put together by teachers from years past. Former students can also request copies of their grade cards which will be sent to them. Earlier in the week, the halls/grounds will be decorated with painted handprints and names by existing students and sidewalk chalk drawings.

To see pictures of Lincoln Elementary, past and present, visit and "Like"



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Information is also available on the district website: <http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/>

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Lakewood Schools

Lakewood Youth Honor Veterans

by Emmie Hutchison

Garfield Middle School, the Lakewood-Rocky River Joint Veterans Council, and the City of Lakewood's H2O "Help to Others" program, are hosting the annual Memorial Day Recognition Program on Friday, May 23rd at Garfield Middle School. Veterans who have served in any branch of military service are welcome to attend this community program and the breakfast that precedes it.

The program will open ceremoniously with the Entrance of the F.O.P. Lodge #25 Honor Guard, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Garfield students. Guests will be welcomed by remarks from Lakewood City Schools Superintendent Jeffrey Patterson, the City of Lakewood's Director of Planning and Development Dru Siley, and State Representative Nickie J. Antonio. The Garfield Band will perform the Armed Forces on Parade, and the Joseph A. Mazzarella Outstanding Citizenship Award will be bestowed upon a deserving Garfield student. As always, a table will be set out of respect to Prisoners of War, with its symbolism explained to students by a member of the Joint Veterans Council.

The keynote address will be personal reflections delivered by Mike Glick. Mr. Glick is a Lakewood High School graduate who has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan; he is now a Cleveland Police Officer.

The next part of the Memorial Day Program will be a culmination of projects by Garfield teachers and students. The Civics Club has been busy collecting and assembling care packages for troops who are serving abroad. Mr. Dan Smith will present his "More Than Names" project, a display that shows a map of homes from which a Lakewood resident gave their life serving our country. After the colors have been retired, the first part of the program will close with the song "The American Veterans' Last Salute March," performed by the Garfield Middle school choir, under the direction of Mrs. Richards and composer Mr. Robert Rice. The final portion of the program will be the Retiring of the Flag Ceremony, a reverent ritual carried out by a local Boy Scout Troop, led by Matthew Markling.

H2O and Garfield staff are currently recruiting students to volunteer for the annual Memorial Day Grave

Decorating, held this year on Saturday, May 24th, at Lakewood Park Cemetery. Hundreds of volunteers will gather to place flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day. This volunteer opportunity is open to ALL Lakewood middle and high school students, with transportation and lunch pro-

vided, courtesy of the veterans groups. Permission forms are necessary for students to ride the bus; please call 216-529-6045 for details, or pick up a form in Harding or Garfield's offices. We also welcome adult volunteers and families who would like to be part of this great annual tradition.

Garfield Invites Veterans To May 23 Recognition Program

by Christine Gordillo

Garfield Middle School students and staff invite all veterans to attend its 17th Annual Memorial Day Veteran Recognition Breakfast & Program on Friday, May 23, from 7:30-10 a.m. at Garfield, 13114 Detroit Ave. Veterans and their families, or surviving family members, are encouraged to attend this program and bring military service memorabilia to share with students during breakfast.

After the program, Garfield teachers invite interested veterans to share their memories and service experiences with individual classrooms. Lunch will be provided for veterans staying for classroom presentations at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Please call the number listed below to make your reservation by May 16. It will assist us in planning if you leave the following information when you call:

1. Names of people attending.
2. Phone number where you can be reached during the day.
3. Are you interested in visiting a classroom?
4. Are you aware of other veterans we may have missed?

Please provide names and addresses.

This event is presented by Garfield Middle School and H2O "Help to Others" Youth Volunteer Program.

R.S.V.P. to: Jules Rewald

Phone: 440-899-7050 (please place calls between 9am and 8pm)

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West Shore Culinary Students Take Top State Honors

by Lynn Foran

"Too many cooks in the kitchen spoil the broth," as the saying goes, but that's not the case for the West Shore culinary competitors at the FCCLA State Competition, held at Ohio State University from April 23-25. Each participant placed at the top in regional competition, so the level of talent was very high. However, this didn't shake Sahana Petras' nerves as she took first place and earned a Gold Medal in the Garde Manger category.

Sahana impressed the judges with her Asian-inspired Appetizer Tray that she prepared within the 60-minute time limit. Her original creations of Thai Peanut Noodles, Tuna Tartare on a bed of seaweed salad and cucumber, and Chicken Wontons with carrot,

daikon radish and sombol salad, were beautifully displayed on a mirrored tray. In addition, each competitor had to complete three selected knife cuts **continued on page 9**



LHS' Olear Wins BW Impact Award

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School photography teacher Arline Olear recently was honored with the James Thomas High School Award from Baldwin Wallace University for the impact she had on one of her former art students.

The award was instituted as a way for graduating Baldwin Wallace seniors to recognize a high school teacher that had a significant impact on his or her life by engaging, inspiring and encouraging that student. Baldwin Wallace senior Iqra Baig nominated Olear for the award. Olear taught Baig, LHS Class of 2010, in Art Focus and Photography classes.

"Those classes helped me realize that art is something people don't just do for fun, but that it can be a real

career choice," Baig said.

Olear couldn't be more thrilled with receiving the award.

"I am honored to have a former student consider me someone that had a significant impact on her life," Olear said.

Baldwin Wallace alumni and Board Trustee James Thomas instituted the BW award because he recognized the importance of outstanding teaching in high school as preparation for a successful college experience.

Olear, along with recipients of other outstanding educator awards given by BW, were honored at a banquet in late April. The award comes with \$1,000 cash award for Olear as well as \$1,000 given to Lakewood High.

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Sports

Ranger Girls Track 4-0 Westshore Conference Duals

by Stephanie Toole

It has been a busy couple of weeks for the LHS Girls Track and Field Team.

Traveling to North Ridgeville High School on Wednesday, April 9 for a conference dual meet. The 'Purple & Gold' Rangers won 92 -vs- North Ridgeville 45.

Freshman Scoring: Lauren Klann 100H 3rd; Olivia Rodruguez 1600m 2nd; Halle Krebs 400m, 4x400m 1st; Trinity Nall Shot Put 1st.

Sophomores Scoring: Mallory Shaw 1600m 1st, 800m 1st, 4x800m 1st; Clare Toole Pole Vault 1st, Long Jump 1st 14'7", 300m H 2nd; Cate Schleckman 3200m 1st; Hannah Allenson 3200m 2nd.

Juniors Scoring: Megan Hoya Discus 1st, Shot Put 2nd; Marisa Ellis 3200m 3rd.

Seniors Scoring: Jenny Byczek 400m 2nd, 4x400m 1st; Megan Barrett 400m, 200m 3rd; Jamie Gibson 300H 3rd; Maeve Christie 4x800m 1st, 4x400m 1st, 200m 1st; Grace Latham 4x800m 1st, 800m 3rd; Liz McIlwee Pole Vault 2nd; Alyssa Hasman High Jump 1st 5'1", 4x800m 1st, 4x400m 1st, Discus 2nd; Caitlin Conner Long Jump 2nd; Tori Milicevic Shot Put 3rd; Daleen Zakaib Discus 3rd place.

Next stop was The Beachwood Invitational on Saturday, April 12th.

The LHS Girls Track Team finished 4th over all in the 17 team field with warmer but very windy conditions, several solid races and continued improvement. Scoring for the Rangers were: Freshman Lauren Klann; 100M Hurdles 6th Place; Trinity Nall: Shot Put- Sophomores: Mallory Shaw 4X800 1st Place, 3200M 3rd Place; Clare Toole 300M Hurdles 2nd Place, Triple Jump 2nd Place. Seniors: Grace Latham- 4X800 1st, 1600m 7th place;

Alyssa Hasman- 4x800 1st, 1600m 6th place, 4x400m 8th; Maeve Christie- 4x800 1st, 800m 2nd, 4x400m 8th; Megan Barrett- 4x400m 8th place; Caitlin Conner- long jump 4th place, triple jump 5th place; Jenny Byczek- 4x400 8th place.

On a very cold Wednesday afternoon April 16th, the Rangers defeated visiting Vermillion 88-49 in a Conference dual meet. Scoring for the Rangers were:

Freshmen: Lauren Klann: 100H & 300H- 3rd place Trinity Nall: Shot Put- 1st place Halle Krebs: 4x400- 1st place; 200m- 2nd place Lauren Lowell: 800m- 1st place Olivia Rodriguez: 1600m- 2nd place; 800m- 2nd place Elena Mulready- 800m- 3rd place Claire Black- Pole Vault- 3rd place Sophomore: Hannah Allenson: 3200m- 1st place Paula Atfield: 3200m- 2nd place Amanda Cabot: 3200m- 3rd place Mallory Shaw: 4x800- 1st place Cate Schleckman: 4x800- 1st place Nicole Harris: 100m(PR)- 2nd place Clare Toole: Pole Vault- (SCHOOL RECORD)(PR); Long Jump-(PR) & 4x400- 1st place Junior: Monica Harris: 100m- 3rd place Senior: Jenny Byczek: 200m & 4x400m- 1st place Charlotte Link: 1600m-3rd place Anna Riddle: 1600m- 1st place Maeve Christie: 4x800- 1st place Grace Latham: 4x800- 1st place Tori Milicevic: Shot Put- 2nd place Alyssa Hasman: High Jump- 1st place; Discus- 2nd place Megan Barrett: 4x400m- 1st place; Long Jump- 2nd place Caitlin Conner: Long Jump- 3rd place; 400m 3rd place Liz McIlwee: Pole Vault- 2nd place.

The Rangers traveled to Elyria Catholic on Wednesday, April 23rd for a conference dual meet, winning the meet LHS 103 -vs- Elyria Catholic 35. Scoring for the Rangers: 4x800m

Relay 1st Place: Maeve Christie, Grace Latham, Alyssa Hasman, Mallory Shaw 100H: 2nd Place: Lauren Klann 100m: 1st Place; Ryann Greenfield; 2nd Place: Monica Harris; 3rd Place: Jenny Byczek 4x200m Relay: 1st Place: Jamie Gibson, Megan Barrett, Liz McIlwee, Caitlin Conner 1600m: 1st Place Halle Krebs; 2nd Place Anna Riddle; 3rd Place: Juliet Belardo 4x100m: Monica Harris, Nicole Harris, Jenny Byczek, Caitlin Conner 400m: 2nd Place: Ryann Greenfield; 3rd Place: Jenny Byczek 300H: 2nd Place: Clare Toole; 3rd Place: Lauren Klann 800m: 1st Place: Halle Krebs; 2nd Place: Megan Bar-

rett 200m: 1st Place: Nicole Harris; 3rd Place: Liz McIlwee 3200m: 1st Place: Lauren Lowell; 2nd Place: Emily Renaudin 4X400m: 1st Place: Mallory Shaw, Halle Krebs, Jenny Byczek, Caitlin Conner Shot Put: 2nd Place: Trinity Nall; 3rd Place: Tori Milicevic Discus: 2nd Pace: Alyssa Hasman Long Jump: 1st Place: Ryann Greenfield; 2nd Place: Megan Barrett; 3rd Place: Caitlin Conner High Jump; 1st Place: Alyssa Hasman; 2nd Place: Claire Black; 3rd Place: Ryan Greenfield Pole Vault: 1st Place: Clare Toole (**SCHOOL RECORD** & NEW PR); 3rd Place: Liz McIlwee/Claire Black.

West Shore Culinary Students Take Top State Honors

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that the judges announce the day of the competition. This is the top award for the Garde Manger category, as there is no national competition.

Also competing in the State Competition and earning Silver Medals was the Culinary Team of D'Nautica Davis, Mackenzie Moore, Katherine Renaudin, and Andrew Summers. The team completed a three-course meal – salad, entrée, and dessert – within 75 minutes, and produced four identical plates for the judges.

"Chef McGorray and I are extremely proud of the students who

competed. Both Sahana and the Culinary Team have put the time and effort into practicing at least two days a week since the beginning of January, and their hard work really paid off," said Chef Devan Sharosky, West Shore Culinary Instructor.

"We are pleased that we are able to send our hard-working students to competitions to showcase their knowledge and skills. My staff focuses every day to prepare students for their careers and future. It brings us all a level of satisfaction when we can celebrate our students' success," commented Linda Thayer, Educational Coordinator, West Shore Career-Tech.

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Lakewood Cares

Do You Know Your City?

by Sheri Walter

Test your sleuthing skills as you navigate Lakewood to find unique architectural details! Join the Lakewood Historical Society on the 5th annual national Preservation Month scavenger hunt.

Beginning May 10, participants can download a list of clues from the Lakewood Historical Society's webpage and begin a search for twenty architectural details hidden within Lakewood's urban landscape. This year's theme is archways, a component that architects have been using for ages; find out where and how they keep Lakewood supported.

Completed entries must be submitted to Rozi's Wine House or Lakewood Hardware by May 20 at 7 p.m. Entries with all correct answers will be entered into a drawing held at a free public program titled "History of the Cleveland Museum of Art" on May 21 at 7 p.m. in the Main Lakewood Public Library Auditorium.

Participants have significant odds of winning certificates from local merchants like Mahall's Twenty Lanes, the

Beck Center for the Arts, Blackbird Bakery, Barroco Grill, and the Breadsmith, among others! Winners do not need to be present at the drawing. Prizes from Lakewood merchants and organizations will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners.

The Lakewood Historical Society advocates for our historic community,

in addition to providing stewardship of artifacts and buildings. By continuing to link our community's past, present, and future through the preservation of our built environment, we retain this sense of place as "Lakewood."

Preservation, combined with appropriate economic development, is key to maintaining the beauty of

our neighborhoods, retaining our high quality of life, and keeping our community vibrant. Join us this May and be part of the scavenger hunt for national Preservation Month!

Visit lakewoodhistory.org or Vintage Lakewood on Facebook for more information and to download the entry form.

Play An Instrument? Have A Front Porch?

Be Part Of PORCHestra

by Ian Andrews

Make music Lakewood! PORCHestra, an afternoon of music on Lakewood's front porches sponsored by Charter One, takes place on Sunday, May 18, beginning at 4 p.m. We encourage you to join with family, friends and neighbors, by playing or singing on your front porch in this community-wide, free "jam session." From kazoos to guitars to trombones, it's all music.

PORCHestra is one component of a week-long orchestra residency in

Lakewood featuring free performances and activities throughout the community from May 17-24.

The afternoon of music-making will culminate with an outdoor concert on the front porch of the Lakewood Public Library (Detroit Avenue) at 5:15 p.m. with performances by The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus Chamber Ensemble followed by members of The Cleveland Orchestra performing double-bass quartets and violin/viola duets. Detroit will be

closed from Arthur to Mars so bring a lawn chair and set up on the street.

Register your porch at www.clevelandorchestra.com/lakewood. Each participating registrant will receive two free tickets to a Cleveland Orchestra Blossom concert this summer. Participating porches will be part of a Google map indicating the "musical" porches and neighborhood performances. Regardless of your age or talent level, join the fun and make Lakewood come alive with the sound of music!

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Lakewood Headquartered Nonprofit "Because I Said I Would" Opens Storefront

by Rick Doll

"Because I said I would," a social movement and nonprofit organization dedicated to bettering humanity through promises made and kept, officially opened its storefront to the public this past Friday, May 9th.

As a social movement, "because I said I would" encourages positive change and acts of kindness by sending "promise cards" to anywhere in the world at no cost. People use these cards to remember the importance of their commitments, for promises both big and small. Growing through the viral nature of social media, over 1.35 million promise cards have been sent to over 105 different countries in "because I said I would"'s 19 months of existence.

Due to the gripping nature of its

stories, "because I said I would" has been featured on ABC World News with Diane Sawyer, CNN, The Today Show, Good Morning America, NPR, Fox News, The Los Angeles Times, HLN, CBS Nightly News, Steve Harvey and many other programs. Founder Alex Sheen has been the closing TED speaker at TEDxUtica and TEDxYouth@Austin and attended the store opening to meet with members of the community.

"Because I said I would" also executes charitable projects that inspire others to make promises that better humanity. In 2013, it raised money to send 100 kids with cancer to Disneyland. Its founder also walked 240 miles across the state of Ohio to raise funds

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Lakewood Cares

Suicide Awareness

by Caroline Purcell

In July of 1989, I lost a close family friend, Mark Bunch, to suicide. I was so young and couldn't understand how or why something like this could happen and so I read and read and read. Over time, wounds healed but I still think of my friend all of the time and wonder what it would be like to have him around today.

In October, 2002 my dear friends, Mary Lou and Bill Call lost their son, Brian Call, to suicide. Being so aware of the devastation they were going through, I tried my best to be there for them in the aftermath of their son's suicide. Just as I had been so many years earlier, they were on a roller coaster of emotions.

In July, 2007 my fiance and father of my youngest daughter, Tom Bohlmann, completed suicide. How could this happen again?

If this could touch my life so closely 3 times, imagine how many others are going through a loss or, worse, contemplating suicide. Back to the books and the research I went. I needed answers and I needed help in learning how to heal from this tragedy.

On my mission, I found the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention website, afsp.org. Their mission statement says it all:

"The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is the leading national not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research, education and advocacy, and to reaching out to people with depressive illnesses and those impacted by suicide."

I still don't understand and I still don't have the answers but, from the resources I found through AFSP, I have found some peace. I have learned that there is hope, and I want to help so I got involved with AFSP in 2008. This year I am on the planning committee for the "Out of the Darkness" community walk on October 18, 2014 at Wade Oval in

University Circle.

Many walk together to honor their loved ones who have completed suicide or are suffering from a mental illness. It is a beautiful way to pull together and remember. For more information or to register: www.outofthedarkness.org.

In my heart I know a difference can be made if people have a better understanding. Suicide can't be the

whispered word any longer; it is a devastating reality and can affect anyone.

*Please note there is a "Pay if Forward" night at Jammy Buggar's on Tuesday, June 3 during opening hours (11:30am-12am), if you mention AFSP to your server, 15% of your check will be donated to the organization. Thank you to Jim Sprenger for dedicating Tuesdays to paying it forward!

Team CC's Night Out At ATC Fundraiser

by Jillian Neimeister

Time to raise some funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by having a good night out!

With our event at Around The Corner, we're going to have lots of raffle prizes! \$20 will get you food (pizza/veggies) and drink (beer/wine) from ATC from 7-9 p.m. There will be a 50/50 Raffle and tickets will be sold

night of for these raffle baskets:

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More raffle prizes may be added before the event, stay tuned!

Thank you for your support!

"Bowl Against Cancer" At Mahall's 20 Lanes

by Cynthia Eakin

"Bowling Against Cancer," a family fundraiser for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and the American Cancer Society, takes place at Mahall's 20 Lanes in Lakewood on May 18, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The event includes food and beverages, bowling, raffles and door prizes.

Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers will be among the celebrity bowlers. The Fox 8 News All-Star Bowling Team will be there, along with the Lakewood Fire Department Bowling Team. The Lakewood Fire Department will be collecting cans for burn victims.

A donation of \$20 per person is suggested. Children under 12 years of

age bowl free. All donations benefit the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and the American Cancer Society. Call Bill Blatt at 216-389-7087 to reserve a lane. Bowling times are from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Lakewood Fire Department will roll off against another featured team at 6 p.m. Mahall's 20 Lanes is at 13200 Madison Ave.

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Taking Time To Make It Perfect

by Teresa Mulroy

We live in an instantaneous world. We text, upload and get answers right away. We go through a drive-thru and have a warm meal minutes later. We send emails and call postal mail "snail" mail. It's fast paced in our society and we expect results to be seen right away.

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Silhouette School of Dance has seen the drive of the dancer's heart in their most recent competition. The



Silhouette Dance Competition Team with their awards.

dancers competed in Elyria at Encore Talent Competition last weekend. Their hard work paid off as the team

received the highest awards that the studio has ever taken home. The Studio took 8 numbers to competition

and all 8 received High Gold awards. Two numbers placed 2nd overall and 2 numbers placed 3rd overall for their divisions.

The students have worked so hard over the last 9 months and the months of work showed as the judges awarded them numerous overall awards. Students not only worked in their regular dance classes weekly but also in their competition classes and rehearsals over the weekends. Many of the Silhouette Dancers were there on their first time competing. Hard work and perseverance paid off and the result is some very happy dancers, parents and teachers.

Teresa Mulroy is the Competition Team Instructor of Silhouette School of Dance.

Italian Baroque Concert At Lakewood Presbyterian Church

by Paula Maust

On Friday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m., Burning River Baroque will present *Obsession & Unrequited Love* at Lakewood Presbyterian Church.

Experience the passion & tyranny of unrequited love in 18th century Italian cantatas by Giovanni Bononcini, Nicola Porpora and Domenico Scarlatti, which are rivalled in drama and

virtuosity with violin and cello sonatas by Porpora, Scarlatti & Francesco Maria Veracini. Though these Italian Baroque composers are perhaps not as familiar to the modern audience as their contemporaries, J.S. Bach and G.F. Handel, in their own day they were revered as some of the most successful and brightest stars in the musical world.

Each piece on the program exemplifies the shift toward a new style of composition, which was beginning to emerge in the first half of the 18th century. The writing in these pieces favors melody and fast-paced drama

over the highly contrapuntal single-affect style of earlier works. Burning River Baroque invites you to join them in unfolding the drama of these innovative triumphs of the late Italian Baroque! The performers include Peter Lekx, baroque violin; Malina Rauschenfels, soprano & baroque cello; Matt Zucker, baroque cello; and Paula Maust, harpsichord.

Admission is a freewill donation. Lakewood Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Detroit and Marlowe. More information is available at www.burningriverbaroque.org.

Lakewood Headquartered Nonprofit "Because I Said I Would" Opens Storefront

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for Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight.

Volunteers, local supporters and community members came out to celebrate with staff and supporters, and to

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Wellness Watch

Wellness Demo Fair At Nature's Bin On May 17th

by Mary Johnson

Do you have questions about vitamins or digestive supplements? Have you always wanted to try that green beverage you've seen but weren't sure you'd like? Nature's Bin is hosting a wellness demo fair so that you can talk with vendors and try their products. The Demo Fair will be held at the Cornucopia Vocational training Center on Saturday, May 17 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. That's at 18228 Sloane Avenue, just across the parking lot from Nature's Bin.

Samples and product information will be available from many vendors including E3 Live blue-green algae, Garden of Life raw protein, Inca Tea made from blue corn, Morning Song Gardens beeswax products, Nature's Bin Deli and Bakery, NeoCell skin care, ReNew Life digestive supplements, The Sweet Spot gelato, Vega plant-based protein supplements and Zema Food baking products. Author Christy Bykowski will also be on hand to discuss her children's book, "Gluten-Free Me, Beckman Goes to School."

"So many of our customers have questions about the products we carry or would just like to sample some products before they buy them," explained Nicki Schneider, Vitamin Supplement Manager at Nature's Bin. "We thought this would be a good way to offer this opportunity to our customers and help them to better understand some of the products that we carry."

Nature's Bin, a natural and organic foods market located in Lakewood, Ohio, is operated by the nonprofit, Cornucopia, Inc. Cornucopia offers unique and successful programs that provide

vocational training leading to employment for people with disabilities. Cornucopia's programs serve people with a wide range of disabilities including developmental disabilities, autism,

mental illness, visual, speech and hearing impairments, and injuries resulting from accident or illness. Cornucopia/Nature's Bin has been serving people with disabilities for over 38 years.

New Schweitzer Fellows To Expand Blood Pressure Management Services To The Underserved

by Emily Keeler

The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy's Abbey Strazar (Brunswick) and Mary Vincent (Lakewood) have been named 2014-15 Columbus-Athens Schweitzer Fellows. The rising third-year pharmacy students will focus their project on blood pressure management and education for underserved and underinsured people of Greater Columbus.

Schweitzer Fellows choose a year-long project that focuses on social factors that impact health, while developing lifelong leadership skills. Strazar

and Vincent's project will expand upon outgoing Schweitzer Fellow Kriss Petrovskis' project. During the 2013-14 year, Petrovskis worked with the Helping Hands Free Clinic to address blood pressure management. The two women worked the past year with Petrovskis, and have chosen to expand his project to an additional clinic, Grace in the City - Hardin Clinic.

"We've had a great experience at Helping Hands helping with Kriss' project," said Vincent. "We wanted to expand to another clinic and help more people."

High blood pressure is a common,

yet deadly condition. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 in every 3 adults has high blood pressure, with only about half of those affected having their condition under control. Additionally, more than 348,000 American deaths in 2009 included high blood pressure as a primary or contributing cause.

"As I learned about blood pressure in school, I was surprised how much it can impact other diseases like heart attack and stroke, said Strazar. "Working at the clinics, it is very rewarding

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Business News

Taste Of Lakewood Music, Guacamole Contest, Quilt Raffle Announced

by Valerie Mechenbier

Although the Taste of Lakewood is all about promoting Lakewood's outstanding restaurants, a couple of tasty ingredients have been added to this year's new outdoor day-long GOOD FOOD festival.

Good Tunes. The Lakewood High School Jazz Band and FireSide Lakewood will be two of the performing bands at the Taste of Lakewood on Sunday, June 1. The LHS Jazz Band, under the direction of Nathan Harris,

consists of 26 talented musicians in grades 9-12 and has performed as part of the Tri-C Jazz Fest and at various Lakewood community events and concerts. Performing classic jazz favorites such as "Sing, Sing, Sing" and "Begin the Beguine," the LHS Jazz Band will kick off the Taste of Lakewood in style. And, back by popular demand, FireSide Lakewood returns for a third time to the Taste of Lakewood to perform a wide variety of classic and current rock tunes.

Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce Scholarship Winners Announced

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce 2014 Scholarship winners have been announced and will be honored at the Taste of Lakewood on June 1st at Madison Park. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce scholarship program, established in 2000, awards scholarships each year to four high school seniors who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their studies, extra-curricular activities, and, just as importantly, a commitment to working at a part-time or full-time job during their high school years. Sixty young men and women have received Lakewood

Chamber of Commerce scholarships over the past 15 years.

Congratulations to the 2014 Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Scholarship winners: David Kemp, Shelby Costo, and Cooper Brown from Lakewood High School, and Will DeVito from St. Edward High School.

The Taste of Lakewood, the Chamber's largest annual community event, is held on the first Sunday in June. A portion of the proceeds from the event funds the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce scholarship program.

For more information about the Taste of Lakewood, visit www.tasteoflakewood.com or call 216-226-2900.

Best Guacamole Contest. Do you have a contest-worthy guacamole recipe? El Carnicero chef Eric Williams invites all amateur guacamole competitors to enter the Taste of Lakewood Best Guacamole Contest, sponsored by El Carnicero. Chef Williams will judge the entries at the event and will award a \$100 El Carnicero gift card to the winner of the contest. For contest rules and registration information, visit www.tasteoflakewood.com.

Restaurant T-Shirt Quilt Raffle. Each year the Taste of Lakewood features a variety of quality raffle items such as the Chamber Board of Directors Wine Cellar, two large Lakewood

restaurant gift card planter baskets, a lottery tree, and more. This year a grand prize raffle item has been created especially for the 2014 Taste of Lakewood: a quilt made from T-shirts donated by participating Taste of Lakewood restaurants. The one-of-a-kind block quilt features many of Lakewood's best food purveyors such as Angelo's Pizza, Melt Bar and Grilled, Buckeye Beer Engine, KB Confections, and many more. The Taste of Lakewood T-shirt quilt is currently on display at Jammy Buggars, 15625 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and can be purchased online at www.tasteoflakewood.com. Winning tickets for all of the Taste of Lakewood raffles will be drawn at 6pm on June 1st.

For more information about the Taste of Lakewood, visit www.tasteoflakewood.com.

Erie Design Celebrating 15 Years In Business

by Julie Warren

When my husband Shawn and I first walked by the "For Rent" sign in the storefront next to the Detroit Theater in our own city of Lakewood, we had a good feeling about it. A sign shop nextdoor to a retro movie theater? What a great location for movie buffs yearning to be entrepreneurs. So, we signed on the dotted line, moved in our computers, plotter, vinyl and full-sized Darth Vader and...Erie Design was born.

Now, 15 years later, we are celebrating a decade and a half of being business-owners in our beloved Lakewood, Ohio. While we are no longer located in the Detroit Theater building, our company continues to thrive at 16504 Detroit, right across the street.

Erie Design has provided signage for many Lakewood businesses, civic groups, churches, schools, the hospital and the library as well as residents who have come to us to have their boats and vehicles lettered, to purchase signs for special events or even stickers for cornhole boards. "It's really been all about building relationships," my husband

Shawn says. "When we were given the opportunity to create signs for the new library, we felt like such a part of a community. We've developed friendships with other business owners as well as customers."

Whether creating a banner for residents welcoming home a soldier, printing a life-sized cut-out of a beloved family member or installing the ideal scroll bracket sign for a brand-new business, Erie Design loves bringing to life the visions of our customers. Knowing that we are able to help a fellow business owner be successful by providing effective, eye-catching advertising and marketing pieces is extremely gratifying.

Living, working and being actively involved in the Lakewood community is very important to both of us and has certainly helped in our developing working relationships. We are still movie buffs. Now we liken our experience as Lakewood business owners to "Field of Dreams." We built it and you came.

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City Event News

CityWide Street Sale June 26-28

by Ken Brand

Thinking of putting on a garage sale this summer? There's strength in numbers so hold your sale during the festive 5th annual CityWide Street Sale. On Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 26 - June 28, residents and merchants will host a three-day shopping bonanza that draws bargain-hunting shoppers from throughout the region.

For a \$10 entry fee, garage sale participants will receive the benefit of advertising in local papers and a garage sale kit that includes a yard sign and poster, 9 balloons, a brochure with tips for a successful garage sale, price tags, stickers and extra goodies, compliments of sponsors First Federal Lakewood, lion and blue, and Paisley Monkey.

To register online, go to CityWideStreetSale.com. Take your email confirmation to lion and blue (15106 Detroit), or Paisley Monkey (14417 Detroit) to pick up your sale kit.

You may also sign up in person at lion and blue or Paisley Monkey.

Take advantage of this event to recycle things you no longer need and make some money in the meantime!

Open to the entire community, event organizer Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance (DLBA), invites all Lakewood residents and merchants to

Summer Meltdown Celebrates 5th Anniversary

by Ken Brand

LakewoodAlive is excited to host the Lakewood Summer Meltdown, sponsored by Melt Bar & Grilled, on Saturday, July 12 from 4-10 p.m. along Detroit Avenue. From the family-friendly Healthy Lifestyle Festival to a 1-mile kids' fun run, a 5K race, evening beer garden, food, music, and more, the Meltdown has something for everyone.

Meltdown kicks off from 4-6 p.m. with the expanded "Healthy Lifestyle Festival" sponsored by the Lakewood Recreation Department, with free interactive activities that encourage families to exercise, eat well, and

join in. Beginning on Monday, June 23, a list of registered participants will be posted CityWideStreetSale.com allowing shoppers to print a list of locations (only addresses, no names). DLBA is a program of LakewoodAlive, Lakewood's non-profit economic

development organization.

Don't want to host a sale? Make a day of it! Grab a friend, spend the morning shopping garage sales, have lunch at one of Lakewood's many unique eateries, then visit merchant sidewalk sales in the afternoon. What could be more fun?

take advantage of summer weather. Activities range from yoga to football, wrestling, fencing, ballet, meditation, interactive games, CrossFit, plus the famous Water Moose. With new fun and games this year, it's sure to be a blast.

Run in the 1-mile kids' fun run, sponsored by the Lakewood Family YMCA at 6 p.m., or try the 5K race at 7 p.m. that snakes throughout Lakewood on a relatively flat and competitive course. With more than 500 runners last year, this unique evening race has become one of the region's most popular. 1-mile registration is \$15. 5K advance registration is \$23; day-of \$28. Sign up at LakewoodSummerMeltdown.com. Runners who pre-register may pick up their race bibs on Friday, July 11 from 4-7 p.m. at the Lakewood YMCA (16915 Detroit Avenue).

From 5:30-9:30 p.m., check out the Meltdown Beer Garden (21 and over) featuring the summer sounds of the Burning River Ramblers, cold draft

beer, and food trucks. Buckeye Brewing and the Buckeye Beer Engine have partnered with LakewoodAlive to sell 3 Buckeye Beers including one made special for the Meltdown.

Thank you to our major sponsors: Melt Bar & Grilled, The City of Lakewood, University of Akron Lakewood, Campbell's Sweets Factory, Geiger's Clothing and Sports, First Federal Lakewood, Lakewood Hospital, Discount Drug Mart, Lakewood Early Childhood PTA, The Movement Factory, Birdtown CrossFit, Lakewood Family YMCA, Lakewood Recreation Department, Lakewood Observer, Cox Communications, Touch Supper Club, Ride & Workout, Rozi's Wine House, and On-Point Promotions.

If you are interested in setting up a Healthy Lifestyle Station from 4-6 p.m., please contact Ken Brand at kbrand@lakewoodalive.com or call the LakewoodAlive office at 216.521.0655. Visit LakewoodSummerMeltdown.com for more information.

Lakewood Car Kulture Show Now Set For August 17

by Jim O'Bryan

Some last minute finagling saved the 2014 Lakewood Car Kulture Show from the chopping block.

The Lakewood Car Kulture Show has reached national levels with over 550 cars coming in from as far away as St. Louis and Atlanta in last year's show which underlines that it takes almost a year to schedule a large car show to draw in from other national and local shows around the area. Because of this, Jerry Koneigsmark, founder and heart and soul of the show was crushed when he learned Lakewood City Hall was canceling the show due to clashing with the Gay Games.

Some last minute thinking by Mayor Summers and Michael Bowen saved the show by moving it one day, to August 17. While this is still a burden as many are coming in the day before, organizers have a special Hot Rod Party planned for the night of August 16.

"It was great seeing Lakewood City Hall come together to make this happen. I understand the strain of multiple events on the same day," said Koneigsmark. "It was nice seeing that they understand the amount of planning and work my Car Kulture Team has done to amplify the Lakewood Great Lifestyle brand. It's going to be a great show, bigger, better than ever."

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Opinion

Momentum Builds For “Move To Amend” Lakewood

by Trudy Hutchinson

The Lakewood initiative known as “Move To Amend” gained momentum on May 7 when the citizens’ group filed petitions with City Council Clerk Mary Hagan. Move To Amend Lakewood seeks an amendment to the United States Constitution that would establish the following:

A) *Only human beings, not cor-*

porations, are legal persons with Constitutional rights.

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

The petition drive calls for a City Ordinance that would align Lakewood with other northeast Ohio municipalities that have passed ordi-

nances that call for a Constitutional amendment that would clearly subordinate the rights of non-human entities to the rights of real people. Cleveland Heights, Brecksville and Newburgh Heights have all passed similar ordinances through citizen initiatives.

Committee Member Janis Ford expressed the importance of the Lakewood initiative saying, “This is

necessary to get our democracy back.”

Momentum for the Move To Amend Campaign began February 1 when the group held the first bi-annual “We The People” Day at Mahall’s Twenty Lanes. That event was attended by at least 60 people who gathered to hear Congress Member Marcy Kaptur, State Representative Nickie Antonio and City Council Member Tom Bullock discuss money in politics.



Move To Amend Committee Members Janis Ford, Trudy Hutchinson and Bonnie Sikes file Initiative Petitions with Council Clerk.

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Combating The Rise Of Antimicrobial Resistance

by U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown

In April, I visited University Hospitals in Cleveland to discuss antimicrobial resistance, a public health crisis that affects two million Americans each year. Harmful microbes like Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) have adapted to the antibiotic drugs that we have used to treat them and, as a result, infections caused by these microbes are difficult to treat. Antibiotic-resistant infections kill more than 23,000 Americans per year, and if we continue to ignore this problem, Lakewood citizens could find themselves unable to treat what are now common infections.

I was joined by Molly Brudnick, a retired Cuyahoga County medical social worker who contracted MRSA while in the hospital, recovering from back surgery. After spending six weeks in a nursing home for IV antibiotics and three months of additional rehabilitation, Molly’s back is permanently disfigured from the super bug attack and she still requires therapy.

To combat the rise of these deadly infections, I introduced the “Strategies to Address Antimicrobial Resistance (STAAR) Act.” This legislation would

increase the emphasis on federal antimicrobial resistance surveillance, prevention and control, and research efforts.

The STAAR Act would require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to track antibiotic-resistant infections, reporting on infection trends, threats, and antibiotic use. It would also help facilitate connections between the CDC and state and local health departments to support prevention and control efforts during local outbreaks.

In addition, the act would authorize grants for health care facilities to develop programs that test for appropriate antibiotic use. Finally, the STAAR Act would establish an Office of Antimicrobial Resistance at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide greater coordination and accountability between the agencies involved in researching and combating drug resistance.

The CDC has referred to antimicrobial resistance as, “one of our most serious health threats.” For the health and wellness of Lakewood families, it’s critical that we take swift action to stop its rise.

Blood Pressure Management Services

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to educate patients and be able to see a difference in their health.”

In addition to the expansion, Strazar and Vincent will work on improving work flow and record management to provide a consistent patient experience.

The 18 Columbus-Athens Fel-

lows will join approximately 230 other 2014-15 Schweitzer Fellows across the United States. Upon completion of their Fellowship year, the fellows will become Schweitzer Fellows for Life.

Strazar hails from Brunswick, OH and Vincent is from Lakewood, OH. Both attended Magnificat High School in Cleveland, OH.

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Pulse Of The City

Lakewood's Theater Hero, Weldon Carpenter...

What One Person Can Do...

by Gary Rice

The Playhouse Square area was envisioned many years ago by several people as being the primary jewel in Cleveland's comeback. Though many could not see it at the time, there were early visionaries, without whom, the astonishingly wonderful Playhouse Square revival would not have happened.

One of those visionaries, and arguably, one of the ones who started it all, was Lakewood's own Weldon Carpenter. Long-time Lakewoodite Weldon Carpenter is now perhaps the only living direct connection to saving Playhouse Square, and in truth and by extension, saving Downtown Cleveland, as well.

With the untimely passing of Ray Shephardson a few weeks ago, lovers of live theater lost one of their most enthusiastic promoters regarding the preservation of classic theater buildings. Through the force of his personality, and his enthusiastic promotional skills, Shephardson was a vital part of saving Cleveland's Playhouse Square. Shephardson, a former Superintendent of the Cleveland School District, had been dismayed to learn that Cleveland's classic downtown theater complex was scheduled for the wrecking ball. Wanting to do something, but reportedly uncertain as to how to begin, he happened to tune in to an episode of "The Mike Douglas Show" on TV. A young man named Weldon Carpenter was being interviewed that day. Carpenter had been talking about Cleveland's decaying Ohio theater; which was a part of Playhouse Square. Carpenter had learned about the importance of theaters while growing up as a young man in Ashland, where he had taken a great interest in Ashland's Opera House. Shephardson decided to contact Carpenter, and reportedly persuaded him to move to Cleveland to help him try and save the theaters at Playhouse Square.

As the Playhouse Square Association was in its embryonic stages, Carpenter actually lived in the Playhouse Square complex for awhile. Carpenter helped Shephardson to sell memberships for the Association, and worked around the theater buildings, trying to get anyone who would listen to believe that the theaters could, and should, be saved. Finally by 1972, the Playhouse Square Association was able to stop the wrecking balls and seriously begin restoration efforts. Over time, the Ohio Theater re-opened in 1982, followed later by the State and the Palace, and finally in 1998, the Allen.

Today, it would be no exaggeration to state that Playhouse Square is perhaps, the brightest attraction in Downtown Cleveland, and indeed, in this part of the country. An enthusiastic Playhouse Square Historian, Lakewoodite Carpenter continues to be an advocate of live theater in all of its forms.

Think about all this for a moment, if you will. The theatrical stage has provided an essential entertainment and imagination escape for the world, from the times of ancient Greece, and even before. Promoters, directors, writers, set designers, costume designers, actors, and musicians have given us exciting and dramatic stage entertainment that continues today to be a bigger business than ever, in the form of movies, television, and live theater. With theaters, the performances could be comic, sometimes tragic, sometimes historical, sometimes musical, and at times, even conveying subversive political or social messages.

At one point, Lakewood had a dozen active theaters, a number of which are still standing; although only a few are still in operation as such, and those primarily serve live entertainment. With

the coming of television, and the multiple TV channels that later became available, many successful movie theaters these days seem to have relocated to shopping malls; being housed in large multi-screen complexes. Although thousands of people continue to attend movies at the theater weekly, live theater performances can be a bit harder to find. Located in cities and in small-town community theaters like Lakewood's Beck Theater, many people still enjoy live productions whenever they can find them.

Lakewood's Weldon Carpenter has been around theaters and theater people for as long as he can remember. From his childhood days performing music on stage in Ashland and with the All-Ohio State Fair Band, (of which he is also the band's historian) through his college years at Ohio State and down to the present day, Weldon's heart has never been far from the stage. A prolific collector of theatrical memorabilia, Weldon is also an exceptional cook, having served as a "Chef to the Stars". Weldon informs us that he was Judy Garland's personal chef for several years at her home in Hyannis Port. Weldon reportedly served many other stars over the years, including Sally Rand, Mel Torme, and Ginger Rogers.

As the theaters at Playhouse Square began to open, Weldon was there, helping to support the efforts of the Association any way that he could do so. One of his more memorable moments was being there supporting the "Stomping at the State" show, marking the State Theater's return to glory.

It saddens Carpenter greatly to see Lakewood's Westwood Theater in the condition that it presently is. Code violations, and the decay of time have contributed to putting that theater in

our city's sights as being ripe for demolition. Knowing what a great success that a revitalized theater district can do for a city, Carpenter believes that the Westwood, and indeed, some of Lakewood's other currently dormant theaters, are essentially "diamonds in the rough" that, with imagination and foresight, could be brought back as important community buildings. As we all saw with the recent Playhouse Square festivities, Weldon's visions cannot be taken lightly. Theater districts like Playhouse Square, and Lakewood's Beck Center can be critical hubs in the success of a community.

Since the time of Ancient Greece, theaters have not only been a reflection of a society's past and present, but also, a reflection of its future dreams. When community theaters die, so do a community's dreams. Theaters are, after all, the ultimate reflection and celebration of our human imagination. When imagination disappears, what then will be left for a community to value?

Congratulations, Weldon. You are a wonderful example of how one person can make a difference in our world!

Use Of Parks

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enter into a contract with the County to help fund repairs to West 117th Street. After a really hard winter, West 117th Street took a beating and the County took notice. They offered the city \$300,000 to help facilitate repairs for both the Lakewood and Cleveland sides. The estimated cost of the work is \$400,000, leaving Lakewood liable for \$100,000. The resolution asks Council to approve of the contract with the city to not spend more than \$150,000. The extra money is to help cover any unexpected costs that might arise.

With no further items on the agenda, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:48 P.M.



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Lakewood Living

Hen Hopeful: Paula Maedor Connor

by Annie Stahlheber

The Hens in Lakewood Committee shares information about residents who are “hen hopefuls” so that Lakewood residents can learn about people who would like to responsibly raise hens and why. In this installment we will hear from Paula Maedor Connor, or as many of us know her, Pastor Paula

from Trinity Lutheran Church.

What street do you live on? Marlowe Ave.

How long have you lived in Lakewood? Since 1990.

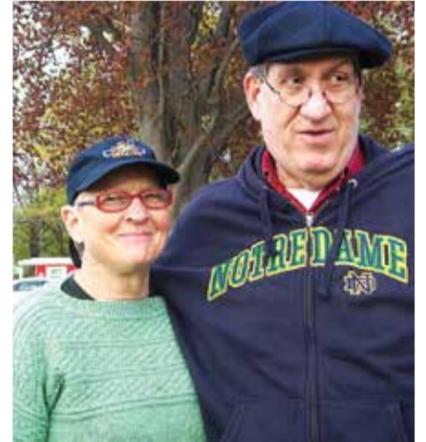
Why do you choose to live in Lakewood? Moved here to be pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church on Detroit.

Why do you want to raise hens in

Lakewood? Something new to learn to do! I just love the movement to allow responsible non-farmers to learn and have support of other hen-raisers. I will be excited to share eggs with friends and to extend my knowledge of hen-keeping.

Why do you think Lakewood is a community that should allow responsible hen-keeping? There are so many folks interested in good, safe food. Eggs in one's own backyard are so fresh and free of chemicals.

Do you want to mention anything else? Who would have thought? Hens in the city!



Hen Hopeful Paula Maedor Connor and her husband.

Housing Workshops:

Home Maintenance, Porch Repair/Replacement

by Allison Urbanek

Thinking about your home maintenance list and not sure where to start? LakewoodAlive has a workshop just for you.

Join us on Thursday, May 15th for Home Maintenance for the 21st Century at Mahall's 20 Lanes (13200 Madison Avenue) from 7-9 p.m. The workshop is free and will help you focus on important home maintenance tasks as well as technologies that can

help you stay on track.

Lakewood is a city of porches so what better way to maintain them than seeing a porch repair project in person? On May 17th, join LakewoodAlive at 1460 Westwood Avenue from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. We will have a hands-on workshop that will demonstrate the tips and tricks necessary to make your repair or replacement as seamless as possible.

Learn more at lakewoodalive.com and facebook.com/lakewoodalive.com.

Humus Is Helpful!

by Marianne Quasebarth Usiak

Keep Lakewood Beautiful will once again hold its annual spring humus and plant sale, Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m.-noon. The location of the sale is at the Lakewood Park Old Stone House parking lot.

Now that spring is here, it is an exciting time of the year and gardeners are all atwitter. Come and support Keep

Lakewood Beautiful and enhance your garden with the purchase of humus (aka “Black Gold”) and new and different perennials, hostas and herbs. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare your garden for the upcoming growing season! Please come and stop by at our convenient drive thru and pick up a few bags of black gold (humus) to get your garden or lawn growing!



LEAF Presents Dehydration With Maggie's Farm

by Heather Ramsey

Join the Lakewood Earth & Food (LEAF) Community on Wednesday, May 28th at 7 p.m. in the basement kitchen of Trinity Lutheran Church (16400 Detroit Avenue) for a workshop on dehydration with Diane from Maggie's Farm. Diane will discuss reasons to dehydrate food, what to dehydrate, how to store dehydrated items, and how to have fun with dehydration, including making nutritious fruit rolls. The workshop will include a hands-on segment.

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

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

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

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Lakewood Living

3rd Annual 'Welcome To Lakewood' Event Is A Success!

Bernadette Elston

Lakewood residents were abuzz following the success of Lakewood Family Collaborative's and Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission's 3rd annual 'Welcome to Lakewood' event on April 30th at Garfield Middle school. The event, sponsored by Mayor Summers and city council members, was developed to welcome new residents to our wonderful community and all it has to offer. Established community members living and/or working in Lakewood were of course also invited and encouraged to attend. Participants had access to 40+ local organizations and institutions including the Board of Education, Girls Scouts of America, the Beck Center, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, representatives from Lakewood's faith-based communities, and many, many more. Not only was the event a means to connect with organizations that provide invaluable services, but was an opportunity for civic-minded folks to find ways to get engaged and stay involved in our thriving community.

Present at 'Welcome to Lakewood' was Mayor Summers, State Representative Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood), Council Members Cindy Marx, Ryan Nowlin, Sam O'Leary, and Tom Bullcock. Community members seemed to appreciate the friendly and casual access to our elected officials as ideas and opinions were shared over sincere smiles, hearty laughter, and warm handshakes. Childcare and parking space-locator services were provided by Lakewood's own Help To Others



Mrs. Holland's 6th grade art class holds up the sign they created for the event.

(H2O). These students did a fantastic job directing traffic and playing games with children in the adjacent cafeteria. A special thanks is extended to Mr. Jason Elston who provided a variety of balloon 'twists' for all children. An extra-special thanks goes out to Mrs. Holland's 6th grade artists at Garfield Middle school who made our great big wonderful welcome banner.

Scrumptious baked goods and beverages were provided by Oasis Bakery and Eatery, Blackbird Baking Co.,

A'venue Fine Pastries, KB Confections Bake Shoppe, Create-A-Cake, Breadsmith, Tommy's Pastries, Elmwood Hometown Bakery, Chimney Cake, and Fallen Angel Bakeshop. Beverages were donated by The Root Cafe, Coffee Proper and Extraordinary Tea, and The Tea Lab. The Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission and Lakewood Family Collaborative truly appreciate your donations which significantly contributed to the success of our event.

The Community Relations Advisory Commission is "charged to advise, educate, and promote community relations. The mission of the Commission is to foster participation in the community; to encourage and promote respectful conversations and collaborative efforts among and between residents and city officials; and to promote equity, respect, and diversity within the city." Participation on the commission is voluntary and contingent upon appointment by the mayor and city council. There are currently seats available. The commission sponsors three annual events including the Diversity Potluck, Welcome to Lakewood Meet and Greet, and the Community Conversation.

The Lakewood Family Collaborative is a group of agencies, organizations and concerned individuals working together to make sure a network of services and supports are available and accessible to children, youth and families in our community. It is family-centered, community-based and builds on family and community strengths. The Collaborative responds to needs and promotes the growth and development of all family members while at the same time strengthening the fabric of our community.

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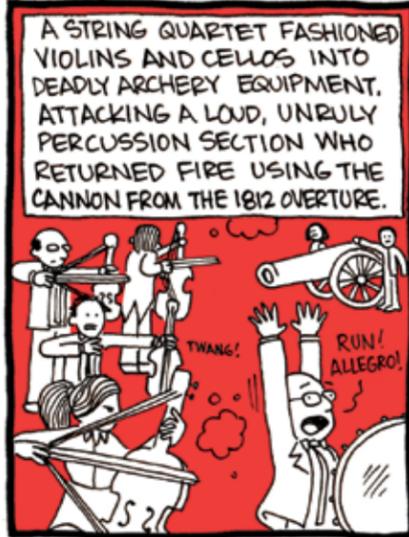
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